

September 2026



PNCS 2025-26 Staff

Admin & Office Staff

Robert Weiss (Principal)
Jan Borst (Admin Assistant)
Donna Ward (Success Coach)
Jill Rauscher (Inclusive
Education Lead Teacher)

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Jill Rauscher (Kindergarten)
Jesslynn Smith (Gr 1)
Kim Miller (Gr 2)
Cory Kubinec (Gr 3)
Michelle Rau (Gr 4/5)
Marni Morgan (Gr 5/6)
Laurie Walker (Gr 7
Homeroom, Temporary)
Lauren Wylie
(Gr 8 Homeroom)
Carling Montgomery
(Gr 9 Homeroom)

Educational Assistants

Amber Buniak
Carmen Ewasiw
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Madalyn Fraser
Jessica Mielke
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PN-Prep (Preschool) Staff

Jill Rauscher (Teacher)

Dear PNCS Students, Families, and Community Members,
Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year at Pembina North Community School!

I hope your summer offered some time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with the people and activities that matter most. As we prepare for another school year, there is already a wonderful buzz and sense of excitement around the school. Our staff have been busy getting classrooms and learning spaces ready, and we can't wait to welcome our students back through the doors.

You may see some familiar staff faces around the building. Karen Gabel is temporarily filling in for Jan Borst in the front office until she returns from a leave and Laurie Walker is temporarily filling in for Grade 7 in junior high until we find the perfect full-time fit for our school. Thank you to these ladies for stepping up.

As I begin my second year as principal of PNCS, I'm proud of the connections and relationships we have built and grateful for the support of our families and community. Pembina North is fortunate to have such an engaged and supportive community, and these partnerships are one of our greatest strengths. I'm excited to continue building on the good things we have going here, to welcome our students back, get back to learning, and continue creating a school where students feel supported, challenged, and proud to belong.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. I'm looking forward to another great year together.

Welcome back, Panthers!

Robert Weiss
Principal, PNCS



School Bell Times

Classes Begin: 8:30 am
Morning Recess* : 10:05-10:20 am
Lunch : 11:50-12:10 pm
Lunch Recess : 12:10 - 12:30 pm
Afternoon Recess* : 2:00 - 2:15 pm
Last Class Ends : 3:50 pm
Busses Leave the Parking Lot: 3:55 pm

*note - the am/pm recess for Junior High is for them to transfer to a different classroom or change for PE, use the washroom, & have a movement break
K-6 go outside to play

Remind101

Many of our teachers use a text messaging system called Remind101. It allows teachers to send quick reminders about upcoming tests or assignments, remind parents about classroom events, schedule changes, skating days, swim days, etc. Rather than sending paper notes back and forth, Remind101 allows parents and teachers to quickly communicate with each other about daily happenings. Teachers will send home more info if they need you to sign up.

Picking Up Your Child During the Day

If you are picking up your child during the school day, please let your child's teacher know in advance. We will do our best to have your child packed up and waiting in the front lobby of the school. Parents must come into the school and check in at the office so we know that you have arrived and are taking your child with you.

Picking Up Your Child At the End of the Day

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, they will wait outside on the black benches at the front of the school with a supervisor. We know that plans change, but the sooner you can let the school know about after-school pick-ups, the easier it is to communicate this information to the classroom staff.
Please try to call before 2:00 pm.

Contact the School If Your Child Will Be Away

Please contact the school before 8:30 am to inform us if your child will be away due to illness, appointments, etc. You can speak to Mrs. Borst in the office, leave a message on the school voicemail, or use SchoolMessenger (see below). It is important that we know if your child will be away for just a day or for an extended period of time. If we know that your child's absence will be for a number of days, your child's teacher can work with you to provide at-home work so your child will not fall behind.

