

# PICS PERSPECTIVE



March 12, 2025



## PICS School Drive - April 2

**Goal: \$150,000**

As April approaches, so does the season of our Annual School Drive! For years, this important event has taken place on the first Wednesday of April, and this year is no exception.

### ***Why Are We Raising Funds?***

This year's fundraising efforts will go toward purchasing a new school bus—a much-needed addition to our fleet. With our recent school expansion, much of our funding has been dedicated to that project, but now we need to focus on transportation improvements. Maintaining our older buses has become increasingly costly, and a new bus will bring major benefits to our school society:

- More Reliable & Safer Travel - Fewer breakdowns mean smoother, stress-free transportation for students and parents.
- Lower Maintenance Costs - Saving money on repairs allows us to invest in other vital areas of our school.
- A Long-Term Investment - A new bus will serve students for years to come!

## Calendar

Mar 14	K-8 Report Cards
Mar 14	Little Learners Event
Mar 17-18	Gr. 10 First Aid
Mar 19	K-12 Parent Teacher Interviews
Mar 19	Gr. 5 Mission Sale
Mar 19	Dress-Up Day: Tacky Day
Mar 20	Hot Lunch - Pizza
Mar 24-28	Spring Break
Apr. 3	Student Banking Day
Apr. 5	Jarvis Bottle Drive
Apr. 8-10	HS Semester 2 Mid-Terms
Apr. 11	HS Only Non-Instructional Day
Apr. 11	HS Term 3 Ends
Apr. 15	Early Dismissal/Chatter
Apr. 17	Easter Assembly 2:30
Apr. 17	Grade 6 Mission Sale
Apr. 17	HS Report Cards
Apr. 18	Good Friday - No School
Apr. 21	Easter Monday - No School

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We Need You! Become a Canvassing Volunteer

The Promotions Committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with canvassing. Not sure if it's for you? Here's why you should consider joining:

- It's Easy! No experience is needed—just a willingness to help. We'll provide you with all the materials and guidance you need.
- It's Impactful! Every conversation you have and every dollar raised brings us closer to our goal of a new school bus for our students.
- It's a Great Way to Connect! Meet other school families, strengthen community ties, and be part of something bigger.
- It's Rewarding! Many past volunteers say it's an experience that fills you with a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Whether you've volunteered before or are considering it for the first time, we would love to have you on board! Contact your church rep for more information.

Thank you in advance for your support, prayers, and willingness to serve. Your generosity and time make a lasting difference in our school community!

Jessica Vander Woerd - PICS Promotions  
([promotion@parklandimmanuel.ca](mailto:promotion@parklandimmanuel.ca))

Lori De Jong - Immanuel rep

Colleen Wasskink - Grace URC rep

Lynette Geusebroek - St. Albert rep

Nelena Geusebroek - Providence rep

Sarah Ostermeier - Devon rep

Vacant - Cornerstone URC rep



## K-8 Report Cards

K-8 Report Cards will be sent home digitally via our BrightArrow system on Friday, March 14, and students will also be given a paper copy.

Middle School parents will also be able to view it via the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you have not used this before, please reach out to the office and we can help you get this set up.

Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.

Office phone: 780-444-6443 or  
email: [office@pics76.ca](mailto:office@pics76.ca)

## Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey Deadline March 21

The Annual Alberta Education Assurance Survey is scheduled to be open February 18-March 21. Students in Grades 4-12 received an envelope last week containing the Parent survey codes. We ask that you take the time to fill out this survey for each of your Grade 4-12 children, as it is one of the tools we can use to communicate with governing authorities about choice in education in Alberta.

The deadline for this survey is March 21st.

Thank you, PICS Admin

The logo for Alberta Education, featuring the word "Alberta" in a large, grey, cursive font and "Education" in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font below it. A small blue square is positioned to the right of the word "Alberta".

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Education

# Semestered Course Exam Schedule: April 8-10

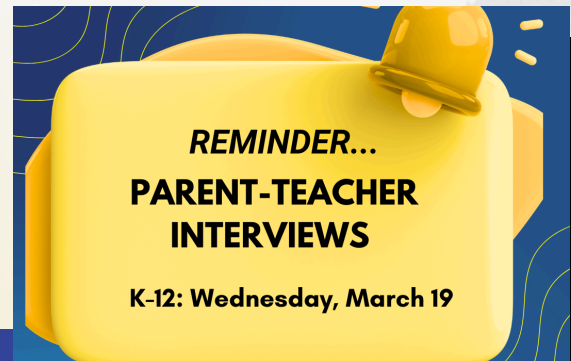
Please note Grade 9 will have classes as usual through exam week.

- Exams will run from 8:45 am -12:00 pm
- Classes will be cancelled for grade 10-12 students on November 8-10 to allow students some extra time to study.
- Friday, April 11 is a Non-Instructional Day for High School, including Grade 9.

Tues, Apr. 8	Wed, Apr. 9	Thurs, Apr. 10
Social 30-1/30-2	English 20-1/20-2	Physics 20
Math 10	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 20
Science 10	Social 10	Math 30-1/30-3/30-3
	English 10	

## Exam Protocol

Devotions start at 8:30 in homerooms as usual. Students will head to their designated exam room after devotions and wait for further instructions. Exams will begin around 9 a.m., and students may not leave before 10 a.m. (must stay for minimum one hour). Students should bring their own calculator (if required), pens and pencils, and any additional materials their teacher has allowed (ie formula sheet). Students may bring a water bottle (hard plastic or metal - not disposable) and quiet snacks in their own packaging or a clear plastic bag. Students are not allowed cell phones (use is restricted as per usual from 8:30-3:30), Smart watches, bags or backpacks, hats, or crunchy/loud snacks. Cell phones will be collected upon arrival and can be retrieved from the office when students leave for the day.



