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# PCI NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Back

We are looking forward to our third year in our expanded facility and plan to host a welcome back barbecue to mark the occasion on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:20 – 1:20 p.m.

All afternoon classes will begin at the regular time – 1:20 p.m.

## Attendance Update

In 2007 – 08 our overall attendance for the year was 87.6%. We are always looking at ways of improving attendance as well as developing better home contact.

This year we will again be using a phone-home system called Synre Voice. If a student is absent for one or more classes, a phone call will go home from the Synre Voice automatic system unless the absence has been validated. Hence it is very important that all absences be validated so that our records are accurate. Absences may be validated either by a phone call or note from the parent/guardian.

## Graduation 2009

An important graduation meeting for Grade 12 students and their parents will take place in late October to discuss grad activities for June 2009.

A steering committee, made up of members of the PCI grad class and teachers, will then be organized to assist the PCI admin in planning the different grad activities that will be held in the upcoming year. The Grad Tea is Sunday, April 26/09; the Grad Prom, Saturday, May 23. The Awards Program will be Friday, June 26 in the PCI gym; Graduation, in turn, will be held on Saturday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Canad Inns with Safegrad to be held later that evening.

## School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 9. Students are to pay at the camera if they wish to order one of the packages. Order forms have been distributed in home room.

Students who are not satisfied with their pictures can return them to the camera when retakes are taken.

All students **must** have their picture taken even if they do not intend to purchase any portrait packages. The school requires a recent school photograph for the yearbook, student card, and office records. Students who register after school picture day will have their picture taken staff.

## Volunteer Drivers

All drivers will be required to fill out a division driver form.

## Parent Council

Parent Council will be holding its first meeting on **Monday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the library in the PCS building. The Annual General Meeting will be held

on Monday, October 20. Please plan to attend both meetings. The chair of this year's council is Beth Connery.

Parent Council will be conducting a survey that will be attached to the next newsletter.

## Course Changes

Students may make course changes at the office in the PCI building from September 8-11. We ask parents to please check student timetables and notify the administration of any concerns you may have.

Our counsellors' responsibilities:  
Mrs. Bjornson – grade 12, ESP, grade 9  
Ms. Clifford – Bousquet – grade 9  
Mrs. Vanstone – grades 10 and 11  
Mrs. Stewart – Career Centre

## Library Hours

The library is open every day from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Academic supports are available.

## Activity Fees

The student fee is \$55.00 and should be paid to home room teachers during the first week of school. The fee will help cover the cost of the student agenda, the student phone, student council activities, the school yearbook, and extra-curricular activities.

## Mail Outs

Report cards and newsletters will be mailed home throughout the school year. Please report any changes of address as soon as possible.

## Undergrad Awards Day

We will be honouring the June 2007 academic achievements of our students with three ceremonies on Monday, September 22 in PCI's West Gym:

Grade 9 (2007-08) – 9:15 a.m.  
Grade 10 (2007-08) – 10:15 a.m.  
Grade 11 (2007-08) – 11:30 a.m.

Every effort will be made to contact the parents of all award winners prior to the event.

## Volunteer Credit

Students have the opportunity to earn one full high school credit by volunteering in our community. Current volunteers can register immediately to start accumulating hours. If interested see Mrs. Stewart in the Career Centre. Many scholarship/bursary prerequisites include some amount of volunteerism during your high school years.

## Important Dates

**September 7 – October 31** – Term 1  
**September 5** – Welcome Back Barbecue  
**September 9** – Picture Day (pay at camera)  
**September 15** – Parent Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
– Library (PCS Building)  
**September 22- 26** - Election Week  
**October 10** – PD Day - no classes  
**October 13** - Thanksgiving – no classes  
**November 7**– Remembrance Day Service – regular classes  
**November 10** – Post Secondary Days  
**November 11** – Remembrance Day – no school  
**November 13-14** - Parent-Teacher Interviews  
**November 28** – SAG – no classes  
**December 19** – last day of classes

## Saints Hockey Tryouts

Saints hockey tryouts: Friday, September 12 at 7:45 p.m.; Saturday, September 13 at 6:15 p.m., and Sunday, September 14 at 6:15 p.m.

All ice sessions are at Centennial Arena. Cost per session is \$10.00 each. Players are expected to attend all 3 tryout sessions.

## Junior Trojan Youth Basketball

Fall-Winter Registration will be Sunday, September 14 from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the West Gym. Boys and girls ages 5 to 13; \$50.00 fee (plus \$25.00 Jersey deposit). The weekly 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sunday gym times will run from September to March. Contact Coach MacInnis by e-mail ([macinnis@mts.net](mailto:macinnis@mts.net)) or at work – 857-6843 (extension 1011).

## Euro '09 – Italy and Greece Trip

There will be a parent and student meeting on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room in the East building. It is important all attend. We do have a few spots left for the trip, open to grade 11 and 12 students, but travelers must register soon with Ms. Mulligan.

## Student Drop Off

Students may be dropped off on third street south (east door entrance) for the Prince Charles Building and in the student parking lot on Saskatchewan Avenue (north door) for the PCI building.

Classes begin at 8:50 a.m. Lunch is from 12:20 – 1:20 p.m. Dismissal is at 3:40 p.m.

## Welcome to New Staff

We would like to welcome the following teaching staff for this year's start up: Ms. Jan Asham and Mrs. JoEllen Sevckenko who are returning from maternity leaves); Mr. Henry Grant and Mr. Winston Hrechka.