

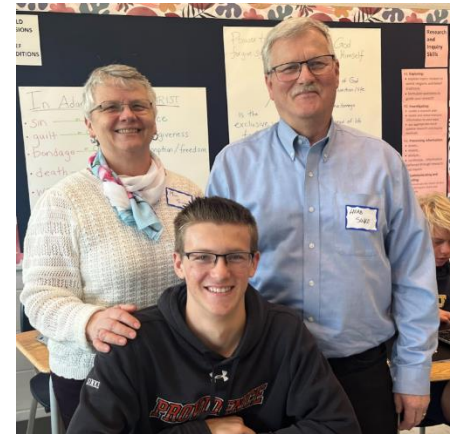
It's the Most Wonderful Day of the Year!

This week we were able to host one of our favourite groups of people – grandparents and grandfriends. This day is eagerly anticipated each year by everyone in our community – staff, students and grandparents/grandfriends!

Over 100 grandparents came through our doors Wednesday morning, eager to visit with grandchildren and see what's happening in the school. After a time of coffee and fellowship, our guests gathered in Room ABC to enjoy a short program. Our small choir (approximately 40% of our student body) kicked things off with two beautiful songs and joined grandparents in singing *Amazing Grace*. How beautiful it is to hear God's people praise Him in song. Following this performance, representatives from each grade demonstrated some of their learning. This included Grade 9 English students performing passages they had memorized from Shakespeare's *the Merchant of Venice*, Grade 10 English students reciting original poems they created as part of a poetry portfolio, a food trivia game hosted by our



Hospitality and Tourism class, and two presentations by Grade 12 Co-op students, explaining their co-op placements and how that ties into their learning here at school.



Following the program, grandparents were able to visit students in their classrooms during an Open House. Here they could participate in various activities, and see what students are learning. From Careers to English, Math to Geography, it was wonderful to see the interactions and hear about shared experiences, or differences in learning through the generations. Our Hospitality Committee provided a delicious lunch to wrap up the day.

This day is a blessing and encouragement to all of us here at PRC. Students are excited to share their learning experiences with grandparents, and grandparents always appreciate spending time with our youth. Staff are encouraged by grandparents as well – many spoke to us of the blessing that this school is, and appreciated the evidence of strong Christian education that happens here.

It's a wonderful day – one of our favourites. What a blessing to witness each year the strong bonds and support for PRC. God is good indeed!









General Announcements

IMPORTANT OSSLT INFORMATION: Grade 10 students are reminded that they will write the OSSLT next week Wednesday, April 10, in the afternoon (Pd C&D) starting at 12:30. It's very important that you are at school that day! If you must be absent, please have your parents contact Mrs. Pieterman as soon as possible. Please also ensure that your Chromebooks are fully charged on that day.

Community Service Club: The Community Service club wants to give a huge thank you for all the donations that were given to the London Pregnancy and Family Support Center. The donations will be given to assist individuals and families with biblical services and programs. Thank you for supporting the sanctity and dignity of human life.

Track and Field: We have had great practices for track and field so far! Due to the upcoming holidays and PD days, our next two after school will be Tuesday, April 9th 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.

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.

PRC Library - April Book Pick - "The Gospel Comes with a House Key" by Rosaria Butterfield



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.

Have you had a chance to check out our April book pick? If you would like to read this book and need a copy to borrow, please reach out to our school librarian, Mrs. Vandermeiden. If you have read it already, let us know what you thought! We would love to include a quote from you in our next edition of the *Post*.

We encourage you to reach out to our staff librarian, Pam Vandermeiden, if you would like to borrow a book or review one of our monthly book picks. You can reach her at pvandermeiden@providencerc.com to arrange a time to check out a book or two!

Upcoming Events

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 or our board secretary, Anne Marie Baker at baker.annemarie@providencerc.com.

PRC Auction – April 10-12 – Start Your Bidding

The PRC online auction and live auction with dinner is starting this week! The online portion is starting Wednesday, April 10 at 8am and will end with a soft close on Friday, April 12 at 9pm. The dinner and live auction will be starting at 5:30 at the Komoka Community Center with doors opening at 5. We are excited to have John VanKlaveren conducting the live auction for us this year and we have about 50 amazing lots for purchase.

We have extended the deadline to purchase tickets for the dinner and live auction until Tuesday, April 9. Please sign up if haven't already done so, and let your friends and family know as well.

