

Welcome Back to School!



VISION

Every member of our learning community will have the knowledge and skills to define and pursue success.



MISSION

We foster a supportive, respectful school culture so we can guide our learning community in developing their strengths while working on strategies to overcome challenges.



CORE VALUES

Growth
Preparation for Success
Engaging Learning Environments



Welcome Back to Parkland!

August 29th, 2025

While the summer has been nothing short of amazing I am sure, it brings our team joy knowing our students will be returning next week. We look forward to the excitement that accompanies the first day of school.

We will be opening our doors to students once again in our staggered start format, with our **Grade 9's and 12's starting on Tuesday, September 2nd**, and our **Grade 10's and 11's* joining on Wednesday, September 3rd**. This format allows for our newest Pacers (Grade 9's) to get their footing in their new school, while ensuring our Grade 12's have the opportunity to get their timetables situated for their graduating year! **Please note that any Grade 11 students enrolled in a 30-level course are strongly encouraged to attend those classes on September 2nd.* Our doors will be open at 8:00am these days to allow additional time for students to get their timetables and find their classes. Starting on Thursday, doors will be opening at 8:15am and will continue forward as such. It was fantastic to see so many students and their families attend our Student Tours yesterday, meeting their teachers, finding lockers, and catching up with one another!

Just a note for arriving to Parkland next week, as there is ongoing construction on the YCE Multiplex, 48th Street from south of 12th Avenue to the end of the Construction Zone is temporarily closed until the end of the Phase 2 of construction. Bussing routes have been adjusted accordingly, but it will impact those driving to Parkland. A friendly reminder that school zones are in effect from 7:30am - 9:00pm daily.

The first week of school is always a busy one, and students can expect to review our PCHS Student Handbook, go through course outlines, and attend start-of-year assemblies, culminating with a **FREE BBQ Lunch for ALL Pacers on Friday!** Students in Grades 10-12 looking at making timetable changes, will be called down by grade level and last name as advisors are available. We ask that students *do not* go to the advisors until such time and attend their scheduled classes in the interim. New students with no schedule are asked to go to the office on their first day. Teachers are aware that there may be some changes in their classes the first week, and will ensure that students are caught up to speed if they join a class after the first day.

Here at Parkland, we are very excited about some upcoming events taking place at the school, and look forward to sharing them with you all. Two upcoming events are: **Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, September 11th from 5-7pm**, and our first **School Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 16th starting at 7pm!**

There have been some questions raised surrounding the potential labour action as we approach the start of the school year - please see the statement posted on the GYPSD website (www.gypsd.ca): "GYPSD's school year is scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 2, 2025, in all our communities. In the event of any changes to school operations, we will inform you as soon as possible via our website and social media channels. We thank you for your patience and continued support."

If you do not already follow our school's Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/pchspacers), please consider doing so as we update it regularly!

Each week, the Pacer community will be sent the "Pacer Pulse", our newsletter highlighting the exciting things taking place at Parkland. It will highlight how we at Parkland are putting the GYPSD

Board Priorities into action, through Parkland's own Mission, Vision and Core Values! We will be highlighting the following:

- **Student Learning → Pacer Pursuits**

- *We cannot wait to highlight the incredible things our own students accomplish in our school, through academic and athletic pursuits, and everything in between!*

- **Teacher, Support Staff, and Leader Excellence → Pacer People**

- *We are fortunate at Parkland to have an incredible staff, and are excited to share the exciting learning opportunities our students experience!*

- **Community Engagement → Pacers in the Community**

- *Our Pacers are actively engaged in the community, and this section aims to shine light on our Pacers engagement in Edson and area!*

- **System Health & Wellness → Pacer Pause**

- *Wellness encompasses many spheres of well-being, and through collaboration with our Wellness Navigators and Family School Liaison Counselors, this section will share information to support students and families throughout the school year.*

Please see the following newsletter for further information that will be helpful as we start the new school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out by calling our front office at (780) 723-6035. **Please note that we will be closed on Monday, September 1st for the holiday.*

Here is to a great start to the 2025/26 School Year!

Kristin Basaraba
Principal
Parkland Composite High School

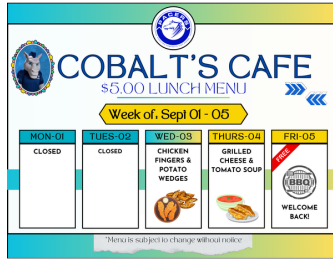


MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2025
5:00PM - 7:00PM

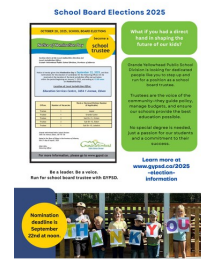
COME AND MEET THE INCREDIBLE TEAM OF
TEACHERS AND SEE THE DIVERSE
PROGRAMMING AT PARKLAND. LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AS WELL.