School Messenger for Reporting Absences

Using your mobile device, download and install the SM Home app (NOT 'SchoolMessenger') from the Apple or Google Play Stores
<https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/>
The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Make sure you select 'Canada' and use the email address your school has on file. Select Attendance (at the bottom of the screen) and then Report an Absence.



Powerschool Parent Account

Please make sure you are able to log into your Powerschool Parent Account.
powerschool.pembinahills.ca/public/

This account gives you access to your child's attendance information, marks (Gr 7-9), progress reports and final report cards. It also allows you to submit fees electronically and to complete consent forms electronically (no more tracking down those endless pieces of paper!)

And YES! You can do this all on your phone! BUT remember, to access full information including forms and fees DO NOT use the Powerschool App. Log in using your browser (Chrome, Safari, etc).

Call the school office if you need help with your username or resetting a password!

Our School Website www.pncs.ca

Our school website is kept current with all the latest updates and information you might need.

The website calendar is kept up-to-date and different news items and articles are highlighted for your attention.

Check it out at www.pncs.ca.

A popular feature is our "Daily Announcements" tab. Every Sunday night our announcements are updated to include all the upcoming events for the week. Make it a habit to check it out and you'll have all the reminders you need for things happening at school that week!

Visiting the School & Parent Volunteers

All visitors and volunteers are asked to sign-in at the school office. If you are dropping something off for your child, it can be left at the office and we will get it to your child. If you need to speak with your child, we will call them down to the office for you (rather than you going to the classroom). This will limit interruptions to their class.

If you wish to volunteer at the school, our School Division policy requires that you complete the Volunteer Registration process as outlined on Page 5 of this newsletter.

Note: Any parents coming on field trips must have their Volunteer Registration completed.

School Fees

School Fees can be paid by cash, cheque or on-line through your Powerschool Parent Account. Fee invoices will be sent home the first week of school. If you are unable to pay the fee amount, please let the principal know (in writing or by email at Robert.Weiss@pembinahills.ca) and suitable arrangements will be made.

Administration of Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, the School Division has a form that must be completed by the parent. School staff are not allowed to administer medication to students without written parental consent. This includes over-the-counter medication (ie Tylenol, Advil, Tums). If you require a form, please contact the school office.



Junior High Volleyball Information

Practices: All practices run from 4:00-5:30 pm. Please pick up players promptly at 5:30 pm so our coaches can leave on time. Thanks!

Schedule: The schedule of league games is still in the works. It will be sent home with players as soon as it is finalized.

Fee: There is a fee for all volleyball players. Once rosters are finalized fees will be added to student accounts. Fees can be paid on-line in your Powerschool Parent Account, by cash or by cheque payable to Pembina North Community School.

Consent Forms: Please complete the on-line volleyball consent forms, available in your Powerschool Parent Account.

Jerseys for New Players: Jerseys will be distributed to those who ordered/need one.

Visit our webpage
www.pncs.ca
to find the link to log into your
Powerschool Parent Account!

Note: You **CAN** do this on your
phone but **DO NOT** use the
Powerschool App. You need to
log in to Powerschool using
your phone browser (Chrome,
Safari, etc).

Call the school office if you
need help 780-954-3790.

Annual Enrolment Update Form

Parents of children returning to any school in Pembina
Hills School Division will receive an email from the School
Division asking you to complete an Annual Enrolment
Update Form for each of your children.