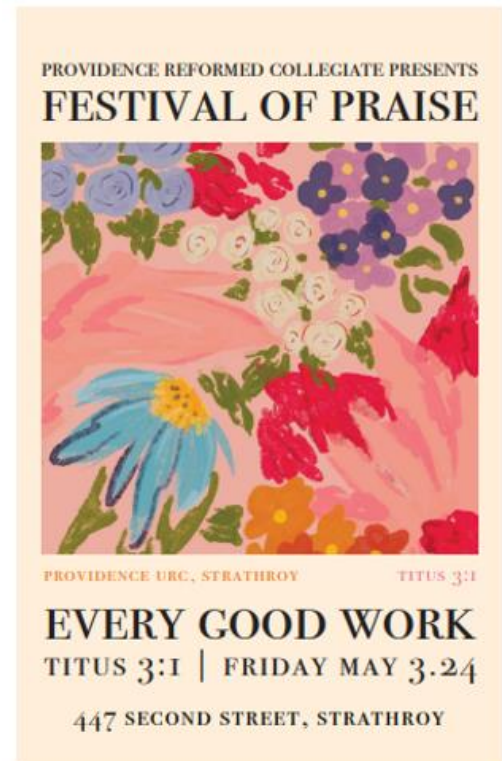


The Auctria website is up and running and can be found here at <https://auctria.events/PRC2024>. Once on the site, you can navigate to different tabs where you can purchase tickets for the live auction and dinner, register for the online auction, preview the online catalogue, and also preview the live auction items. If you cannot attend the live auction but while viewing the items you determine there is an item you wish to bid on, please email dkikkert@gmail.com with the item and amount you are wishing to leave a reserve bid on. A reserve bid does not mean you will necessarily pay the max amount of your reserve, however the amount you leave will be the max you are willing to pay.

Looking forward to an exciting week of bidding, as well as seeing many of you in person at the live event!

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 at 7:30pm. We are looking forward to a night of celebrating "Every Good Work" (Titus 3:1).



Geography 9: Greenhill Produce in Kent Bridge

Mr. Pennings took his Geography 9 classes to Greenhill Produce in Kent Bridge last week. This experiential learning deepened the learning related to intensive and extensive agriculture/farming in class. The group visited the greenhouse to learn about the advanced, intensive growing conditions. Greenhill Produce is a huge producer of peppers; they grow about 44 million tonnes per year! The class also toured the packhouse and learned about the robotics, optical technology, and the mechanization. It was a very informative trip!



Hospitality class prepares a sausage lunch

On March 28 Mr. Haklander helped the students process the pork using a recipes to make sausage with a variety of flavours.



Hospitality class serves a sausage lunch

On April 2nd, the students served a free lunch to staff and students – it was delectable! Mr. Vandermeijden helped barbecue the sausages. Thank you to everyone involved!



Course Updates

Grade 9

Art 9 – Miss Averink: On Thursday this week, we had Mrs. Paula Roth visit our classroom. She paints (and sells!) landscape art. We learned a lot from her and look forward to applying what she taught us in a painting project we'll work on next week. Her workshop will also help us when we start our Culminating Project in May.

English 9 – Miss Averink: Students have been memorizing their lines from *The Merchant of Venice*. Students have started their character analysis and will complete this entirely in class. Student presentations will happen on Wednesday, April 10. It is expected that all of their lines are memorized, and they are using various props to present.

English 9 – Mr. Vander Deen: Verily, in our English 9 class, we draw nigh to the conclusion of our delve into *The Merchant of Venice*. Today, our students did cap their character study, and anon, we shall embark upon the study of the short novella, *The Pearl*, penned by John Steinbeck.

Geography 9 – Mr. Pennings: Students are wrapping up the presentations on Canadian resources. Following the last presentation on mining we plan to have a mining conference about the Ring of Fire in Northern Ontario. This conference is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9.

Math 9 – Ms. Xu: We will have a chapter quiz on Wednesday. Please bring pencil, ruler, calculator, and graph paper everyday to the math class and the test day.

Grade 10

Career Studies 10 – Mrs. Barrett/Mrs. Tenhage: Students did a wonderful job hosting the grandparents and using their career display boards as a talking point! We will share those display boards with the student body next week. We wrap up this half-credit course next week. Students will submit their final portfolio (digitally) by Wednesday, April 10, which includes their interview reflection paper and their post-secondary budget. I have greatly enjoyed working with this group of students!

English 10D – Mrs. Vandermeijden: Students will write a test on *Julius Caesar* on Tuesday. After that, students will be focusing on essay writing. The essay will focus on a character in *Julius Caesar*.

English 10P – Mrs. Pieterman: As we wrap up our unit on the *Miracle Worker*, students wrote a test today. Their journalism assignment is due Tuesday, after which we'll move on to our novel study of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

French 10 – Mrs. Bergsma: The students have been carefully working through object pronouns and reflexive

verbs. Next week, they will continue to work on their menus and learn new vocabulary related to food.

