



Summer Newsletter

Grades 9-12

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DATES SUBJECT TO REVISION

August 31

- Office Reopens to Public

September 4

- Office Closes 3:00 pm

September 7

- Labour Day
(School Closed)

September 8

- First Day for Students

September 14

- PAC Meeting 7pm

September 22

- District Pro-D Day
(no classes)

October 5

- PAC Meeting 7pm

October 9

- Late Start 9:50 am

October 12

- Thanksgiving Holiday

October 20

- Student Photo Retakes

October 22

- Student Led Conferences
2 pm-4:30 pm &
5:30 pm-8 pm *no classes*

October 23

- Pro D Day (no classes)

November 9

- PAC Meeting 7pm

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Hello Students and Parents: Welcome back! I am sure all of us will agree that this past summer has given all of us a wonderful opportunity to get out and enjoy much that our province has to offer. The weather has been fantastic, and while this has created some challenges with respect to water conservation and forest fire management, I know our youth will have enjoyed the many activities that accompany the sunshine. Alas, the vacation period is coming to an end and we must shift our thoughts to the 'return to school' and things we need to address before that first day back.

Goodbye's Recently Announced: Late in June we received notice that two veteran PMSS teachers were moving to other schools in the district. We say goodbye to **Mr. Rob Guzyk** who will be taking on an English position at SRT, and **Mr. Lance Kraus** as he moves over to MRSS. Both of these gentlemen have been key PMSS staff members for a number of years and we wish them well in their new positions. As part of this annual movement, we will be welcoming additional staff members who will be introduced to our students during our first day assemblies.

Important Start-Up Information: Please note that **LOCKERS** will be distributed to students the WEEK PRIOR to the first day of classes following the schedule included in this newsletter. **STUDENT TIMETABLES** will be distributed during the homeroom period on the first day (also in this newsletter) and we will have much more information to share with you during first day student assemblies.

It is widely believed that a school needs to set attainable goals with a plan to review these on a regular basis. With this in mind, we encourage parents to attend our regular Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings held monthly in order to provide valuable input as to how we are doing in reaching these goals. Our first meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm upstairs in Room 2222**. Finally, we ask students to pay close attention as we promote a number of classroom and extra-curricular opportunities during our first few weeks. Get involved in school activities, work hard and enjoy your years at PMSS. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, our doors are always open.

All the best

Mike Keenan, Principal
Cheryl Schwarz, Vice Principal

There are some costs associated with high school that are charged to students (some of these are optional):

Student Activity Fee:	\$28
Yearbook (optional):	\$50
Lock for locker (optional):	\$7

Students should pay these via the parent portal on the district website if they have access, or may bring a cheque with them to the locker distribution session held September 1 and 2, made out to PMSS. Lockers are not assigned to students until fees are paid.

November 10

- Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11

- Remembrance Day (School Closed)

November 13

- Late Start 9:50am

November 23

- Pro D Day (no classes)

December 17

- Report Cards home

December 21 – January 1

- Winter Break

January 4

- 1st day back after Break

January 11

- PAC Meeting 7pm

January 15

- Late Start 9:50 am

January 18

- PMSS Pro D Day

February 4

- Student Led Conferences 2 pm-4:30 pm & 5:30 pm-8 pm *no classes*

February 5

- School Not in Session

February 8

- Family Day Holiday
- PAC Meeting 7pm

February 12

Late Start 9:50 am

February 18

- District Pro D Day

March 7

- PAC Meeting 7pm

March 14 - 24

- Spring Break

March 25 & 28

- Easter Holidays

March 29

- 1st day back after Break

April 4

- PAC Meeting 7pm

April 7

- Report Cards Home



Welcome Back To School!



On **September 8** students will need to come in to school for the following times:

Grade 9/10	10:00 am – 10:45	Short Assembly in MPR, Homeroom for timetables
Grade 11/12	11:00 am – 11:45	Short Assembly in MPR, Homeroom for timetables.
Grade 8	12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Grade 8 Assembly in MPR. Timetables will be given out at this time.



STUDENT PHOTO DAY



Student pictures will be done on Friday September 18th. All students will have their picture taken on this day for their “Go” Card/Student ID Card, the yearbook and package purchases.

Things will be done differently beginning this year as students will no longer need to prepay for their photo packages. All students will be photographed, with proofs provided once they are processed. Parent will then be able to order after they have the proofs. More details to follow.