🔔 25/26 Bell Schedule 🔔



☯ Cobalt's Cafe Menu ☯



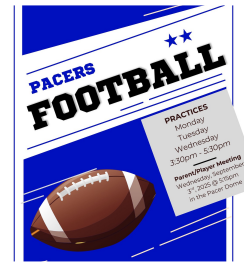
🚌 School Board Elections 2025 🚌



☯ Jr Volleyball Try Outs ☯



☯ Sr Volleyball Try Outs ☯



🏈 Pacers Football 🏈

Pacer Pursuits

Here at Parkland, we are so proud of the incredible dedication our students put into their studies and their commitment to the programs we offer. As the year progresses, this section will highlight success of the various academic and extra-curricular programs.

New this year, we will be starting the *Principal's Pacer Pursuit Award*. This program honours students who embody Parkland's mission, vision, and core values, and are actively striving toward their full potential. Nominations are made through the front office by both staff and students, starting the week of September 8th. Nominated students embody the spirit of growth, preparation for success, and meaningful engagement - within and outside of the school. Through their dedication to self-improvement, focus on the future, and positive impact on the school community, these students exemplify what it means to be a Pacer! Awards are selected on a monthly basis, in addition to our fall Awards Night.



Pacer People



It seems fitting that in our first newsletter for the 2025/26 school year that we take this opportunity to introduce the Parkland Administration team, and share a little bit about myself.

Leading the team at Parkland this year include myself, Mrs. Kristin Basaraba, Principal, and my two assistant principals Mr. Ryan Hall and Mrs. Michelle Downing. We have worked together in administrative capacities for the past two years and are looking forward to our continued collaboration.

I have been fortunate to be a part of the Parkland team in various capacities since starting my teaching career in the 2016/17 school year, in addition to being a Pacer myself. In my time at PCHS, I have taught numerous disciplines, such as English, Social Studies, Independent Education courses, a variety of CTS, and was an Academic Advisor for five years. While not originally from Edson, I have grown up in the Edson community, attending various GYPsD schools myself as a student, and I feel incredibly honored to lead the team here at Parkland Composite High School. My philosophy on education is one built on the importance of relationships between students, staff, and the greater community. I am dedicated to supporting students achieve their academic potential and career goals. Outside of school, you will regularly see me in the community with my husband, daughter and son, whether it be freezing rink side at my children's hockey games, coaching community soccer, or enjoying the beautiful landscape of Yellowhead County. I am an avid Star Wars fan, Lego builder, Swiftie, Edmonton Oilers fan, fundraiser for the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, and I am currently working on my Masters of Education through the University of Alberta. I look forward to continuing to work with our Pacers community and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions.



Pacers in the Community

A small community is a unique entity on its own, and provides the incredible opportunities to support student engagement! At Parkland, we recognize the impact community has on the success of our students in achieving their goals, and we as Pacers are always looking for opportunities to give back. We host an annual Community Day in the Spring, where Pacers volunteer their time to community initiatives and projects, in addition to individual student volunteerism participation. We look forward to highlighting our student achievements outside of the school walls throughout the year!



Pacer Pause

See the flyer below shared by our Wellness Navigator, Ms. Delaney Ueland. The underlined links in the picture are clickable buttons, posted below the flyer.

Transitions

Establish Sleep Routines

Upcoming Events

PCHS School Calendar

SEPTEMBER: 01 - 05

A | MONDAY 01

- School Closed
 - Labour Day
- Practice
 - 3:30 Football

B | TUESDAY 02

- **Welcome Back Pacers!**
 - Grade 9s & 12s only
- Lunch
 - Cobalt's Cafe | Closed
- Tryouts
 - 3:30 VBALL - Sr. Boys
 - 5:00 VBALL - Sr. Girls
- Practice
 - 3:30 Football

A | WEDNESDAY 03

- **Welcome Back Pacers!**
 - Grades 10 & 11 join the 9s & 12s
- Lunch
 - Cobalt's Cafe | Chicken Fingers & Potato Wedges
- Tryouts

- 3:30 VBALL - Sr. Girls
- 5:00 VBALL - Sr. Boys
- Practice
 - 3:30 Football
- **5:15 Parent/Player Football Meeting in the Pacer Dome**

B | THURSDAY 04

- Lunch
 - Cobalt's Cafe | Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup
- Practice
 - 3:30 VBALL - Sr. Boys & Girls

A | FRIDAY 05

- 11:00 School Assembly
- Lunch
 - Cobalt's Cafe | Welcome Back BBQ!
- Tournament
 - VBALL - Sr. Pacers @ Camrose

Next Week...

- Thurs 11th
 - 5-7 pm Open House



Parkland Composite High School

<https://parklandcomposite.gypsd.ca/>

Contact



Welcome to Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, a welcoming place for peoples from around the world. We wish to acknowledge with respect that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory and is a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, travelling route and home for many Indigenous peoples.

PARKLAND COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL