

## Before and After

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Have you ever truly contemplated your “before” and “after”? Your transformation from the old to new? What do I mean by that?

In Wednesday’s Easter assembly, Rev. Zekveld from Providence URC in Strathroy spoke to us about our “before” and “after” in Christ. We looked at Ephesians 2:1-10 and our theme text for the year, Titus 3:1-11, which gives insight into who we were before Christ came to save us, and who we are now as heirs of the rich gift of His grace. Rev. Zekveld also shared with us his personal transformation story. Many of us who grew up in Christian homes might find our transformation story “boring” or not worth sharing, but Rev. Zekveld reminded us that all transformation stories are true miracles.

In our Crew discussions after the assembly, Rev. Zekveld challenged us with this question: “How are the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour a great encouragement to you, wherever you may be at in your faith journey? How will you use God’s grace described in Titus 3:4-7 to help you?” Here are some Crew responses:

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3: 4-7

“I know that I am forgiven. We don’t need to be perfect, we just need to repent.”

“Wherever we might be in our journey with God, we can always count on Him always giving His love and kindness to us.”

“That no matter where we are at in our faith journey, if our end goal is God and reflecting Him, we will be saved. Talking to God in prayer is a great thing for those in their faith journey because He will never not hear or listen to us. His grace is unending, and we can do nothing to earn it but believe that He gives it to us freely. We need to trust in God and never forget His unconditional love.”

“It shows how much He cares for us and that He chose to save us. Not because of ourselves and our works, but because He wants to show His goodness and kindness, and so we can share it with others.”

“It takes the requirement for perfection off us and puts it on Christ. The grace of God strengthens us at every part of our journey.”

“My faith journey has lots of ups and downs – the valleys and mountains are a part of the Christian life. But what keeps me going through those ups and downs is the goodness and loving kindness of God. When I fail, it’s not the end. And it’s not just for me. The beauty of God’s grace is for all.”



“It’s a great encouragement showing us He’ll be with us and has been with us. God is a sovereign King who’s been with us from of the beginning and will continue until He comes back.”

“That not through our own works, but through God’s saving grace we are saved, and we can find comfort in that. And that through this comfort we may also see that we, if we follow Christ, we will inherit His Kingdom, and we are promised a life of eternal life. This is our greatest comfort.”

“God is always willing and eager to forgive you.”

“Even though we may be discouraged/fall short, God’s love is never failing. We have assurance (confidence) in our faith, helping us to be lights of the world, pursue and search the Scriptures more, and bring glory to His Name.”

This Easter, let’s praise God for His goodness and loving kindness. Reflect on your own transformation story of the “before” and “after” and thank God that He works miracles in our lives.

Have a blessed Easter!



## General Announcements

### Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) – Wednesday, April 10

All Grade 10 students are required to successfully complete this standardized test as a requirement for their OSSD. the link for the practice test can be found [here](#). Further questions can be directed to Mrs. Pieterman at [lpieterman@providencerc.com](mailto:lpieterman@providencerc.com).

**Euclid Math Contest** will be held at PRC on April 3, 2024, Period C and D. It will start at 12:40 and finish at 3:20 pm.

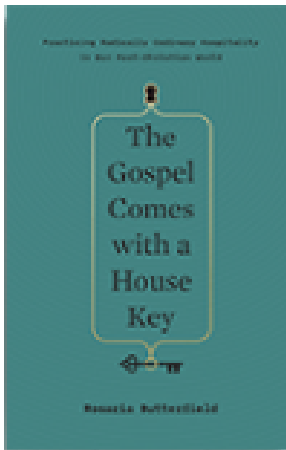
**Source Teamworks Sweaters:** Last reminder – the store closes Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. **Shipping note:** If you would like to have your order given to a student directly at school, you can choose the "free pickup" option and select "at my club or school." Mrs. Barrett will pick up and distribute those orders.

