

# PENHOLD CROSSING SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Dear PCSS Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

We have officially hit the halfway mark with the end of Semester one. If you are ever wondering about the school calendar you can find it on our website ([PCSS Calendar link](#)). Lot's of great work going on as we look forward to graduation for our grade 12s. New schedules for our grade 9-12s and new CTF option courses for our grade 7 and 8 students. The school division changes all student email passwords over this weekend. We have the students' new email passwords ready for them and will share those to each child Block 1 on Monday morning. We will also have the Grade 9-12 timetable printed for each student for pick up as they head to class Monday morning.

We are seeing many of our grade 9-12 students effectively utilizing the FLT time and their marks are reflected in the work and extra support they receive there. Each grade 9-12 teacher is available from 11:25-11:55 to help your child out with questions, study help or just a clarification on the lesson. We love to see our kids accessing FLT to further their understanding of the topics!

Please keep an eye out for the Grade 9 to High School Parent info night where we help parents along as their child moves into the world of credits and grade ten in High School. As well, we will host an information night for our grade 9, 10 and 11 parents as we look at Dual Credit Courses, RAP, work experience and other options your child can experience in our high school. We will be sure to invite you as those sessions are finalized this spring.

With the new term, change can be hard for some of our families. We just wanted to remind you that the school does have a variety of support available if you are concerned in any way for your child. We have: [Megan](mailto:mhelmer@cesd73.ca), our Family School Wellness Coordinator ([mhelmer@cesd73.ca](mailto:mhelmer@cesd73.ca)). [Jeremy](mailto:jwalters@cesd73.ca) is our YES coordinator ([jwalters@cesd73.ca](mailto:jwalters@cesd73.ca) for grade 7 and 8 programming). We also receive an annual nutrition grant and have the ability to feed students daily, if you think that would help please connect with Megan.

And, of course, your child's teacher is critical. They can help you and your child navigate assignments, make plans to help them succeed and often can help support without any other student knowing they are helping. Please connect with your child's teacher, their email can be found here: [Staff Directory](#)

Fees can also add stress and we learned our families can access the following programs:

**For Springbrook and Red Deer County Residents,** please access their program through the following website:

<https://www.rdcountry.ca/650/Fee-Assistance-Program>

**For Town of Penhold Residents,** please access their program through the following website:

<https://townofpenhold.ca/Home/DownloadDocument?docId=a20a63d3-21b9-42ff-97bd-5f2066f030b5>

The new term means a new opportunity for students to set goals and then work to achieve them. Please read through the course outlines (teacher provides) for each new class so you know the course content, grading process and you are then in a position to help your child succeed. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you ever need support!

We wish you and your family all the best in term 2!

Clark Peters  
Principal

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Vice Principal