

# Parkland News

“Expand Your Horizons”

# September 2023

## Friday Rotations

Sep 15	Week 2 Tuesday
Sept 29	Week 2 Thursday
Oct 6	Week 1 Monday



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 19	School Photo Day
Sept 20	PAC Meeting: 7:00PM
Sept 21	Open House & PAC BBQ, 5:30PM
Sept 22	Pro D, No School for Students
Sept 27	ROCK Solid
Sept 28	ROCK Solid
Oct 2	Day of Truth and Reconciliation, School Closed
Oct 9	Stat Holiday, School Closed
Oct 10	Student Fees Due

### SCHOOL FEES — IMPORTANT INFO CHANGE

School fees are charged to all students to cover the cost of locks, lockers, handbooks and miscellaneous supplies. The cost is \$20 and can be paid using School Cash Online or may be paid in the office by cash or cheque. There is an error in our school handbook, but the actual cost is \$20.

If you have not already done so, please log in and set up School Cash Online. It’s easy and a great way to stay on top of your child’s fees. Visit our school website and click on School Cash Online to use the site.

Check Out Our Web Site [pms.sd5.bc.ca](https://pms.sd5.bc.ca)

All sorts of great information about PMS right at your fingertips!

A LIMITED NUMBER OF PARKLAND CALENDAR MAGNETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE. HAVE YOUR CHILD PICK ONE UP IF YOU’D LIKE ONE FOR YOUR FRIDGE.



## STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP

Due to congestion along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South we have changed our student drop-off and pick-up area. Please drop-off and pick-up your child in the school parking lot. Follow the signs and please stay to the RIGHT!

### PARKLAND PAC IS ON FACEBOOK

Please visit our PMS website and click the link for the PARKLAND PAC and request to join the group.



Parkland Middle School  
1115 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC, V1C 2B4  
Phone: 250-426-3327

Ms. Brenda Tyson – Principal, ext. 21203  
Mrs. Pam Drydale – Vice Principal, ext. 21204  
Mr. Dan van der Walt—Counsellor, ext. 21209



## STUDENT ABSENCE



If your child is going to be absent please advise the office via school messenger (see information below) or by calling the office and leaving a message on our answering machine. Please call 250-426-3327, choose option 1

## STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE / DISMISSING EARLY

All students arriving late to school, or leaving at any point during the school day, are required to check in/out at the office.

If your child must leave school during the school day they require a signed note or a parent phone call to the office and must check out at the office prior to leaving the building. We cannot accept a text message.

## 2022-2023 YEARBOOKS

Parkland yearbooks for the previous school year will be handed out in the next couple of weeks. Grade 10 students will pick their copies up at MBSS. All students will be notified via school announcements when it is time for them to pick-up their copy.



# Welcome to School Messenger SafeArrival

SafeArrival handles the majority of parent contact (including phone calls) when a student absence is unexpected.

All parents are asked to please report student absences before **8:15 am** on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known).

To report an absence you may choose to:

- call the toll free # **1-(833) 566-1225** or
- access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or
- download App from Apple or Google Play

Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. **Don't forget to wait for confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.**

If you do not connect with the SafeArrival system by 8:30 am on the day of your child's absence from school, and when the teacher has completed attendance for his/her class, then a report will be dispatched for all.

Please get in touch with your child's school if your contact information (email or phone number) has recently changed so SchoolMessenger has the most current information on file.

## School Messenger SMS

Our district utilizes the School Messenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. You can join by sending a text message of "Yes" or "Y to **978338**.

Please make sure you are utilizing the cellular number that the school has on record. The cellular phone number for SMS must match the contact information on file.



\*if your number is Canada-based.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO GO DIRECTLY TO SCHOOL MESSENGER:

[https://www.sd5.bc.ca/  
studentparent/SchoolMessenger/  
Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd5.bc.ca/studentparent/SchoolMessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

## **Principal's Message**

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We have had a fantastic first week back and are looking forward to the year ahead. Cranbrook is growing as is our school population and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families. We have some great events coming up including our Open House & Welcome Back PAC BBQ on September 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope to see you and your family there.

With close to 500 students, the school will be a very busy place especially for after school pick-up. Buses will pick-up and drop-off on 2nd Avenue, alongside the building. Please do not interfere with the flow as they have tight timelines to meet. Parents can drop-off and collect students along 11<sup>th</sup> Street S., or in the parking lot loop. We do not recommend parking across the street along 2nd Avenue S. as there is a lot of traffic, pedestrians are hard to see with the buses there, and middle school students do not always look both ways.

## **PAC Meeting**

Our Parent Advisory Council meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM. You can follow them on Facebook (Parkland PAC) for updates and events. Our first meeting of the year is September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the school Library. Click the link on our website to join the group.

## **Photo Day**

School Photos are Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help organize students. If you have a couple of hours to spare that morning please send a note to [pms.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:pms.mailing@sd5.bc.ca) Every student and staff must have a photo for our student information system and for student ID cards. Grade 9s, these are your photos that will go on our memory wall. Note: we ask that students **do not** wear hats in the photos.

## **Open House & PAC BBQ**

We are excited to welcome parents to come tour the school and meet staff on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30PM. This is a social opportunity to connect with the school. If you would like to discuss your child specifically with a teacher(s), please contact them for an alternate date and time. Please RSVP with numbers to [parklandchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:parklandchairperson@gmail.com)



**Saturday, September  
30, 2023**

**Truth & Reconciliation  
Walk 10 a.m.**

Dan Joe Memorial Gym  
7500 B Mission Rd  
Cranbrook, BC

Feast:  
5:30 p.m.

**Grand Entry Times:  
1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

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Traditional  
Pow Wow

Limited Day  
Pay  
available for  
dancers.

**Public Welcome**

**Host Drum: TBC**

**MC: Mike Sanchez**

**Info:** Bonnie Harvey  
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bharvey@aqam.net

**Arena Director: Justus Cree Sr.**

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