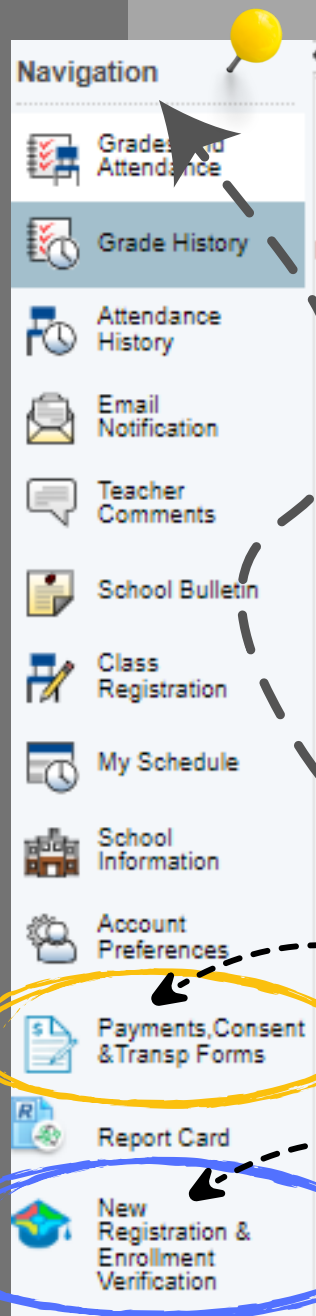
This form needs to be completed through your
Powerschool Parent Account.

This online form needs to be completed to ensure that we
have all the correct information about your child such as
phone, address and email information, emergency
contacts, and allergy/relevant medical information.

The Annual Enrolment Update also includes other consent
forms that are needed: Technology Consent Form, FOIP
Form and the Walking Field Trip Form (this forms allows
your child to participate in the upcoming Terry Fox Run).

**Complete the Annual Enrolment Update by
September 11th.**

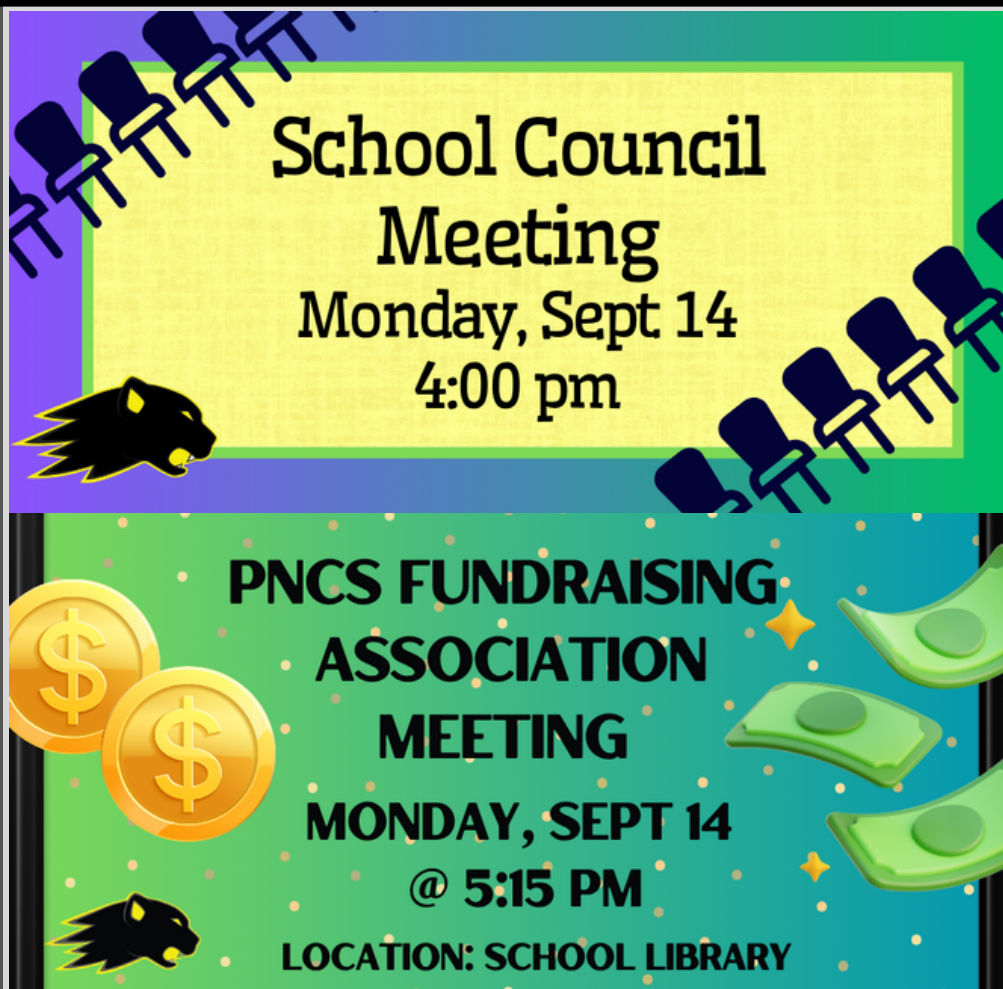
***Note:** Newly registered students do not need to complete
this update form. The information was all included
in your recently completed registration form.



