



# **Information Package K-8 2026-27**

A complete Parent Handbook will be provided before the commencement of the school year.

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## PRAIRIE CROSSROADS SCHOOL MISSION

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### **Our Mission**

*To provide students with an education of excellence in a Christ-infused environment to nurture disciples of Christ who love God in every sphere of their lives.*

## 2026-27 INFORMATION

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This package is designed for parents interested in registering their child for Kindergarten through grade 8 for the 2026-27 school year. Parents interested in registering their child for grades 9 through 11 will receive a separate package.

Please note that some of the descriptions outlined in this package reflect the current school year and may require modifications. Any changes will be communicated to accepted families.

The school emerged out of a desire to offer something best for children and adolescents, addressing the “whole person” and their spiritual, academic, social-emotional, and physical well-being. We endeavour to do that with all those we accept while acknowledging our limitations. Please note that space is limited, but each application must be carefully and prayerfully considered. This decision-making process requires much discernment, and several factors are considered. These include class composition and size, balance of needs, and gender.

Registration for Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be open from January 29 - February 27, 2026.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

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Welcome to Prairie Crossroads School! As we reflect on our first six years, we are humbled by the many ways the Lord continues to open the doors to new relationships, provisions and opportunities. From our humble beginnings of thirty-three students to almost five times this school year, the Lord’s hand has been our guide. We are now Provincially approved to offer K-12. This summer we broke ground on our nearly 40,000 square foot building project on Highway 3, south of Sun Valley RV. The foundations are complete and the steel structure is in the process of being erected. By the end of March we anticipate having the building fully closed in. A move in date is not yet clear, however we are confident it will be in 2026. Although we may spend the first part of the next school year in our existing facilities, we are excited that we will be finishing our next school year in our new building! This will allow us to accommodate future growth in the student body and programming. Fundraising efforts are ongoing and we appreciate all of the financial support we have received to date. As the school expands, our mission and calling remain the same. Our foundation has been built upon offering a faith-based education to nurture educated disciples of Christ. Our prayer for each student is that amid an ever-changing world, the words of Psalm 119:105 would take root deep within their hearts and be the foundation upon which they build their lives, “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

The board comprises six members: Travis Penner (chair), Kyle Peters, Chris Derksen, Yvonne Urchuk-Knight, Isaac Wiebe and Harold Espinosa. Together, they provide operational and financial oversight, facility maintenance and development, and policy development and ensure that the school continues to operate in accordance with the PCS Mission Statement.

Travis Penner  
PCS Board Chairperson

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS

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It is exciting to anticipate moving into our seventh year of operations for the 2026-27 school year. We praise God for the countless ways he has provided for our needs to grow not only in numbers and size but also in our understanding of how to provide our students with a Christ-infused learning environment. We hope to see all our students come to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, grow in godliness, and develop the knowledge, skills and ability to think biblically and act courageously to honour Christ in all they do.

We will work diligently at providing a Christ-centered environment which strives to keep the love of learning ablaze and responds to the whole well-being of the child. This encompasses their intellectual, social-emotional, spiritual and physical development. Teachers know, enjoy, and pray for their students, plan diligently, teach actively, and assess their work to support their continued progress.

Let's partner together in this momentous task of training your child. We ask for prayers for wisdom, strength and physical health throughout this year as we work with your child. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 May the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding His grace and mercy be granted to us all in this journey.

In Christ,  
Cyndie and Wes

## 2025-26 PCS STAFF

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Mrs. Cyndie Weibe	Principal,
Mr. Wes Reimer	Vice-Principal, Grade 7/8 Teacher
Mrs. Patricia Hiebert	Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Karin Banman	Grade 1-2 Teacher
Mrs. Victoria Tsoy	Grade 1-2 Teacher
Mrs. Jo-Ann Panchuk	Grade 3-4 Teacher
Mrs. Corinne Bueckert	Grade 4/5 Teacher
Mrs. Arla Reimer	Grade 4/5 Teacher
Mrs. Alison Hesom	Grade 5-6 Teacher
Mr. Luke Klassen	Grade 7/8 Teacher
Mrs. Babby Penner	High School Math Teacher
Mrs. Corin Friesen	High School Teacher
Mr. Dave Hildebrand	High School Teacher
Mr. Ryan Unrau	K-11 Phys. Ed. Teacher
Mrs. Vanessa Klassen	K-10 Drama Teacher
Mrs. Adrienne Funk	Grade 1-10 Music Teacher, Grade 7-8 Teacher, Chapel Coordinator
Mrs. Sharon Wall	Resource Teacher
Mrs. Almira Penner	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Jenn Klassen	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Val Klassen	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Lijie Zhou	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Stephanie Funk	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Amber Enns	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Emily Penner	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Hannah Wiens	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Melissa Wiebe, Mrs. Katharina Giesbrecht, Mrs. Marissa Krahn	Janitors

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE K-8

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8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	Instructional Block A (100 min.)
10:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	Nutrition/Outdoor Recess Break
10:40 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	Instructional Block B (100 min.)
12:20 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Nutrition/Outdoor Recess Break
1:10 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.	Instructional Block C (100 min.)

