



Fall 2022

Thank you for your interest in Providence Reformed Collegiate! We hope that this package will help you get to know our community and guide you through the process of student registration and membership within our school association for your family.

Providence is a high school founded and operated by an association of parents with a deep hope that their children and this generation would be raised up by God through the ordinary means of church, home, and school, to (1) love God, (2) desire His Kingdom, and (3) bring all their gifts in personal submission to Jesus Christ. We work to create an educational program and atmosphere that connects this vision to what happens every day in our classrooms and hallways.

A visit to Providence would be a good way for us to get to know each other. Would there be a time that we could meet at the school for an educational consultation and a tour?

Thank you for reaching out to us. We look forward to continuing the conversation.

With kind regards,

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Our Story

Our community is an association of parents and families that want to work together in the education of our children.

Psalm 78 calls Christian parents to “tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD...so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.” The work of Providence Reformed Collegiate is part of our community’s response to this calling from God, and we love doing this together.

Providence first opened its doors in September, 1997 to fifteen students. The school was first located in the basement of a church on Glendon Drive in Komoka, Ontario.

These humble beginnings were the efforts of an association of like-minded parents who desired to see a distinctively Christian and Reformed high school – a covenantal school that was firmly rooted on the authority of Scripture. Our association has always sought a tight alignment between home, school, and church on the common foundation of Scripture, as summarized by the Reformed confessional standards known as the Three Forms of Unity and the Westminster Standards.

By 2002, the school had outgrown the church basement, and built a new facility right around the corner at 93 Queen Street in Komoka. Since then, the school has grown, and we now serve approximately 70 families with a school population of approximately 100 students. Our building was expanded in 2018 to add additional classrooms and a learning commons. Today, our families come from a wide geographical area, with families coming from Aylmer, Chatham, Exeter, London, Mitchell, St. Thomas, Strathroy, Woodstock, and Wyoming.



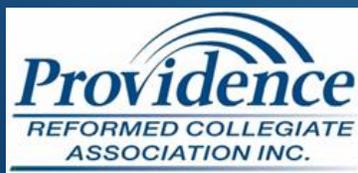
Membership Visioning Evening - January 2019

Our Mission

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Providence Reformed Collegiate seeks to glorify our covenant God by assisting parents in:

1. Providing students with an excellent Reformed Christian education
2. Nurturing students in the knowledge and fear of the LORD
3. Equipping students for service in the kingdom of God as ambassadors of Christ in this world.



We believe that our mission statement is a clear articulation of our deep-rooted hope that God would use Providence Reformed Collegiate to raise up a faithful generation equipped for service in the Kingdom of God as ambassadors of Christ.

This mission statement also demonstrates the design for education at Providence to be holistic: to shape the whole child (head, heart, and hands). We believe that education is the instilling of habits of mind and habits of heart so that students will be equipped and motivated to faithfully serve in God's Kingdom as He calls them.

We seek to do everything at Providence in light of this mission: course work, extracurricular activities, small group (Crew) meetings, school culture and community, and intentional character development are designed to realize our mission of educating for the Kingdom of God.

Membership and Registration

To register, we ask that you complete the registration form attached. You can also find a registration form at www.providencerc.com/registration (site password is “prcmember”).

We ask that you send a completed registration form to the school at office@providencerc.com, along with copies of the student’s birth certificate and most recent report card.

If you are new to the Providence community, once we have received your registration, the Board will meet with you to discuss membership or enrollment without membership.

Membership is open to all families who are active members of churches within the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC). These denominations include:

The United Reformed
Churches in North America

The Canadian Reformed
Churches

The Free Reformed
Churches of North
America

The Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church

The Heritage Reformed
Congregations

The Orthodox Presbyterian
Church

For a complete list of member denominations, visit www.naparc.org.

Enrollment for students of non-member families is available for Christian families, up to 10% of the student body. School representatives are happy to visit non-member families who are interested in enrollment to discuss our non-member admissions policy and how Providence can be a blessing for these families.

Tuition and Membership Fees

Tuition at Providence is based on two family rates, one rate for families who have students only in Christian high school, and a lower rate for families who have students enrolled in Christian elementary school or who home school elementary-aged children. Membership fees are included in the tuition fees. For 2021-22, the fees are set at:

- Families with children only at Providence: \$16,140 (\$1,345/month)
- Families with children also in Christian elementary school or homeschooled: \$12,300 (\$1,025/month)
- Membership fees for non-tuition paying members: \$1000 (\$83.33/month)

Families can pay monthly by setting up automatic withdrawal, providing post-dated cheques, or another payment schedule. If you have further questions regarding tuition, please contact our bookkeeper, Fred Nyman, by emailing prcfinance@gmail.com.

Reformed Christian schools like Providence Reformed Collegiate are characterized by a unity of purpose that is shared by the home, the school, and the church. Our schools are covenantal in character. To that end, we encourage you to consider long-term membership and participation within our school society.



