

This Week at Providence

We were thankful for the opportunity to hold Parent-Teacher Conferences this past week. About 40% of families attended, and the conversations were rich, encouraging, and productive. These conferences provide a meaningful way to strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring that we are working together to support students in their learning and growth. As a parental Christian school, this collaboration is a key part of who we are, and conferences are an invaluable opportunity to invest in that relationship. We encourage all families to take advantage of this in the future!

On Wednesday, our school assembly was a time of reflection and encouragement. Pastor VanLeeuwen spoke from Genesis 50 and Isaiah 44, reminding us that God is the Lord of history—the God of our past, present, and future. In a world that often feels uncertain, we find deep comfort in knowing that He is sovereign, that His purposes will stand, and that His plans for His people are good. Pastor VanLeeuwen also expanded on our school's theme, "I am the Lord's", emphasizing how this truth gives us confidence in history—that we belong to Him and He calls us to be His witnesses, just as Joseph was in Genesis 50.

As we head into March Break, we wrapped up the week with our traditional school skate at the YMCA—always a highlight as students and staff enjoy time together before a well-earned rest. The arrival of spring has also brought a sense of excitement to the school. For the first time this season, the basketball courts and soccer fields were clear enough for students to get outside and enjoy!

Staffing Updates

We want to share a bittersweet announcement with our school community. Miss Averink will be leaving Providence at the end of this school year to teach at Oxford Reformed Christian School, which is something of a homecoming for her. While we will deeply miss her, we are thankful for the great work she has done among us. She has been a blessing to our students and staff, and we wish her God's blessings as she transitions to this next chapter.

At the same time, we are pleased to announce that Miss Samantha Korvemaker has been hired to teach at Providence next year. A graduate of Providence and an expected graduate of Redeemer, she will be joining us this spring for some placement time before the upcoming school year. She is also preparing for an exciting personal milestone—her wedding this spring! By the time she officially joins us in the fall, she will be Mrs. Jones. We look forward to welcoming her back to Providence in this new role.

What's Coming Up After the Break

When we return, there's plenty to look forward to:

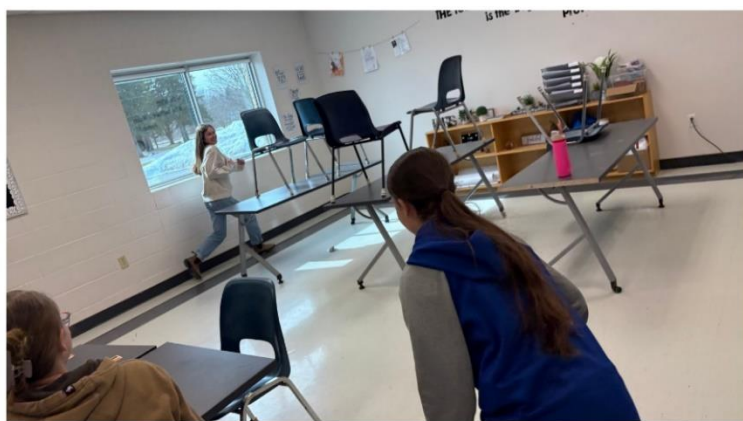
- Soccer season begins! Boys' practices start on Wednesday, and girls' practices begin on Thursday.
- Grade 10 Literacy Test Preparation: Practice sessions take place on Thursday, with the official Literacy Test scheduled for April 3.
- Grade 10 Applied History Trip: The class will be visiting the Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) Museum in London. This museum, located at Wolseley Barracks, showcases the history of Canada's oldest regular force infantry regiment. Students will explore exhibits on Canadian military history, artifacts from major conflicts, and personal stories of soldiers who served in the RCR. It's a great opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world history.
- Exciting News—Construction Begins! In just over a week, we expect work to begin on our school expansion! Fencing will go up soon, and excavation is set to start. This is an exciting milestone for our school community, and we look forward to seeing the progress unfold.

Enjoy the break, and we'll see you back soon, ready for an exciting spring ahead!

School Skating

The weather was beautiful today, and we enjoyed shortened classes, jersey day, and an afternoon of school skating and some good social time and games. A great day! Enjoy the pictures, and have a wonderful spring break





Upcoming Events

Grandparents/Grandfriends Day –Wednesday, April 2

All grandparents and grandfriends are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 2 for Grandparents Day. We will begin at 10am with a short program, featuring the small choir, and student presentations, after which you'll have opportunity to visit students in their classrooms, enjoy fellowship and also a delicious lunch! Please RSVP to office@providencerc.com.



General Announcements

School Texts

Some members of our community have not been receiving school texts. In most cases, this can be fixed by adding 833-396-1328 as a contact. This prevents your phone from seeing the text as spam.