## KINDERGARTEN & MONTESSORI

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This past year, Kindergarten was offered Tuesday through Friday, 8:30-12:00. This format has allowed students to learn in the most optimal continuous way without hindrance from mental and/or emotional fatigue.

Although we are not officially a registered "Montessori School," we have adopted many of the pedagogical and philosophical approaches described by Maria Montessori. In kindergarten to grade 3, we are developing a Montessori program through staff training and curating materials to foster independence, concentration, self-determination, confidence, and the development of the child's full potential. There are five main areas in the program which complement the Manitoba curriculum. They are practical life, sensorial, math, language, culture, grace and courtesy. We have been developing a Montessori approach in Math for grades 4-6 with supplemental exploration in our grade 7 math curriculum.

## FOREST NATURE PROGRAM (FNP)

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Learning outdoors in God's most fantastic classroom has been an essential value of Prairie Crossroads School. The school intends to provide children with extended time in nature throughout the seasons to foster rich play and learning experiences, ecological literacy, healthy living, and resiliency and collaboration.

To accommodate our growing student body, we have divided the grades 1-8 into two age groups: Grades 1-4 students explore local forests, creeks, meadows, and prairie grasses under the direction of Margaret Morrow and their classroom teachers. Grades 5-8 students participate in activities at Pembina Valley Bible Camp under the direction of the camp staff and the support of classroom teachers. Classroom teachers cover and support many curricular outcomes through the Forest Nature Program.

## ADMISSION POLICY

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### 1. Steps for Admission

- a. Contact administration for a tour if desired. Read through this information, which includes our Statement of Faith.
- b. Apply for admission with a \$100 application fee.
- c. An interview will be conducted with parents, the student, the principal, and/or teacher.
- d. The administration will notify the family once a decision has been made. If accepted, a \$500 tuition deposit will be required.

### 2. Tuition

- a. For first-year students, a \$500 deposit must be made at the time of acceptance to guarantee enrollment. The remainder of the tuition can be paid in full on or before August 1, 2026, or split into two equal payments: the first due on August 1 and the second due on or before January 8, 2027. If an alternate payment plan is needed, contact the administration.
- b. Payments can be made by cheque or e-transfer. Returned cheques will be subject to a \$35.00 charge.
- c. Tuition fees are determined on an annual basis by the School Board. The upcoming year's fee schedule is listed below.
- d. New registrations for September enrollment will be accepted beginning January 29. Applications for mid-year enrollment are accepted at any time.
- e. Returning students: Re-registration for students currently enrolled takes place in February. Re-registration reserves the student's place in the school for the following academic year. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required.
- f. For students commencing after September 30<sup>th</sup> or withdrawing before June 30<sup>th</sup>, tuition will be calculated based on the number of months enrolled plus one additional month. The \$500 deposit is non-refundable and will not be used to calculate the monthly tuition.
- g. Tuition does not include field trips, hot lunches and school photos.
- h. Donation receipts are issued for a percentage of tuition paid during the calendar year. The percentage varies year to year and is calculated using a formula provided by the Canada Revenue Agency. Receipts are issued to the individuals paying the tuition, not necessarily the family whose student is enrolled.

#### 2026-27 Tuition Fees for K-8

1st Child	\$3,850
2nd Child	\$3,350
3rd Child	\$2,850
4th Child	\$2,350
Kindergarten is 65% of a full-time student	

## SPIRITUAL INTEGRATION

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The heart of Christian education at Prairie Crossroads School is infusing Biblical principles into everything we do, giving a spiritual emphasis to the daily school routine. The Board has selected a team to serve on a Spiritual Formation Committee.

### 1. Daily Opening

- a. Each school day is opened with Scripture reading and/or prayer.
- b. The opening order is 'O Canada,' staff prayer, Bible story, announcements, Birthday Box, memory verses, and the Lord's Prayer.
- c. Students who can read take turns reading Scripture and leading in the Lord's Prayer daily.