- Spiritwear - <https://www.sourceteamworks.com/collections/providence-reformed-collegiate>
- Phys. Ed. - <https://www.sourceteamworks.com/collections/pvc-phys-ed>

## Sports

- **Girls Soccer Practice:** We will have our soccer practice every Thursday between 3:30 to 5:30 pm regardless of the weather. Please arrange your ride ahead of time.
- **Track and field:** we had a great first week of track and field so far! Due to the upcoming holidays and PD days, our next two after school will be Tuesday, April 2nd and Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at PRC from 3:30 to 5:15. Students are reminded to be on time, appropriately dressed for modesty and the weather, and ready to give their best effort for their event. If you are unable to make this practice, or any practice at any time, be sure to inform one of the coaches with an explanation for your absence. Athletes, get ready to train! The meet will be Monday, May 6.
- **Badminton:** Practices have been switched to Mondays! April 2, 9, 15, 22 (April 1st is Easter and April 8th is the Solar Eclipse)

## PRC Library Staff Picks



Our school library is a treasure trove of information. We have a substantial non-fiction section, especially in the 200s, or "Religious" category. There are devotionals, theological literature, Bible studies, books on Church history, and more! Our library policy allows for students, staff, alumni, and members of the school community to benefit from these books. We encourage you to reach out to our staff librarian, Pam Vandermeiden, if you would like to borrow a book for your personal study or receive a list of our library catalogue. You can reach her at [pvandermeiden@providencerc.com](mailto:pvandermeiden@providencerc.com) to arrange a time to check out a book or two!

Mrs. Vandermeiden's Pick - "The Gospel Comes with a House Key" by Rosaria Butterfield

Mrs. Barrett recommended this book to me when we taught Hospitality and Tourism together. Although I read it with teaching in mind, the lessons learned had personal applications as well. In this 2018 book, Butterfield opens her home to her readers and shares what it looks like to practice a 'radical' but 'ordinary' form of hospitality. She defines radically ordinary hospitality as: "using your Christian home in a daily way that seeks to make strangers neighbours, and neighbours family of God." It is a compelling, encouraging read. Highly recommended!

**Lawn Care Contract:** As part of due diligence and good practice, the Property Committee is opening up the annual lawn care contract at Providence Reformed Collegiate for tender. If this is an opportunity that you would be interested in, please review the attached job description and tender form. You are also encouraged to forward this on to anyone who may be interested. In order to be considered for this contract, your tender must be received by the Property Committee by April 12. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Werkema at [werkema.kevin@providencerc.com](mailto:werkema.kevin@providencerc.com).

## Upcoming Events

### Grandparents/Grandfriends Day –Wednesday, April 3

We're eagerly anticipating spending the morning with many grandparents/grandfriends next Wednesday, April 3. The program begins at 10:00, followed by an open house and lunch. This part of the day wraps up at 12:45. All grandparents/grandfriends are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to [office@providencerc.com](mailto:office@providencerc.com).

### Spring Membership Meeting – Monday, April 22

The PRC Spring Membership Meeting will be held D.V. on Monday, April 22 at 8pm. The meeting will be held in-person at Providence Reformed Collegiate. In order to achieve quorum, we ask that all members make attendance a priority. The Lord has blessed Providence Reformed Collegiate in many ways. We can rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God as we continue to educate our youth. Come and join us at this membership meeting to hear about these many blessings. If you would like to become a member, please contact our Board chair, Rick Lenting at [lenting.rick@providencerc.com](mailto:lenting.rick@providencerc.com) or our board secretary, Anne Marie Baker at [baker.annemarie@providencerc.com](mailto:baker.annemarie@providencerc.com).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**GRANDPARENTS  
GRANDFRIENDS  
DAY**  
AT  
PROVIDENCE REFORMED  
COLLEGIATE  
**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 3, 2024**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
RSVP:  
[OFFICE@PROVIDENCERC.COM](mailto:OFFICE@PROVIDENCERC.COM)  
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## PRC Auction – April 10-12



Yes, you read that correctly, the online auction, live auction, and dinner is only 2 weeks away! You should have received the postcard in your church mailbox a few weeks ago which detailed the upcoming event. This email is a reminder that dinner tickets for Saturday, April 13th need to be reserved by March 30 so we are able to have our caterers prepared for the wonderful dinner that we are eagerly looking forward to! **Tickets can be reserved at [auctria.events/PRC2024](https://auctria.events/PRC2024).**