Our Educational Program and Diploma Requirements

Providence Reformed Collegiate teaches the Ontario Secondary School Curriculum. When we design units and lessons, Providence teachers work to draw a direct line from our mission to what happens in each classroom.

We offer credits towards the Providence Reformed Collegiate Diploma and the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Providence Reformed Collegiate Diploma

To receive the PRC diploma, students must meet the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma and must have earned credits in the following:

- One credit in Bible for each year at PRC (Bible 9 – Old Testament/Church History to Reformation, Bible 10 – New Testament/Church History after Reformation, World Religions 11, Bible 12 – Apologetics).
- World History 11
- Philosophy 11M or 12U
- Families in Canada 12U or 12C



These courses earn a credit towards both diplomas.

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

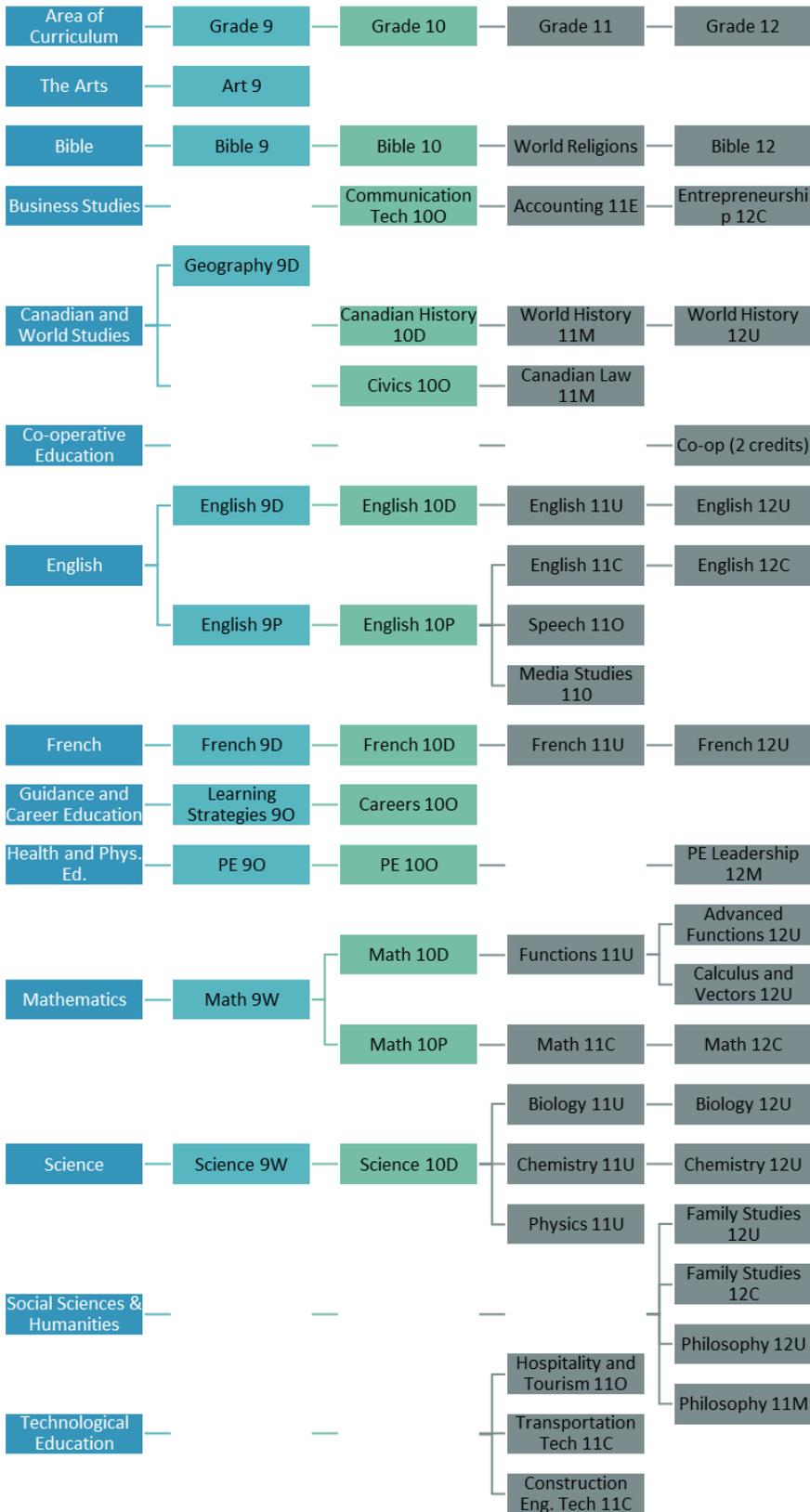
To receive the OSSD, students must earn:

1. Eighteen compulsory credits in the following areas:

English (4), French* (1), Math (3), Science (2), Canadian History (1), Canadian Geography (1), The Arts (1), Health and Physical Education (1), Civics (0.5), Career Studies (0.5), English or a third language or a Social Science and Humanities or Canadian and World Studies (1), Health and Physical Education or The Arts or Business Studies (1), Science or Technological Education (1)
2. Twelve optional credits
3. Forty hours of community service (may begin during summer after grade 8; PRC requires that ten hours be Salt and Light hours)
4. Successful completion of the Grade 10 literacy test

*French 9 is a required course for the OSSD for all students in Ontario. When circumstances require it, and when it is in the best interests of the student, the principal may waive the French requirement. Students who are waived from French take a general learning strategies course instead.