### 2. Chapel

Every Wednesday, students in grades 1-4 and 5-10 gather in the Multipurpose room for chapel. Adrienne Funk, the chapel coordinator, leads both groups' worship, memory work, and Bible instruction. The curriculum is *Roots of Faith: Exploring the New Testament from Beginning to End*. Published by Good Soil.

The Roots of Faith curriculum teaches the key content of the New Testament, especially Bible truths that confront what we call "worldview noise" and the Bible content that you (and others) need to understand God's redemptive story clearly.

### 3. Daily Bible Class

All PCS students will have a daily Bible class. Each class focuses on the Bible and prayer relevant to students' ages. Students are challenged to grow in their faith as they learn more about God and who they are in Christ. Grades 7 and 8 have a daily formal Bible course.

### 4. Bible Memory

The whole school is assigned monthly Bible memory passages. Several versions may be used for memory work. Students are required to bring a Bible to school in their preferred version. All students are encouraged to bring their own Bible.

### 5. Character Building

We desire to develop a godly character in each student according to the word of God. We want to ensure that the fruit of the Spirit –love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control –is exhibited in every student. Biblical standards are used to guide behaviours.

### 6. Ministry/Missions

Throughout the year, students will participate in a variety of ministry opportunities.

### 7. Biblical Integration

Biblical truth is infused into all classes and subject matter at every grade level. When teachers plan their lessons and units using the Manitoba Curriculum, they purposely consider how to integrate God's Word into their course material in a relevant way.

### 8. Role Modeling

Students spend a large portion of their day in school. One of the most essential elements PCS can offer is excellent role models for your children. While no one is perfect, each staff member your child encounters at school has a Christian testimony and is committed to their local church. Staff use "teachable moments" to share what God is doing in their own life to encourage or correct students.

## DRESS CODE

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*“Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair, gold jewelry, and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.” 1 Peter 3:3-4*

PCS staff, students, and parents work together to see that students exhibit respect for their own self-image and learn the importance of being a good witness to the Lord in this area, wherever they go. The purpose of the dress code is to give staff, parents and students guidelines for appropriate school clothing and appearance. Parents have the responsibility of determining what their children wear to school.

Clothing and accessories should not disrupt the teaching and learning process, encourage attention to be drawn to a particular student, or promote pop culture or statements. PCS leadership recommends godly wisdom and discernment when preparing for school.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

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Parents are expected to be active in our school community, supporting learning and enriching school events and activities. Opportunity is available in September for all parents to sign up for at least 2 opportunities over the course of the school year.

Some examples of ways parents can volunteer:

- i. Become a member of the Parent Advisory Council.
- ii. Assist on *Forest Friday* and excursions.
- iii. Participate in helping with fundraising for events.
- iv. Offer assistance for capital projects, grounds and building maintenance.
- v. Laundry
- vi. Set up and take down classrooms for church use.

## MEDIA POLICY

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Prairie Crossroads School is mindful of social media's impact on our students. This is why we implement a stringent policy to protect students from photos being shared on social media to the greatest extent possible. Images, such as newsletters emailed to families, are sometimes used for promotional or communication purposes. These are chosen with discernment.

## PRAIRIE CROSSROADS SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FAITH

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We believe in . . .

### **God**

There is one God, the creator of all things, who is infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Father: God the Father is the source of all life. In Him, we live and move and have our being. The Father seeks those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth and hears the prayers of all who call on Him. In the fullness of time, the Father sent the Son for the salvation of the world. Through Jesus Christ, the Father adopts all who respond in faith to the gospel, forgiving those who repent of their sin and entering into a new covenant with them. God gives the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, to all His children. God's creative and redemptive love sustains this world until the end of the age.

The Son: We believe in the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His return in power and glory. We believe that He was indeed God and perfectly Human.

The Spirit: The Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, is the power, presence, and wisdom of God. The Spirit convicts people of sin, gives them new life, and guides them into all truth. By the Spirit, believers are baptized into one body. The indwelling Spirit testifies that they are God's children, distributes gifts for ministry, empowers for witness, and produces the fruit of righteousness. As Comforter, the Holy Spirit helps God's children in their weakness, intercedes for them according to God's will, and assures them of eternal life.