**This is what the Navigation menu looks like in your
Powerschool Parent Account.**

**This is where you click to make fee payments and fill out
regular consent forms specific to our school
(ie. volleyball, soccer, swimming etc).**

**This is where you click to fill out the School Division
Annual Enrolment Update Form
(which also includes the yearly Walking Field Trip form,
Technology Use Agreement and FOIP forms).**



If you are looking for a way to be involved in our school, this is a great place to start. Plan to come to our first School Council and Fundraising Association meetings for the 2026-27 school year.

You'll find out key information on school related topics as well as updates/info on upcoming plans for the year!

Agendas for these meetings will be emailed to parents prior to the meeting dates and can also be found on our school webpage.
www.pncs.ca

The first meetings of the year are the AGM. Currently, Jessica Seatter is our elected School Council Chairperson and Leah Breckenridge is our Fundraising Association Chairperson. We appreciate everyone who volunteers their time to these worthwhile committees.

Volunteer Registration

Pembina Hills School Division requires all school volunteers to complete the Volunteer Registration process.

Step 1

Submit to the school office a completed Volunteer Registration form. A printable version of the form is available on the School Division webpage, or you can request one from the school office.

Step 2

Submit to the school office a current Criminal Record Check. These are available through the Westlock RCMP, however you must have a letter from the school saying why you need a CRC.

Step 3

Submit to the school office a Child Intervention Check. This is available through Alberta Children's Services. To request the online form email cs.ircnorth@gov.ab.ca.

Step 4

Once all 3 items are received by the school office the Principal will review the Volunteer Registration. If all the School Division requirements are met, the registration will be approved.

Approved

The approved Volunteer Registration will be in effect for the duration of time that the volunteer has children at our school. It does not need to be done each year. If, however, there is a change to the Criminal Record Check or Child Intervention Check, updated copies must be provided to the school and the registration will be re-evaluated for approval by the Principal.

Students will have their individual student pictures taken on September 15th. Parents of preschoolers can bring them for photos at 8:30 am. After preschool pictures are complete we will bring our K-9 students into the gym class by class to get their photos taken.



We will continue with occasional Hot Lunch days this year. We receive funding for the lunch program from various sponsors throughout the year. Watch for information to come about our first one.



Our Grade 4-9 students have the opportunity to participate in the Divisional Cross-Country Run at the Westlock Golf Course on September 16th. Participating students will be bussed to the event, leaving at approx 9:00 am and returning to Dapp by 3:30 pm. Students must have an online Consent Form completed in Powerschool in order to participate. The students who do not wish to go to this event will have a regular school day at school.

GR 4-9 CROSS-COUNTRY RUN WESTLOCK GOLF COURSE SEPTEMBER 16



Our school is hosting the Divisional Junior High Soccer Tournament at the Fawcett Sports Grounds on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. Our Fundraising Association will be running a concession throughout the tournament. Please contact the school office if you are available to help work at the concession. Parent spectators are encouraged to attend, watch, and help out.



Junior High Fawcett Soccer Tournament **Wednesday, September 23**

Students must have a Consent Form completed prior to the tournament. The form is available through your Powerschool Parent Account.