YEARBOOKS

Do not wait to order your yearbook! We encourage all students who wish to purchase a yearbook to commemorate the school year, to do so in September. As these books are very expensive we order enough for those that have pre-paid and then only a few extras. If you want to ensure that you have a book in June, make sure that you place your order. Last year the yearbooks were very popular and all extras were sold in short order with a number of students going without.

Student Accident Insurance

Students are not covered by the school or district should an injury occur during an extra-curricular, sporting or school activity. Industrial Alliance Pacific Insurance offers insurance coverage for students. For full details and to obtain insurance forms and quotes, visit their website www.iapkidsplus.com/protect. **This optional insurance is very beneficial should your child be injured.** Forms are also available in the office.

April 15

Late Start 9:50am

May 9

PAC Meeting 7pm

May 13

Late Start 9:50am

May 20

Pro D Day (no classes)

May 23

Victoria Day Holiday

June 21

Last day for Regular Classes

June 28

Report Card Pick Up



STAFF MOVEMENT

As indicated in our June Newsletter, the following staff members have left PMSS as a result of requested leaves of absence, retirement, maternity leave, layoff, or an end of a temporary assignment. We wish them all the very best:

Lori Champagne	Lance Kraus
Crystal Davies	Carla Krentz
Carla Dearman (Mat Leave)	Dan Procyk
Amanda Dobson	Stasia Siscoe
Jennifer Fuhrmann	Kaitlin Thorarinson
Rob Guzyk	Nathalie Wallisch

We would like to welcome the following staff members:

Kim Gloslee (office staff)	Lydia Mazzei (English)
Adrian Thirsk (Tech Ed)	Tracy Hunter (Sc/Ma)
Brett Pickering (Art)	

EARLY LOCKER SELECTION

SUPER-G STUDENTS: are you on the list from last year? If so, you are welcome to be the first to come and select your locker on

Tuesday September 1st

Grade 11/12—10 am

Grade 9/10—11:00 am

There is no other selection time on that day. Congratulations on your accomplishments

OTHER GRADE 9-12 STUDENTS:

if you are not on the Super-G list, you are still welcome to come in on **Wednesday September 2nd from 1-3 pm**. Super-G students who are unable to make it in on Tuesday, are welcome to come to this session. Any students who do not get lockers at this time will be given an opportunity to choose a locker on the first day of school—September 8th.



2016 Graduating Class

Time to start planning for this year's graduating class! Please join us at our first **Grad 2016 Parent Planning Meeting** of the year on **September 30 at 7pm**. We've got lots to do and need as much parental and student support as possible.

Parent Portal ... Have you registered yet?

DON'T MISS OUT on another announcement, event, newsletter or field trip! **These forms/announcements are now all being communicated from the school through the SD42 Forms and Parent Portal.** You will need to take a few minutes of your time to create an account at <https://parents.sd42.ca/>. Inquire with your school office to obtain your student's pupil number and unique linking key or contact the IT Service Help Desk at 604-466-6248 in order to link your student(s) to your parent account.

Permissions for field trips will be communicated electronically with payment online for field trips and school fees, a **convenient, but optional** feature. Feel free to continue sending cash or cheques with your student to the school office.

Don't delay and never worry about that buried form at the bottom of your child's backpack again!

PMSS Timetable 2015-16

Start Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	ROTATING DAY 1 2 3 or 4
8:25am	WARNING BELL				
8:30 - 9:50am (80 Minutes)	Block A	Block E	Block B	Block F	Period 1
9:55 - 11:15am (80 Minutes)	Block B	Block F	Block A	Block E	Period 2
11:15 - 11:50am (45 minutes)	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
11:50am	WARNING BELL				
11:55 - 1:15pm (80 Minutes)	Block C	Block G	Block D	Block H	Period 3
1:20 - 2:40pm (80 Minutes)	Block D	Block H	Block C	Block G	Period 4
80 Min Classes 11 minutes more per day	320 min	320 min	320 min	320 min	320 min

Please note that the following Fridays will be a 9:50am late start for students to allow for teacher collaboration:

October 9, 20154
November 13, 2015February 12, 2016
January 16, 2016
February 12, 2016
April 15, 2016
May 13, 2016

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAC ...

Welcome to all of our parents! Our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be held on **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH at 7pm** in our Library. Meetings usually last no longer than 90 minutes with our main focus being school happenings, presentations by guests and informal discussions about a number of typical high school items/issues. You are invited to come out and hear what PMSS is all about, get some questions answered and meet other parents. Parents represent an integral part of the learning process. Please mark this day on your calendar.