



Welcome Back for 2023/24!

We hope students have had a good break and have enjoyed summer activities with friends and family. We are excited to welcome students back to school in the first week of September. It is always a delight to see how they have grown – not just physically (though that certainly happens!), but also how their summer experiences have fostered spiritual, social, and emotional growth too.

Staff will spend the last week of August learning together, planning, and prayerfully preparing to launch a new year. There is excitement about the new and well-established ways we are pulling together to *nurture students in Christ-like living, critical thinking and joyful service to be faithful citizens in God's world.*

Here are the details you need to know to be ready for the first week of school:

ALL GRADE 8 STUDENTS:

Tuesday, September 5: All Grade 8s should attend the Grade 8 orientation from 9 AM – noon. Students will meet their homeroom teachers, school admin, and other staff working with Grade 8s. They will also receive their class schedules, find their classrooms, and be assigned a locker and school lock. This will be a great morning of getting oriented and connecting with their Grade 8 classmates.

Wednesday, September 6 is a regular day of classes for all grades.

Thursday, September 7 is a Retreat Day for Grade 8 and we'll be heading to Camp Imadene. More information will be sent to Grade 8 families, but please plan for your student to be with the school from 8:30 AM – 5:15 PM that day.

And, on **Friday, September 8**, it's back to regular classes!

ALL GRADE 9-12 STUDENTS WHO ARE *NEW* TO PCS:

Tuesday, Sept. 5: If it is your first year attending PCS Secondary, please attend an orientation meeting from 10:30 AM – noon. We'll introduce you to key staff, go over school schedules, get you set up with computer accounts, and help you find your classrooms. You'll meet other new students, as well as some experienced students who will give you the inside scoop.

RETURNING GRADE 9-12 STUDENTS:

Wednesday, September 6 is the first day of regular classes for all students. Wednesday classes begin at 9:05 AM; we encourage students to arrive between 8:30-8:45 so they can pick up their schedule and find their classroom. If schedules are ready for pick-up at an earlier date, we will send a note to advise.

Here are a few additional notes to help us get off to a great start:

- We encourage students to leave personal devices (phones, airpods, etc) at home. If they are brought to school, they must be away during class. Our device policy is on page 9 of the [Secondary Handbook](#) (follow the link or look under the Secondary tab on MyPCS.ca)
- What to wear?? Our standards for school dress are on page 13 of the [Secondary Handbook](#). Parents/guardians have the appropriate relationship from which to talk with a child about dress, so please review this with your child/ren and let us know of any questions or concerns.
- Please make every effort to **arrive on time each school day – several minutes before classes begin!**
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Classes begin at 8:30; Wednesday: Classes begin at 9:05.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growing together!

Lorna Herzog - Secondary Principal