Yearbook Photo Plea: Thanks to those who have sent in sports photos! We are still looking for a number of photos, including:

- Boys volleyball - game/tournament photos, especially a team photo!
- Hockey - game/tournament photos, and a team photo (we have some from the alumni games on Family Day, but that's it!)

You can send your photos directly to our yearbook program using this link: <https://uploads.creatorstudiopro.com/9953879> .

You can also email your photos to Mrs. Pieterman at pieterman@providencerc.com. Please send full size photos.

Thanks for your help!

Track and Field: Ready, Set, Go! Get ready for the track and field season which is right around the bend. The first practice will be held on Monday, March 17th, rain or shine, at 4 till 5:15 at PRC. Practices will be held on Mondays (excluding April 21). The dates for practices will be March 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7, 14, and 28. The team roster will be finalized on Monday, March 24. Invitations are open to everyone to come out and show us your skills. Brush off your running shoes and come on out on the Monday right after March break! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Pennings at kpennings@providencerc.com.

Lawn Care Tender: As part of due diligence and good practice, the Property Committee is opening up the annual lawn care tender at Providence Reformed Collegiate. 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 to anyone who may be interested. In order to be considered for this contract, your tender must be received by the Property Committee by March 31. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Werkema at werkema.kevin@providencerc.com.

Course Updates

Grade 9

Bible 9 – Mrs. Vandermeijden: We are learning about God's faithfulness to the Israelites through Genesis and Exodus. We will have a test on Units 2 and 3 on Thursday, March 27. Don't forget to complete your creative response over the March break!

Geography 9 – Mr. Pennings: We have finished the second unit about the interrelationship between physical and human geography. The original plan was to write the test on Friday, but the snow day messed up the schedule. This test will need to be written after the March Break. The next unit of study will be Canadian Resources and Industries.

Healthy Active Living 9 – Mrs. Van Wynsberghe: We are finishing our first health unit on health and safety. Our test for this unit will be on Thursday, March 20.

Mathematics 9 – Mrs. Xu: We will continue studying Chapter 3, and a project will be assigned to allow you to demonstrate your understanding of key concepts. A brief presentation will be scheduled afterward. Please ensure your notebook is well-organized, and all answers are written neatly with detailed solutions.

Grade 10

Bible 10 – Miss Averink: We've completed Unit 2 of the course and will move to studying Creeds and Confession post-Reformation. We will be learning about Robert's Rules and look forward to having Reverend Sinke in our class to lead a Mock Classis activity after the break. I hope every student has a great March break!

Bible 10 - Mr. Pennings: We have finished the second unit about the counter-reformation. The original plan was to write the test on Friday, but the snow day messed up the schedule. This test will need to be written after the March Break. The next unit of study will be Creeds, Confessions and Heresy of the Reformation.

Canadian History 10P – Mrs. Pieterman: Students are using their research skills and concepts of historical thinking knowledge to research significant battles of World War I. Each student will create an informative poster of their assigned battle to inform their classmates about it during a Museum Gallery Walk. We'll complete this walk on the Monday after the break. Our field trip to the RCR Museum is Tuesday, March 18. Enjoy your March Break, everyone!

Canadian History 10D – Miss Averink: With completion of Unit 2 today, we're moving towards Unit 3 which will focus on the Roaring Twenties and Dirty Thirties. Students have a "Letter from the Trenches" assignment due on Thursday, March 20th. Enjoy the break!

French 10 – Miss Hiemstra: We've continued working on our resumes and cover letters this week; final drafts will be due Tuesday, March 18, at which time students will also be doing an oral assessment (via an interview with Miss Hiemstra) as part of their culminating project for this unit. We've learned the conditional present tense this week and reviewed some of the other tenses we've learned since the beginning of the course. When we get back from March Break, we'll continue to learn vocabulary and verb tenses that will help students communicate about their careers and interests.

Information & Communication Technology 10 – Mrs. Pieterman: This week we discussed various sources students use for research and rated the credibility and academic reliability of several websites. Students learned how to navigate online research databases using their Middlesex County library cards (available for free to every student at PRC!). We'll review the formatting requirements of APA citation, and then after the break we'll move into a culminating research assignment. Enjoy a restful March Break!

Mathematic 10D – Mrs. VanWynsberghe: We are wrapping up our second unit with our test planned for Wednesday March 19. Our Chapter problem for Unit 2 will be due on Thursday, March 20.

Mathematic 10P – Miss Hiemstra: We've learned three methods of solving linear systems: graphing, substitution, and elimination. When we get back from March Break, we'll review these methods, look at some applications of learning how to solve linear systems, and begin reviewing for our Unit 3 Test. This test will take place on Friday, March 21. Our Unit 3 project will be due Monday, March 24.

Grade 11 and 12

Advanced Functions 12U– Mr. Ellens: We plan on reviewing on Monday the 17th and having a test on Tuesday the 18th.

Art 11– Mrs. Bergsma: The Chinese snuff pots and artist statements were handed in on Friday. We continued to work on our macrame knots, and the students started their macrame pot hangers. Girls, please work on your hangers over the break, maybe even write your artist statement ahead of time, and work on your portfolios! Hope you have a great time away.

Bible 12 – Mr. Vander Deen: This past week, students completed a test on Romans 1-3. We then spent time preparing Romans 3-8 presentations, which students will begin presenting on Monday when we return. After the

presentations, we will take a closer look at the freedom we have in Christ (Romans 7-8) before turning to the question of Israel’s rejection and restoration (Romans 9-11).

Calculus and Vectors 12U – Mr. Ellens: We will be working on finishing up the last of our second unit. There will be daily questions and assignments

Chemistry 11U – Ms. Xu: We will continue Chapter 3 after March Break. On Tuesday, students will present their brochures and demonstrate the safe use of household products. If the demonstration is lengthy, a video presentation may be used instead.

Co-operative Education – Mr. Haklander: Students have finished their first in-class assignment and the presentations went well. Our next in-class day is March 28.

English 11C - Miss Hiemstra: This week, we concluded our novel study and began writing essays on *The Cellist of Sarajevo*. In light of snow days, the due date for the final essay submission (which also includes evidence of brainstorming, an outline, and a peer-edited rough draft) will be moved to Thursday, March 20. We will not have more in-class work periods on this essay after this week, so students are encouraged to complete this over the break. After the break, we’ll be moving on to our unit on Short Stories!

English 11U – Mrs. Vandermeijden: Find some time to make good progress on your short stories over the break. We will work on revising and editing our short stories when we get back. Final drafts are due on Friday, March 28. We will also be starting a unit on Cry the Beloved Country this week. Students will be creating a documentary on a community-building organization in their communities. It would be good to think of an idea for an organization and an interview over the March break!

English 12C – Mrs. Vandermeijden: We will focus on characters and theme as we read through *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom.

English 12U – Mr. Ellens: The final draft of the Essay on Macbeth is due on Tuesday the 18th. We will begin our second unit on poetry seminars on Monday. Groups that have not finished their drama presentation will complete them on Monday the 17th.

Entrepreneurship: Venture Planning in an Electronic Age – Mr. Pennings: Students have been studying the labour markets in the 21st century. We have investigated the historical background, changes, and the impact of digital technology on the labour market. Students are just started to develop their venture plan for the culminating assignment.

French 11 – Mrs. Bergsma: Excellent work on the imperative tense and object pronouns, ladies! We are close to finishing up the content of this unit. The girls wrote a quiz on Friday and peer edited their paragraphs on a Francophone city. Girls, please work on your final projects during the break. After the break, we will peer edit those projects and prepare for the test. Have a wonderful break!

Mathematics 12C – Mrs. VanWynsberghe: We are beginning our second unit on statistics and data management, where we will be creating our own surveys and administering them to the school.

Physics 12U – Ms. Xu: After March Break, we will begin Chapter 4. On Monday, March 17, 2025, we will conduct the experiment, and students will complete the second part of the Chapter 2 test.

World History since the Fifteenth Century 11 – Miss Averink: Students wrote their Unit 2 test today. We will move to our unit on Colonialism and Imperialism after the March break. Students should be complete their research for the Biography Assignment – if not they should work on those over the break. These are due on Friday, March 21st. Have a great March break!

Calendar



March 2025/April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	March Break	March Break	March Break	March Break	March Break	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	4pm Badminton	12pm History 10 to RCR Museum London	3:30 Boys' Soccer	Gr 10 OSSLT Practice Test 3:30 Girls' Soccer		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	4pm Badminton		9:50 Assembly 3:30 Boys' Soccer	3:30 Girls' Soccer Board Meeting		
30	31	April 1	2	3	4	5
	4pm Badminton		Grandparent's Day 3:30 Boys' Soccer	12:00 Grade 10 Literacy Test 3:30 Girls Soccer		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	4pm Badminton		Grad Photo Retakes 3:30 Boys' Soccer	Term 3 end 3:30 Girls' Soccer	PD Day Student Banquet	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Term 4 Begins		3:30 Boys' Soccer	Report Cards mailed 3:30 Girls' Soccer	Good Friday	