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William D. Pratt School Weekly Update

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Dear William D. Pratt Families and Guardians,

I hope everyone is doing well and has had a good week. We wrapped up another great week at William Pratt with some Halloween fun across our building including an impressive show of costumes from staff and students and some fun in-class Halloween activities and challenges.

I wanted to take a moment to provide an important update on the opening of the new homeroom in our grade 9 cohort (Homeroom 9-8). Ms. Marquette (Math/Science) and Mr. Hood (ELA/Social) will be the teachers in this new homeroom. These teachers also currently teach Homeroom 9-7 and have an established partnership and positive relationships with their students.
I am pleased to welcome Mr. James Granat to the teaching team at William D. Pratt. James is new to the CBE but has previous teaching experience with the Rockyview School Division and in Ontario. James will join the PE team primarily as he will take over Ms. Marquette and Mr. Hood's PE 7 and PE 8 classes as well as Mr. Hagen's Outdoor Ed 9 class.
We recognize that changes in the middle of a semester are disruptive, so to help mitigate this, James will start with us on November 2. We will have a two-week transition period to allow him and our students to start to build relationships and to allow for a smooth transition and understanding of learning plans and structures. This will also give time for students and families chosen for the new classroom to process the transition and ask any questions that may arise and our staff to work through the logistics of creating a new section and transferring student learning information and assessments in an intentional way. These students will also have time to meet their new teachers (if they do not know them).
I am finalizing the new class list this weekend and will communicate a letter via school messenger to parents/guardians of these specific students on Monday morning. I am cognizant of the fact that students may have questions, so I will also take the time to meet with each student individually on Monday morning to inform them and answer any questions they may have. I kindly request that you have conversations with your students after school and communicate any comments or questions to me directly. We will open Homeroom 9-8 after a natural break (November break) on Monday, November 16.

We kindly ask parents to ensure they are not dropping students off in the staff parking lot but in designated areas around the school. The staff parking lot is very busy during our dark mornings, and we want to ensure everyone's safety.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out at any time.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Sam Kaddoura
Principal, William D. Pratt School

Announcements & Reminders

Food Bank Drive:

William D. Pratt is into its annual fall Food Drive. This will run until November 4. With an ever-growing number of Calgarians facing food insecurity and food scarcity, our hopes are to surpass the 2,000 lbs of food we collected last year. The need is high, and every little bit helps. Last year over 202,000 hampers were distributed to people in need. This year the demand has doubled. Let's show our Pratt pride and be part of the solution. Go Mavs Go!

FROM OUR OFFICE STAFF – Ms. Ronalds and Ms. Trnski

Annual Volunteer Registration Required for All School Volunteers

All volunteers, including returning volunteers, must complete a new registration form each school year before participating in volunteer activities.

Process
You can register as volunteers through the SchoolEngage tab in their MyCBE account. As part of the registration process, all volunteers must review the POPA requirements and sign to indicate their agreement with the conditions outlined in the form.

New This Year: Community members who do not have a child registered with CBE must complete their volunteer registration in person at the school where they wish to volunteer. This change allows school staff to verify that volunteers have reviewed and acknowledged their privacy obligations under Alberta's Protection of Privacy Act (POPA). They can complete the form in person at our school.

ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENT SOCIETY:

- **Coupon Books!** The fundraising team is also selling "The Great Little Coupon Book" this year. We have a limited quantity. If interested, please email the Fundraising team at wdprattfundraising@gmail.com and we can coordinate this. They are $15 each and the school profits $7.50 from each book. They quickly pay for themselves and they are valid until August 31!

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- Nov 4 – Last day of Food Bank Drive
- Nov 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11-13 – November Break
- Nov 18 – Fun Lunch – Tim Horton’s
- Nov 19 – School Council Meeting – all are welcome!

Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

Athletics:

- Please check the calendar on our website and our Athletics tab on the school website for more information about upcoming basketball games.

- This week on the basketball court, our Jr. Boys team came away with a victory, while the Sr. Boys continue to put forth a strong effort and remain competitive in their league. Although our girls' teams did not come away with wins, they displayed great determination, teamwork, and heart throughout their games.
  We are excited to host basketball games at Pratt this Thursday, November 5. The schedule is as follows:

  - 4:30 - 5:30 - WDP vs BP (Sr Boys)
  - 5:30 - 6:30 - TBR vs AEC (Sr Boys)
  - 6:30 - 7:30 - TBR vs AEC (Jr Boys)
  - 7:30 - 8:30 - WDP vs BP (Jr Boys)

  The **Boys Soccer** team wrap-up is on Monday, November 2, from 2:45–4:00 p.m.

- Our mini mavs will continue on Friday mornings at 6:45am. Please contact Ms. Stobo or Ms. Strohbach for more information.

Clubs and Activities

Please check out our most current clubs list!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Band Club – Mr. Ormiston Room 155 12-12:35 **Gr. 8 & 9**	**Comic Club – Strohbach** Room 105 12:18-12:35 (Oct.-Dec) **Gr. 5 & 6**	**Music Club-Mr. Ormiston** Room 155 12-12:35 **Gr. 5, 6, 7**	**NXT Gen Club (Bridge Fdn)** Learning Commons 12-12:35 **All grades**
Homework Club-Strohbach Room 106 12:18-12:35 **Grade 5 & 6**	**Main & Aux Gym Open** 12:00-12:35 **Grade 7**	**Knitting & Crochet Club-Sihota** Room 237 12-12:35 **Gr. 7,8,9**	**Main & Aux Gym Open**12:00-12:35 **Grade 9**
Main & Aux Gym Open 12:00-12:35 **Grade 5 & 6**	**Learning Commons Open** 12:00-12:35 **Grades 7, 8, 9**	**Dungeons and Dragons/Anime Club - Duff** Room 103 12:18 – 12:35 **Grade 5, 6, 7**	**Animation Club- Stobo** Rm 221 12:18-12:35 **All Grades**
Aviation Club-Badr, Abraham Room 104 12:18-12:35 **All grades**	**Science Fair – Badr/Hagen** Room 235 12:00-12:35 **Grades 7, 8, 9**	**Science Fair-Strohbach/Stobo** Room 106 12:18-12:35 **Grades 5 & 6**	**Pokemon Club – Wheeldon** Room 130 12:18-12:35 **All Grades**
Learning Commons Open 12:00-12:35 **Grades 7, 8, 9**		**Student Action Club - Bonello** Room 229 12-12:35 **All grades**	
Chess Club – Ms. Shial **Room 156** **12-12:35** **All grades**		**Aviation Club-Badr, Abraham** Room 107 12:18-12:35 **All grades**	
		Main & Aux Gym Open 12:00-12:35 **Grade 8**	