

Good afternoon Parents & Students,

October 7th, 2021

REMINDER

Friday 8th, no school non-operational day
Monday 11th, no school as it is Thanksgiving



**Principal's Corner –
Did You Know??**

... would like to send you and your family all the best of wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!



Mandatory Masks

Reminder that Masks are required for all students on school buses (including field trips) as well as in the hallways and other common areas within the school such as the library, halls, and foyer. Please make sure your

child has extra masks because of the cooler weather, they do get wet.

ALSO – Wednesday is Funny Mask Day – so wear your funniest mask you have!



Cutlery for Lunch time – Friday Hot Lunch

When packing your child's lunch kit or when they are packing their own lunch kit . . . please remind them or make sure they are also including their school utensils or utensils from home. We do have a minimal amount of plastic cutlery in the event they do forget occasionally, but we seem to be having some students come everyday.

If you ordered Friday's Hot Lunch, it is from Matt's Pizza on Friday, October 12th.



School fees: Contactless Payments

In an effort to mitigate virus spread, Peace River School Division is eliminating payments by cash or cheque in school offices. Please see the attached letter about contactless payments. If you are new to the division, we are also attaching an information brochure to help you get set up with

SchoolCash Online.



Parent Portal Access

Reminder that you may have received a letter containing access codes specifically for you and your child. Peace River School Division is changing to a paperless system. It is important that you please take the time to create and access your Parent Portal as this will be how report cards will be viewed. Also, for the grade 7 & 8 parents, it will give you access to view up to date attendance, assignments, and test. For those of you who already have your account set up from last year, you may need to log out and back into your account to update your child's data for this year.

A large graphic advertisement for the PowerSchool app. It features a dark blue background with white text. The top section says 'Access your child's marks and attendance online'. The middle section says 'Through the PowerSchool app' with the PowerSchool logo. The bottom section says 'Learn more at prsd.ab.ca' and includes the Peace River School Division logo and tagline 'Learning Together - Success for All'. An illustration of a hand holding a smartphone with the PowerSchool logo on the screen is on the right side.

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School Fundraiser

We want to let you know today about a discount happening this weekend through Tru Earth, our ongoing school-wide fundraiser. Simply enter the code THANKSGIVING12 to earn 12% off any purchase of environment-friendly cleaning products and other green items for your home. Please use our school fundraising link when placing your order, <https://fundraising.tru.earth/tanorris>. The discount applies on all orders placed October 9-11. Thank you for your support!



If you know of somebody who has a student at TA Norris Middle School and that they are not receiving our *Weekly Activity Memos* by email or text messages, please refer them to page 3 of this newsletter. It is important as this is our way of communicating with families.

We continue to use School Messenger, <http://www.schoolmessenger.com/> which allows us to send information in three ways:

By SMS – texts will go out to the cell phone numbers we have on file here at the school. If your phone number has changed recently, please let us know! You need to opt into this service as indicated on the attached information sheet.

By Email – we will continue to our send weekly email list of activities, however School Messenger will be used for special bulletins.

By Phone – this allows us to send a pre-recorded message to your primary phone number. If there is no answer, the message will be delivered to the other phone numbers we have on file until a connection is made. Please wait for the school-initiated portion of the call to begin as School Messenger will consider the call to be incomplete if you hang up during the introductory portion. Please opt into the School Messenger program – thank you.

Please register your mobile device to receive text messages - see Page 4 for further details – thank you.

*Please feel free to visit the school website, <http://www.tanorrismiddleschool.ca>, to check for messages from Teachers, Superintendent Messages and other information that may be of interest to you. Also if you **Like** us on Facebook, you can be notified of special items that may be of immediate interest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to answer them or find the answers.*

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **724665**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



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i Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/lm for more info.