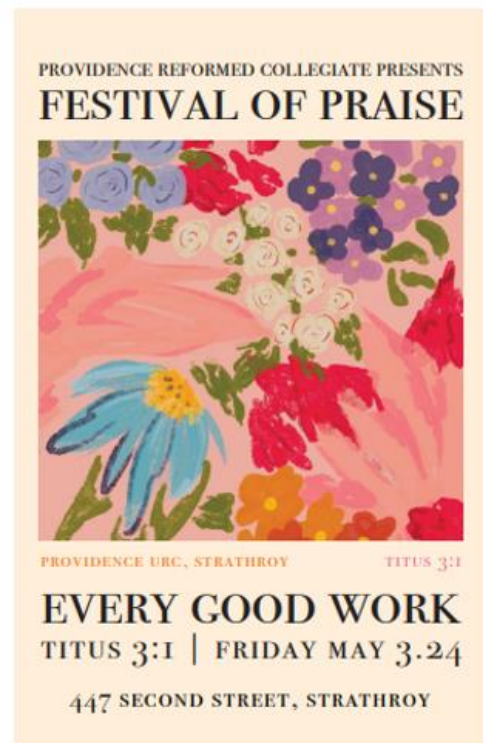
For those who are donating to the auction, please have arrangements to have your items at the school by April 1 (we know there may be some exceptions; meat, baking etc.).

The online auction begins on Wednesday, April 10 and closes on Friday evening, April 12. The live event opens at 5 pm at the Komoka Community Center and the dinner starts at 5:30, with the live auction starting after dinner. What a great way to support our school, reconnect with friends, and enjoy a great meal and entertainment! Sign up now and we look forward to seeing you all Lord willing on Saturday, April 13th!

If you have questions, please contact Linda Koopman (519-933-9802) or Christy Kikkert (519-319-1106). Thank you, for your support!

## Festival of Praise – Friday, May 3

The 2024 Festival of Praise will take place at Providence United Reformed Church in Strathroy on Friday, May 3. We are looking forward to a night of celebrating "Every Good Work" (Titus 3:1).



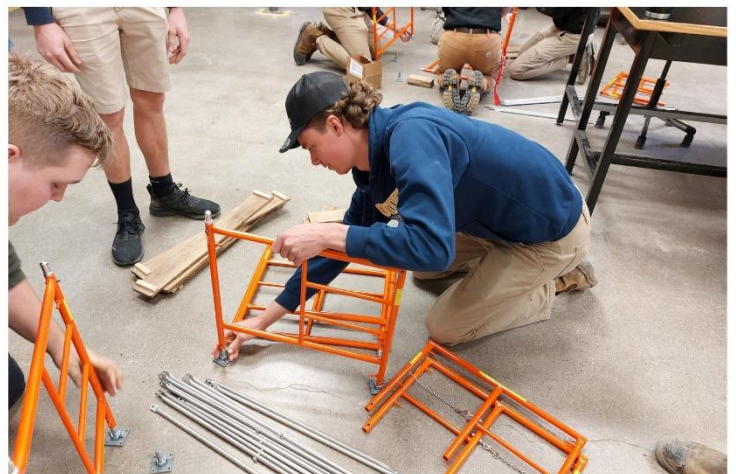
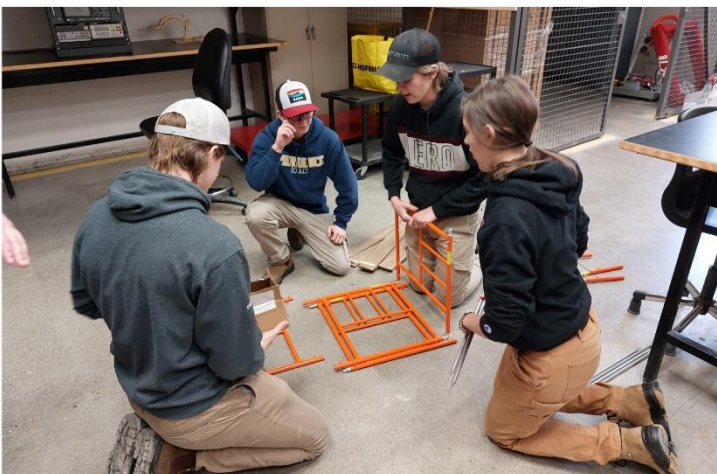
### Exploring post-secondary options

The grade 10 Career Studies class toured Fanshawe College's campus and labs as part of exploring post-secondary options.