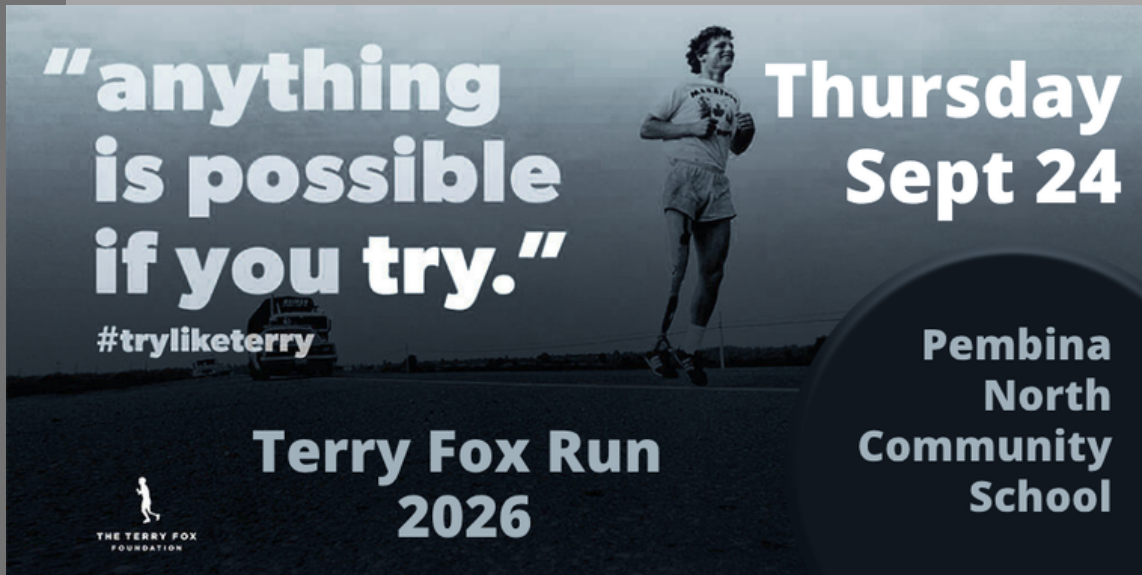


Our K-9 students & staff will all take part in our school Terry Fox Run/Walk on September 24th.

We will gather together for a group assembly and then go out into the hamlet of Dapp for our run/walk. Parents are welcome to join us for the run/walk! We'll let you know the time closer to the date.

Important

Students must have their Walking Field Trip Form completed in order to participate! This form is part of your **Annual Enrolment Update**. See Page 4 of this newsletter for more info.



"anything is possible if you try."

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Terry Fox Run 2026

Thursday Sept 24

Pembina North Community School

THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION



Wednesday, September 30th is National Truth and Reconciliation Day. There is no school on September 30th.

We will be recognizing the importance of this day by wearing Orange Shirts on Tuesday, September 29th.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY
TUESDAY, SEPT 29

EVERY CHILD MATTERS





SEPTEMBER 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31 First Day	1 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	2 4 -5:30 Boys VB Practice	3 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	4 Alternate Day 	5
6	7 Labour Day No School	8 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	9 4 -5:30 Boys VB Practice	10 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	11 There is school today Spirit Day & Pep Rally	12
13	14 4 pm School Council Meeting 5:15 pm Fundraising Meeting 4 -5:30 Boys VB Practice	15 School Pictures 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	16 Cross Country Run 4 -5:30 Boys VB Practice	17 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	18 PD Day No School	19
20	21 4 -5:30 Boys VB Practice	22 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	23 JH Fawcett Soccer 4 -5:30 Boys VB Practice	24 Terry Fox Run 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	25 Alternate Day 	26
27	28 4 -5:30 Boys VB Practice	29 Orange Shirt Day 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation No School	1 4 -5:30 Girls VB Practice	2	3

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