Healthy Active Living – Mr. Pennings: We have just started the soccer unit by working on dribbling skills and passing. The skills testing and knowledge tests for soccer will be on Tuesday, April 16. In health class we have been studying Addictions. Students are working in groups to prepare and present their addictions projects, which are due on Wednesday, April 24. There is a test on the Addictions material on Wednesday, April 10.

Information Technology 10 – Mrs. Pieterman: Students are working on a culminating assignment for our Word Processing unit. This assessment represents 10% of their grade and is due next Tuesday, April 9, at the end of class.

Grade 11 and 12

Advanced Functions – Mr. Ellens: We will be having a test on Wednesday to finish up our third unit!

Bible 12 – Mr. de Visser: Students are reminded to be reading chapters 3-9 in *Tactics* in preparation for our class discussion on Monday, April 15; this is especially noteworthy for those missing time in class due to sports. In the meantime, students are taking a deeper dive into presuppositional apologetics.

Biology 12U – Miss Wattel: We have learned about DNA replication and RNA synthesis. This coming week we will be learning about how scientists have developed biotechnology. We will be conducting some of our own experiments and discussing how Christians should interact with these concepts.

Calculus & Vectors 12U – Mr. Ellens: We will start part 2 of the course on Tuesday. We will introduce the concept of vectors.

Chemistry 11U – Ms. Xu: We will learn how to find empirical and molecular formulas and chapter 6 test is scheduled on April 16.

Cooperative Education – Mr. Haklander: During our in-class day on Tuesday students made their presentations. Some chose to present aspects of their work placement including any special skills required and the specific step by step jobs they are required to do while others chose to explain the various health and environmental concerns related to the placement. Next week I hope to collect the evaluation sheets that I handed to the supervisors to fill out. These sheets will help me to grade the student's performance at their placement.

English 12C – Mrs. Vandermeijden: Students have finished their second unit! This week, we will be using our

oral communication skills and listening to an audio-drama, Bonhoeffer: *The Cost of Freedom*. There will be comprehension quizzes after each section and a creative summative assignment that will reflect student understanding and tie the story to the other novels we have studied.

English 12U – Mr. Ellens: We will start our next unit on Tuesday. Students will be writing short stories, reading fiction and non-fiction and responding to daily questions.

Law 11M – Mrs. Bergsma: The students have already learned lots of vocabulary surrounding criminal law and criminal court cases. This week, we looked at the various criminal courts, the participants in a courtroom, and the role of the jury. Next week, the students will write their mid-unit test and we will study a film that will help them understand what happens during jury deliberations.

Hospitality & Tourism 11 – Mrs. Vandermeijden/Mrs. Bergsma: The students were busy with service this week! On Tuesday, we prepared and served a sausage lunch to the student body. We also looked at various methods of food preservation and were able to visit and volunteer at Harvest Hands in St. Thomas. Next week Thursday, the students will write their test for this unit.

Math 12C – Mrs. Barrett/Mrs. Tenhage: Students will receive their unit 2 test back on Tuesday and will finish collating their survey data. The survey project is due Wednesday, April 10. Our next area of study is chapter 5, understanding and interpreting various graphical models (linear/quadratic/exponential).

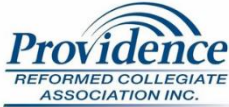
World History 11M – Mr. de Visser: Students must complete their Research Proposals in class on Tuesday. Detailed instructions can be found in their black duotangs. Meanwhile, we'll spend the rest of the week studying two things: 1) how great a light the gospel was in the darkness of the Greco-Roman world, 2) the decline and fall of the Roman empire.

World Religions 11M – Mrs. Barrett/Mrs. Tenhage: Save the date! Friday, May 31st is our all-day trip to Brampton. Students should expect to leave early and return late (too late for work schedules). Details forthcoming next week in a permission form...and a request for chaperones too. Next (short) week, our focus in class will be our research project, due Thursday April 11.

Mrs. Paula Roth led a workshop on painting with our grade 9 art classes.



Calendar



April/May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 U Girls' Soccer 3:30 PRC Auction	PD Day Student Banquet PRC Auction	PRC Auction
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Term 4 Begins Badminton Game- Oxford 1:45 Track & Field 3:30		Assembly – Teen Challenge 9:50 Boys' Soccer 3:30	Report Cards Mailed Girls' Soccer 3:30	Badminton practice 4-6pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Badminton 4pm Track & Field 3:30 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 3:30	Double Blk BBAA Lambton Music Festival	Assembly 9:50 Girls Soccer Tourn Boys' Soccer Tourn	Double Blk DDCC	Festival of Praise	
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