## Parent Teacher Interviews

As part of the process of communication between parents and teachers, we have set aside Wednesday, March 19 from 3:45-5 and 7-9 PM for parent teacher interviews. We encourage students, especially in Middle and High School, to participate in these meetings as well.

Booking for interviews will open March 12 at Noon and remain open until Midnight the evening of March 18.  
<https://www.parklandimmanuel.ca/bookings>

We hope to see many of you soon!

## Easter Assembly

April 17  
2:30 PM

# Grandparents' Day!

*We are excited to host another Grandparents Day at PICS!*

*Connected in Christ: "...He is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him..." Deut. 7:9*

*Who is invited: Grandparents and great-grandparents of students are invited to join us. If a student has no grandparents or great-grandparents to invite then they are encouraged to invite one or two special persons to visit them. Special persons are ONLY for students who do not have any grandparents or great-grandparents coming.*



Due to the growth of student population at PICS, this has become a very busy morning so we would like to keep this event as an ADULTS ONLY event and limit the attendees to grandparents, great grandparents or special persons.

\*Please note that only one Kindergarten class will be at school for Grandparents Day, Mrs. Hoetmer's Tuesday/Thursday class will be in class that day.

Grandparents/Special Person: Our doors will be open for visitors at 9 am, you will have some time to have a coffee and a snack in the foyer before visiting classrooms. Classrooms will be open for visiting from 9:30-11:40. You will receive a schedule showing you where to find the students you want to visit during each block. Lunch will be served in the school gymnasium at noon, which will be followed by a short band performance. After lunch there will be a music concert/performance in from Elementary students in the Immanuel Church building from approximately 1:30-2:30 pm.

You are welcome to join us for all or just part of the day's activities and lunch. We hope to see you there!

## Grandparents' Day Help Needed!!

Grandparent's day is on April 25 this year and we are in need of soup (chicken and meatball) and baking donations (including some gluten free baking) - finger foods only.

If you can donate soup or baking, please contact Trixie Leffers at 780-940-7150  
Thank you!! ~SWAT team

## HIRE-A-GRAD

Are you looking for help in preparing for this coming Spring and Summer? Are there jobs that are piling on top of each other, but you simply have no time to complete them? Then you are in luck because the graduating class of 2025 is looking to raise some funds for our graduation!

If you would like to hire some graduates for a day to complete some jobs for you and your family, please contact Alexis Versteeg at 780-719-0699 or alexisversteeg360@gmail.com with information about the job, the dates that work for you, how many people will be needed, and your contact information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Alexis and she would be happy to help.



**Thank you very much,  
Graduating Class of 2025**

March 14, 2025 @ 10 AM

# Little Learners Event

The PICS Education Committee is excited to host our annual Little Learners event on March 14, 2025 at 10 am in the Library.

Kids entering Kindergarten in 2026 (so born in 2021) along with their parent(s) are invited to learn more about developmental milestones, the school, and the PICS community in a fun, play-based morning with snacks.

If you've received an invitation, but haven't RSVPed yet, or if you need an invite, please let Arenda know at: [avanderveen@pics76.ca](mailto:avanderveen@pics76.ca)

## Sr. High Soccer Assistant Coach

We're looking for a passionate Assistant Coach to support our Senior High Girls' Soccer team this spring! Under the leadership of Head Coach Amy Harmata, you'll help guide and inspire our student-athletes throughout the season.

- ✓ Practices: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 4:00 PM
- ✓ Games: Mondays & Wednesdays
- ✓ Season: May 1 - June 6 (or earlier) Join us in building a great season of skill, teamwork, and fun!

Interested? Contact Amy at [aharmata@pics76.ca](mailto:aharmata@pics76.ca) if interested.

## GRADE 5 ICE CREAM SALE

MARCH 19

**GRADES K-4**

*\$1 FOR 1 SCOOP (WITH TOPPINGS)*

**GRADES 5+**

*\$1 PER SCOOP*



**PROCEEDS TO SAFE FAMILIES CANADA**  
[SAFEFAMILIESCANADA.COM](http://SAFEFAMILIESCANADA.COM)

## Tacky Day!

MARCH 19

**Dressup Day!**  
*Come dressed in your wackiest, tackiest outfits!*

PARKLAND IMMANUEL PRESENTS

# PENGUINS BASKETBALL SHOWDOWN



**PICS  
ALUMNI**

**VS**



**PICS  
STUDENTS**

**FRIDAY,  
APRIL 4TH**

**PARKLAND IMMANUEL  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**GIRLS MATCH:  
5:30PM  
BOYS MATCH:  
7:30PM**

SKILLS COMPETITION BETWEEN THE BOYS & GIRLS MATCHES

# Career Counsellor Update



**CAREER  
PATH  
AHEAD**

## **Career Counselling Events**

Students and Parents listed below are some great exploration opportunities that you can pre-register for. Check out the links to see what appeals to you. If you have any questions, please let me know. -Mrs. Leffers

## **External Events**

May 7 Skills AB Field Trip 12-3pm Grades 9&10

## **Internal Events**

Please sign up on sheet on Mrs. Leffers door.

April 1 - MacEwan lunch booth and 1 on 1 student advising (11:30-3)

April 2 - U of A lunch booth and 1 on 1 student advising (11:30-3)

April 4 - PICS Alumni Basketball Match (stay tuned for details)

April 15 - Careers lunch booth and 1 on 1 student advising (11:30-3)

April 29 - Nait lunch booth and 1 on 1 students advising (11:30-3)

## **Post Secondary Open Houses**

March 13/14 - Prairie Bible College Preview Days

March 15 - Lethbridge Polytechnic

March 15 - Norquest

March 22 - King's University

May 14 - Olds College