### Skilled Trades Accelerator presentation

The co-op students visited Fanshawe College to attend a Skilled Trades Accelerator presentation. They heard about programs, saw some of the workshops, tried their hands at a welding simulator, and raced each other in constructing scaffolding kits. The purpose of this visit was to assist the students in one of the stages of the education and career/life planning process.



## Course Updates

### Grade 9

**Art 9 – Miss Averink:** We had our Unit 2 Quiz today and will work on our Unit 2 summative – the Pop Art Candy Project. Next week, we will be writing another formal art analysis – students who didn’t submit the first assignment are reminded to get it in ASAP. We also look forward to Mrs. Paula Roth coming to our class on Thursday, April 4 to teach us some techniques of landscape painting.

**English 9 – Miss Averink:** Students are on their way to memorizing their lines for their presentations – these will be happening the week of April 9. Getting their lines memorized is the only homework they have over the long weekend. We will also be preparing for their character analysis assignment next week. This will be an in-class assignment where students will bring their notes to class and spend the class period writing their assignment.

**English 9 – Mr. Vander Deen:** Students did a fabulous job presenting their TMOV speeches. The level of work that they had done in memorization was impressive, and we really enjoyed hearing each other present. Students are working on their character analysis, which we will finish by the end of the next week.

**Geography 9 – Mr. Pennings:** We are currently studying Canadian Resources and Industries. After our brief study of Canadian agriculture we had the opportunity to visit Greenhill Produce. It was a great learning experience to see a first-hand example of intensive farming. Students are working on a group presentation on a Canadian resource. These are due on Tuesday, April 2.

**Math 9 – Ms. Xu:** We will continue to solve problems related to linear relations and equations. No test this week but a quiz will be arranged next week. Please bring a pencil, ruler, calculator, and graph paper every day to the math class for chapter 4.

### Grade 10

**Career Studies 10 – Mrs. Barrett/Mrs. Tenhage:** We only have seven classes left together! Next week, we will finish our career poster boards (hopefully to display at Grandparent’s Day) and start our interview reflection paper. Students will continue to learn about various aspects of finances, including post-secondary budgets and seeing what organizations exist as financial resources.

**English 10D – Mrs. Vandermeijden:** This week, we will conclude our study of Julius Caesar. We will focus on tragic heroes and the literary tension between 'fate' and the will of humans. Students will get the chance to act out the play in 20 minutes. Our final assessments will be a test on Friday,

April 5 and a literary analysis essay, which will be due on Thursday, April 11.

**English 10P – Mrs. Pieterman:** Read all about it! Students are writing newspaper articles connected to our study of *The Miracle Worker*. We intend to create a mock newspaper to inform others about topics in the play – a biography of Annie Sullivan, or the history of sign language, for example. We’ll wrap up this unit with a test next week Friday, April 5.

**French 10 – Mrs. Bergsma:** On Monday, the students got into their groups and presented on the gastronomy (food culture) of different French countries around the world. They are keeping these groups and countries to complete their final project for this unit. They worked this week on creating menus for their chosen county which they will present at the end of the unit. We hope to continue working on object pronouns next week.

**Healthy Active Living – Mr. Pennings:** The badminton unit is almost completed. Students have developed their movement skills by practicing their clear shots, underhand and backhand serves, dropshots and smashes. The knowledge test was written on Wednesday. The skills test was held today. Students will be outside next week working on their soccer skills.

**Information Technology 10 – Mrs. Pieterman:** In order to demonstrate their learning in this unit, students will be completing a mock research assignment. They’ll use the formatting features of Word, effective research techniques and APA formatting to create a document that simulates an APA research paper. This unit summative assignment will be due Friday, April 5.

### Grade 11 and 12

**Advanced Functions – Mr. Ellens:** We are working on proving trigonometric identities and solving quadratic trigonometric equations.

**Bible 12 – Mr. de Visser:** Students are reminded to read chapter 1-2 of Tactics before class on Tuesday. Students should also be uploading the recordings of their conversations at Western this past week (if they haven't already!) to the shared folder on Teams. We'll continue our study of presuppositional apologetics this week.

