

June 2017

Dear Grade 9 Student and Parent(s)/ Guardian(s):

Congratulations for graduating from elementary school. It is with great pleasure that we welcome all our new grade 9 students and their families to Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School. This letter will remind you of some important information about our school opening for the 2017-2018 school year.

Extended Vacation:

If a student will NOT be returning to school on the first day or within the first 15 school days of the school year (inclusive), parents must complete a "Notification of Expected Return to School Form". One can be picked up from the school main office.

Online Student Activity Fee Payment and Timetable Distribution:

The Online Student Activity Fee Payment and Timetable Distribution process for the 2017- 2018 school year will occur electronically during the summer and will include:

1. Purchase of Activity fee and other school items via School Cash Online (*be sure to print a copy of the receipt when you pay online in order to retrieve the items that were purchased*)
2. Receipt of a timetable via email (*August*)

You can expect to receive further communication containing additional details about this process during the summer and information will also be posted on the school website in July.

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- Convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduction of paper usage
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- Less than 5 minutes to sign up (*see attached for instructions*)
- Secured payments by credit card OR Interac®
- Receipts that can be generated for your personal records

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>

If you need help with online Student Activity Fee Payment or wish to pay by cash or cheque, please come to the school Tuesday, August 29th to Thursday, August 31st and we will assist you in the Main Office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Timetables will not be available at the school. They will be emailed according to the chart below

Purchase Activity Fee Online by	Timetable will be emailed on
4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14 th	Tuesday, August, 15 th by noon
4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21 st	Tuesday, August, 22 nd by noon
4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28 th	Tuesday, August, 29 th by noon
Between Tuesday, August 29 th to Thursday, August 31 st	Thursday, August, 31 st by 4:00 p.m.

Your timetable will show which classes you have in each semester and should include all of the core courses that you selected in February. Due to availability of elective courses you may notice that one of your alternate courses has been scheduled. Please check the alpha lists posted on the Library windows on the first day of school for your homeroom in case your timetable has changed.

School Items Available for Purchase:

Listed below are school items available for purchase. Students and their parents\guardians may purchase these items online, using a major credit card or debit card, beginning July 4th by visiting our school website (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/trudeau.hs/Pages/default.aspx>) and clicking on the "School Cash Online" icon. Students planning to pay with cash or cheque will be able to make their purchase between Tuesday, August 29th and Thursday, August 31st in the Main Office.

Physical Education Uniform \$33

All students participating in Physical Education classes are **required** to purchase and wear the Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School Physical Education uniform. The uniform package includes two pairs of shorts, two t-shirts, and safety glasses.

Student Activity Fee \$42

The Student Activity Fee serves to engage students in the broader school community by providing a wide range of opportunities that occur before and after school. In order to fund extra-curricular activities, students who **choose** to participate will be required to pay a Student Activity Fee. Monies collected cover or subsidize costs of events and activities that build school spirit and enrich the learning experience beyond the classroom and the designated subject curriculum. Sports teams, clubs and groups benefit from the student activity fee as they receive a per pupil allocation of funds based on the overall student population. This subsidy allows for a reduction of costs which, in many instances, contributes to the overall viability of the event or activity.

Your support of the Student Activity Fee is needed in order for us to continue to be able to provide many opportunities that respond to the diverse interests of our school community. At Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School the Student Activity Fee will fund or subsidize activities such as:

- Student Council events – including dances, semi-formal and spirit days
- school clubs
- music, theatre arts and visual arts events
- athletics

The number of activities/events that can be funded and the extent of the financial support will be determined by the total revenue that is generated through the Student Activity Fee. We hope to continue our commitment to many varied opportunities for our students. We appreciate the value of co-curricular activities in building school spirit, fostering a sense of community, and fostering a sense of fulfillment and well-being. At the end of the budget cycle, we will share more specifically how the monies collected through the Student Activity Fee have been disbursed.

Yearbook \$40

Capture the memories of your first year in high school by **choosing** to purchase a yearbook.

TRUDEAUMANIA! Grade 9 Spirit Day at Camp Robin Hood on October 2nd, 2017 \$36

All grade 9 students will spend the day at Camp Robin Hood getting to know each other and their peer mentors, building school spirit and experiencing outdoor education. Transportation, lunch, and organized activities are included in the fee. More details will be provided in September. Don't miss out on this transition activity, meeting new friends and having fun at camp. **Choose** to participate. Permission forms will be handed out in homeroom in the first week of school.

Locks \$6

Students may bring their own combination lock from home or purchase one from the school. Individual lockers will be assigned during homeroom on the first day of classes. All students are required to provide the combination of their lock to the Main Office.