The Educational Program at Providence



Course Selections

Course selections for 2023-24 will open in the spring. In September 2022, the de-streaming of all grade 9 courses by the Ministry of Education came into effect. Incoming Gr. 9 students no longer have to select courses since there are no longer academic and applied levels in Grade 9.

Students entering Providence for Grades 10-12 will need to select courses, and can do so by visiting www.providencerc.com/course-selections.html (site password: "prcmember"). Mrs. Barrett, our guidance counsellor, has provided helpful information there and a simple three-step process for selecting courses (video, pathway planner, online form).

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Mrs. Barrett, Guidance Counsellor, tbarrett@providencerc.com

Ms. Janssens, Administrative Assistant, office@providencerc.com

Mr. Vander Deen, Principal, mvanderdeen@providencerc.com

Learning Assistance

We believe that all covenant children should have equal access to Christian education, irrespective of ability or inability. The Learning Assistance Program facilitates optimum learning for all students. Some students may need occasional assistance, individualization, or encouragement while some may need long-term, daily support. The end goal of the program is to help all students who use it to become positive, confident, and independent.

Students who demonstrate special learning needs may have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) developed, or they may come to us with an IEP developed by their elementary school. Students with IEPs can access a number of different resources and a variety of accommodations or modifications, as detailed in the IEP.

IEPs may be developed by the Learning Assistance Coordinator in conjunction with the parents and the Educational Assistant, should a student demonstrate a continued need for support.



Extracurricular Activities

Athletics Committee

The Athletics Committee aims to organize and facilitate sports and games for the student body. This committee requires students who have great ideas for various activities to engage students in a variety of ways. Students on the Athletics Committee will be involved in making teams, scoring, and scheduling activities and intramurals.

Interschool Athletics

Providence athletes have an opportunity to participate in most OCSAA events (Ontario Christian School Athletics Association). OCSAA includes most Christian high schools across Ontario. Each team participates in at least one tournament. We have teams in cross country, volleyball (B & G), basketball (B), soccer (B & G), hockey (co-ed), and track & field.

Banquet Committee

The annual banquet is one of the highlights at PRC. This banquet is a formal evening where students and staff come together to enjoy entertainment and scrumptious food. The committee requires students interested in organization, art, design, and decorating.

Community Service

The Community Service team looks for ways in which Providence students can serve the community. They raise money to support a Word and Deed sponsor child, conduct a food drive in Komoka during the Thanksgiving season, and organize visits to Country Terrace, the local retirement home.

Leadership Team (SLT)

The student leadership team promotes Christian behaviour, enthusiasm, school spirit, and a sense of closeness among students. Leadership team is comprised of an executive (male and female co-presidents, a treasurer, and a secretary) and four class representatives. Students interested in serving on the executive will complete an application and interview process before being elected. Class representatives will be elected by their respective classes.

Peer Tutoring

Peer tutors will work one-on-one with students from other grades to help them practice skills from different classes.

Small Choir

Small choir is a group that serves the Lord with their voices. Small choir will run in the choir time slot from December to April. They participate in a music festival in the spring and showcase musical selections at the Fine Arts Festival.

Yearbook

The Yearbook Committee creates and publishes an annual yearbook which reflects the year at PRC. The committee needs volunteers to take pictures at events, to design pages, and to write about the events. Involvement in the committee allows members to use and develop their artistic and leadership gifts.



The Providence Uniform

At Providence, we believe that the way we dress reflects who we are since our clothing is an extension of our person.

We believe that our uniform policy supports the Biblical principles of dress so far as it concerns modesty, humility and respecting feminine and masculine differences. Furthermore, it encourages certain qualities desirable for a positive school atmosphere such as orderliness, school spirit and dignity.

There are also some practical advantages in having a uniform policy in regards to clothing costs, peer pressure and the saving of time and energy in deciding what to wear.

How to Get Suited Up for School

All new uniform items can be purchased through our on-line website store at Lands' End using our School Code 900189911. All uniform items ordered through Lands End will have a school crest or logo. Information regarding can be found at <http://www.providencerc.com/uniforms.html> (site password: "prcmember"). If you have any further questions, please contact Deanna and Jennifer on our uniform committee at prcuniform@gmail.com.