### **Bible**

The Bible (Old and New Testament) is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. We believe that the entire Bible was inspired by God through the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit guides the community of faith in the interpretation of Scripture. The person, teaching, and life of Jesus Christ bring continuity and clarity to both the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament bears witness to Christ, and Christ is the One whom the New Testament proclaims. The Bible is the authoritative guide for faith and practice in daily living.

### **Salvation**

We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for the salvation of lost and sinful humanity. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God and are in need of salvation. Those who do not accept God's gift of salvation face eternal separation from God.

### **Creation**

We believe that God created the universe from nothing and made human beings, male and female, in His image. We are designed to be in relationship with Him, to reflect His nature, and to give Him glory.

### **Church**

The Church consists of all who have received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The Church is one body of believers from every nation, race and class. The head of the body is Christ.

**Resurrection and Return of Christ**

We believe that Christ will return triumphantly and that there will be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust. Those found in the Book of Life will spend eternity in Heaven, while those whose names are not found in the Book of Life will spend eternity apart from God.

*Our Statement of Faith is not exhaustive of all of our beliefs. As the inspired and infallible Word of God, the Bible speaks with absolute authority regarding the proper conduct for all and is the unchanging foundation for all beliefs and behaviour. The PCS Board of Directors holds final interpretive authority on the biblical meaning and application of faith, doctrine, policy, practice, and discipline.*

**Our Values****Value of Children**

We believe that children are a heritage from God and a blessing from His hand. We are therefore accountable to Him for raising, shaping and preparing them for a life of service to His Kingdom.

**Marriage**

Prairie Crossroads School affirms that the institution of marriage between a man and a woman is a sacred covenant designed by God to model the love of Christ for His church and to serve both the public and private good as the basic building block of human civilization.

**The Sanctity of Human Life**

Prairie Crossroads School affirms that God created human beings in His image. Therefore, every person, from conception to natural death, possesses inherent dignity and immeasurable worth, including preborn children, elderly individuals, those with special needs, and others marginalized by society.

**Gender & Sexuality**

We believe that God created humans in His image, intentionally and immutably male and female, each bringing unique and complementary qualities to sexuality and relationships. Sexuality is a glorious gift from God to be offered back to Him either in marriage between a man & a woman for procreation, union and mutual delight or in celibacy for undivided devotion to Christ.

## **Guiding Principles for Education**

### **Purpose of Life**

We believe that the ultimate purpose of life is to know and glorify God and to attain eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Vocational Calling for All of Humanity**

Prairie Crossroads School affirms the human vocation to which God has called us: to be stewards of His creation, doers of good toward all people, and agents of the Kingdom of God and His reconciliation. Genesis 2:15, Genesis 9:12, Col 1:19-20, Matthew 6:10, Romans 8:19-23, Hebrews 12:14.

### **Discipleship - The Great Commission as Central to our Mission**

We seek to accomplish the Great Commission in our school through evangelism and discipleship. Staff, students, and administrators are all invited and encouraged to deepen their understanding of what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ, to practice such discipleship, and to sustain and help others to be and become disciples. They strive to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 4:12, John 3:16, Romans 5:8, I John 3:16, and Micah 6:8.

### **Integrative Faith & Academic Excellence**

Prairie Crossroads School promotes not only academic and intellectual excellence, but integrates these with high standards of personal, moral, and spiritual integrity. Prairie Crossroads School is, first and foremost, an academic institution that seeks to equip, challenge, and inspire our students to love learning, think critically, and apply their knowledge and wisdom to affect their world for Christ. The rigor in all classes prepares our students to compete in every academic arena in order to develop community and world leaders who will stand for biblical standards in a fallen world. Proverbs 1:7a, Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 2, Genesis 1:1, Colossians 1:15-17, Philippians 2:1-16 and Psalm 119:99.

### **Partnership with Parents**

Students are a gift to their parents. Prairie Crossroads School desires to come alongside parents to help raise their students in a manner that honours and glorifies the Lord. Prairie Crossroads School desires to partner closely with parents and actively encourage parental involvement in our school. Psalm 127:3, and Deuteronomy 6:5-9.

### **Seeking God's Design for Each Life:**

Ephesians tells us that God has a plan for everyone's life. Each person is uniquely created by God and is specifically designed to accomplish His plan. Recognizing that each child is unique and gifted differently, Prairie Crossroads School desires to provide a loving atmosphere, allowing each student to identify and develop their gifts and talents. Every individual has worth to God; therefore, we should demonstrate His love by providing every student with an atmosphere of love, respect and acceptance—Ephesians 2:10, Jeremiah 29:11 and I Corinthians 12:4-6.