Student Price Card \$10

Students may **choose** to purchase this discount card. \$10 gets you one full year of amazing deals on your favourite fashion, food and lifestyle brands!

Grade 9 Orientation Day (Tuesday, September 5th):

There will be an Orientation Day for only Grade 9 students and their parent/s/guardian/s on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. Parents/guardians are invited to attend until 11:30 a.m.. Please see the schedule below:

<u>Grade 9 Orientation Day Schedule</u>	
(Please arrive by 8:00 am so that we can start the day on time!)	
8:15	Welcome to Grade 9 Students and Parents (Cafeteria) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda for the day• Distribution of timetables and school maps
8:40 – 11:05	Meet the Teachers (Students and Parents/Guardians)
	8:40 – 9:00 Period 1
	9:05 – 9:25 Period 2
	9:30 – 9:50 Period 3
	9:55 – 10:15 Period 4
	10:20 – 10:40 Period 5
10:40	Receive your Workshop Schedule in your Period 1 class.
10:40 -11:00	Mentor Icebreakers
11:10 – 11:50	Student Workshop 1
10:40 – 11:30	Parent/Guardian Workshop (Cafeteria) Workshop for Newcomer Families (Library)
11:50 – 12:40	BBQ Lunch for All Students + Club Displays in Crossroads
12:40 – 1:20	Student Workshop 2
1:25 – 2:05	Student Workshop 3
2:10 – 2:50	Student Workshop 4
2:50	Dismissal

Daily School Schedule(begins Wednesday, September 6th):

Our regular school schedule begins on Wednesday, September 6th at 8:15 a.m. We suggest that students arrive on the first day by 8:00 a.m. The daily timetable for our school is as follows:

PERIOD	TIME
National Anthem and Announcements	8:15
1	8:19 – 9:34
2	9:38 – 10:53
3	10:57 – 12:12
4	12:16 – 1:31
5	1:35 – 2:50

Transportation: To promote student wellness, environmentally friendly practices and to decrease the traffic in the morning and at the end of the day, we encourage students to walk or ride their bicycles to and from school. Grade 9 – 12 students living in areas where public transit is available can take the YRT to school. Public transportation is operated by York Region Transit and there are several routes that make taking the bus to our school quite easy. Please visit www.yrt.ca for bus schedules and routes. If a student is eligible for transportation by school bus, parents can confirm the bus stop and schedule by accessing www.schoolbuscity.com starting the last week in August. Those who are eligible should arrive at their bus stop ten minutes earlier the first few weeks of school.

School Council:

All parents/guardians are invited to attend our School Council meetings. The first meeting for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be held on Thursday, September 14th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Elections will be held at our first meeting. Additional information regarding school council is provided in this package. The dates for this year's meetings are:

- September 14th, 2017- elections
- October 19th, 2017
- November 16th, 2017
- January 18th, 2018
- February 22nd, 2018
- April 19th, 2018
- May 17th, 2018

Important Dates: Please note the following important dates for the beginning of the school year. A school calendar of all important events is included.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
August 29 to 31	Student Activity Fee Payment at school (from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
September 5	Orientation Day (Grade 9 only) (8:15 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.)
September 6	First Day of School (Grades 9 -12)
September 13	Photo Day – Yearbook pictures and photo packages for purchase
September 14	School Council Meeting , at 7:00 p.m.in the Library (Elections)
September 25	Professional Training Day – no classes
October 2	Grade 9 Trudeaumania: Spirit Day at Camp Robin Hood
October 9	Thanksgiving Day – no classes
October 17	Interim Report Cards Distributed in homeroom
October 19	School Council Meeting , at 7:00 p.m.in the Library
October 20	Professional Activity Day – no classes
November 1	Take Our Kids to Work Day for Grade 9 students
November 2	Interview Night (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
November 16	School Council Meeting , at 7:00 p.m.in the Library
November 20	Mid-semester Report Cards Distributed in homeroom
November 24	Professional Activity Day – no classes
Dec. 25 to Jan.5	Christmas/Winter Break – no classes
January 8	Classes Resume
January 17 and 18	Grade 9 EQAO Mathematics Assessment - students in math in semester 1
January 18	School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.in the Library
Jan. 25 to Jan. 31	Final Exams for Semester I
February 1	Exam Review Day – shortened classes will be held on this day
February 2	Professional Activity Day – no classes
February 5	Semester Two Begins

Questions? If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office. We will be open Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., from July 4th to August 25th. The office will be closed during the week of August 7th – 11th. Regular office hours for the 2017 - 2018 school year begin on August 28th.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. D. Linkewich
Principal

Ms. C. Civello
Vice-Principal

Mr. P. Simmons
Vice-Principal

Mr. R Zoratto
Vice-Principal