**Biology 12U – Miss Wattel:** The students have begun learning about how our bodies make DNA and proteins. As we move forward, we will investigate what may go wrong in these processes and how it will affect our bodies.

**Calculus & Vectors 12U – Mr. Ellens:** We have a test planned for Thursday on curve sketching and optimization. We will be reviewing on Wednesday and working on applications on Tuesday.

**Chemistry 11U – Ms. Xu:** We will have a chapter test on Mole this Thursday. For some students who will take Euclid Math Contest on Wednesday afternoon, you will not have Wednesday class time to review. Please collect all the review materials on Tuesday.

**Cooperative Education – Mr. Haklander:** Students have an in-class day on Tuesday. On this day they will be presenting their assignment covering various health, safety and environmental concerns related to their placement. They will also be presenting a five-minute video they produced portraying “A day in the life of your work placement.” Although many of the students submit their weekly logs regularly, please remind your child that the due date for the previous week’s log is Monday morning the following week.

**English 12C – Mrs. Vandermeijden:** This week, we will conclude our study of *The Hiding Place*. Movie reviews are due on Tuesday, April 2. Our unit test will be on Friday, April 5.

**English 12U – Mr. Ellens:** Poetry seminars are due on Monday night. Seminars begin on Monday. We will work through as many as we can this week. Anyone is free to join in period B to enjoy the students work. Wednesday we will do something different on Grandparents day.

**Law 11M – Mrs. Bergsma:** The students completed their final assessment for this unit: a debate on a human rights issue of their choice. We started our third unit on criminal

law. Next week, we will continue to learn the language used in criminal law.

**Hospitality & Tourism 11 – Mrs. Vandermeijden/Mrs. Bergsma:** On Monday, we started looking at all the aspects of event planning and different types of events. The students are looking forward to hosting their first event: a sausage lunch for the rest of the school next week Tuesday. This formative event will also help them practice for their summative event planning assignment in our fourth unit. On Thursday, the students made sausages from scratch. They have also taken home a permission form to go to Harvest Hands in St. Thomas next week Friday. Please sign it and have your child return it before Apr. 3rd.

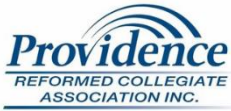
**Math 12C – Mrs. Barrett/Mrs. Tenhage:** Next week, we will wrap up chapter 4 and write our test on Thursday, April 4th. Students will also collate data from their surveys.

**World History 11M – Mr. de Visser:** Students will be introduced to the final research assignment, which is an essay and a history fair presentation on a topic of their own choosing. Meanwhile, we'll continue our study of the ancient Roman world, looking particularly at the age of emperors.

**World Religions 11M – Mrs. Barrett/Mrs. Tenhage:** Next week, we take our belated trip to the synagogue on Tuesday afternoon (guys please bring a hat). The rest of the week will be finishing up the unit and writing our unit 2 test on Friday, April 5th.



# Calendar



## April/May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Easter Monday	DCBA (sausage lunch) HRT3M synagogue Badminton Track & Field	Grandparents' / Grandfriends Day Euclid Math Contest – 12:40 Boys' Soccer 3:30	Girls' Soccer 3:30	Hosp. to Harvest Hands – 12:30	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	PD Day Solar Eclipse	Badminton 4-5:15 Track & Field 4pm	OSSLT Test (pm) Boys' Soccer 3:30 PRC Auction	Term 3 ends Boys' Soccer Tour – Redeemer Girls' Soccer PRC Auction	PD Day Student Banquet PRC Auction	PRC Auction
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Term 4 Begins Badminton 4pm Track & Field 4pm		Boys' Soccer 3:30	Report Cards Mailed Girls' Soccer 3:30	Badminton Exh. Game - Oxford	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Badminton 4pm Track & Field 4pm Spring Membership 8pm		Boys' Soccer 3:30	Girls Soccer 3:30 Board Mtg.	OCSSAA Badminton Tournament	OCSSAA Badminton Tournament
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	Choir Tour Track & Field 4pm	Double Blk BBAA	Assembly 9:50 Girls Soccer Tourn Boys' Soccer Tourn	Double Blk DDCC Board Mtg.	Festival of Praise	