# PICS PERSPECTIVE



April 23, 2025

### EVER MASS BAND 2025 FAITHFUL



Thanks be to God for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal life. What a blessing to be able to celebrate these things over this past Easter Weekend.
May we continue to live out our thankfulness every day!

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### Calendar

- Apr. 24 Dress-Up Day Crayon Day
- Apr. 24 7-12 Parent Info Evening
- Apr. 25 Grandparents Day
- Apr. 29 Early Dismissal/Chatter
- Apr. 30 Hot Lunch -Hamburgers (Moved)
- May 1 Hanging Basket Order Deadline
- May 1 Student Banking Day
- May 2 Year End Band Concert
- May 2 Gr. 6 Immunizations
- May 7, 9 Band Demo Day Grade 7
- May 8 March for Life
- May 10 JH Athletics Bottle Drive
- May 13 Early Dismissal
- May 15 PD Day
- May 16 Non-Operational Day
- May 19 Victoria Day no School
- May 21 Grade 7 and 8 Mission Sale
- May 22 Wacky Hair Day
- May 22 Hot Lunch Pizza

# PICS School Drive

Almost all the packages are in, and deposits are coming in steadily. We're excited to share the total amount raised with the community soon! A big thank you to everyone for working with our canvassers and for your patience throughout the process. Your generosity has been a blessing, and we truly appreciate the encouragement and prayers! If you've indicated that your donation is still on the way, please e-transfer, or make sure to pass it along to your church rep or myself as soon as possible.

#### How to Donate

- Donations over \$25.00 will receive a tax receipt.
- Cheques should be made out to Canadian Reformed School Society of Edmonton
- E-transfers can be sent to schooldrive@pics76.ca.

#### Thank you once again!

In His Service, Jessica Vander Woerd – PICS Promotions (promotion@parklandimmanuel.ca) Lori De Jong – Immanuel rep Nelena Geusebroek – Providence rep Colleen Wasskink – Grace URC rep Sarah Ostermeier – Devon rep Lynette Geusebroek – St. Albert rep Vacant – Cornerstone URC rep



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# Hot Lunch DATE CHANGE

Please note the Hamburger Hot Lunch Scheduled for April 23 will be moved to April 30th due to scheduling conflicts.





Are your kids new or returning to grades 7–12? Join us April 24 in the Gym at 7:30 p.m. for an information evening on what to expect next year. At PICS we want to help students develop their God-given abilities and prepare students for life beyond High School. There are some significant changes and a wide range of opportunities available next year to support students in their career goals.

We encourage you to bring your kids as everything we talk about impacts them directly.

Come join us to learn more about:

- High School Handbook
- Course Selection and Available Options
- Off Campus Programming
- High School Pathways
- Scholarships and Awards

- Decision Making tips
- Extra-curriculars (student clubs, athletics, drama)
- Important dates and deadlines
- Learning Assistance
- Career Counseling

# **Parking Lot Movement**

We have noticed an increase in vehicle movement in the parking lot while our buses are trying to safely exit the parking lot. Please be reminded of the rules below and be sure your high school drivers are also aware. Thank you for your assistance in keeping all our students safe!

Please remember that all elementary children need to be escorted from private vehicles to/from the sidewalk by a parent/guardian. There is a designated pick-up zone (grassy area right next to the school) for parents to collect students not using the bus. Please try to keep sidewalks clear for students to make their way to their buses.

Please give buses the right-of-way at all times. During 8:15-8:30 a.m. and 3:15-3:30 p.m. personal vehicles may not drive in the bus lane. Additionally, please be sure to use the entrance and exit as marked to keep parking lot flow as streamlined as possible and reduce any unnecessary parking lot movement during this time. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.



email to order:

alexisversteeg360@gmail.com

These baskets are the same ones you'll find at Costco and are being offered at the same price of \$26/basket, but thanks to Darvonda's generosity the grads will be making a good profit on each basket sold! Each basket has a variety of colors and plants; please note we cannot take specific color orders.

These make a great Mother's Day gift. Pickup will be at school on a date TBD (Sometime at the beginning of May)

To preorder, please email Alexis Versteeg at <u>Alexisversteeg360@gmail.com</u> with your name and the number of baskets you'd like. Limited quantities available.

Orders must be in by May 1. - Graduating class of 2025

# JH Athletics Bottle Drive May 10, 2025



Parents with Jr. High students involved in any extra-curricular athletics, please mark your calendars and complete the Google Forms survey (sent out on April 10, 2025). To date, only 50% has completed the survey! We can't put the plans together until you ALL complete the survey, so if you haven't done it, please do so today!

If you did not receive it, please check your spam folder. If you still can't find it, but do have a child in Jr. High athletics, please send an email to picsparentathleticscommittee@gmail.com.

If the weather cooperates, we're planning to run this bottle drive outside! Start saving your empties! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

### **Class Selection Process - Deadline May 16**

Each year PICS makes decisions regarding class make-up for the grades that have split classes. We continue to adjust class lists for the upcoming year to ensure students are being supported and school resources are being used wisely. Class lists are adjusted every year for a number of reasons:

- Every year the needs of individual students change. Additional support that is required one year may not be necessary the next. Balancing student needs, learning assistance resources, and available personnel is an ongoing process. Ensuring a balance of needs and capacities is important for both the students and the teacher.
- Every year we review course assignments and teaching responsibilities. Experience level and area of expertise is different with each teacher, and may impact how classes are divided and which subjects are taught by whom.
- Class dynamics weigh into the equation as well. Teachers (both from the present year and the upcoming year) give input into which students work well together, and also which students might benefit socially and/or academically from a different class make up.
- Enrollment fluctuates from year to year.

Proposed class lists are drafted by teachers, and then reviewed by Learning Assistance and Administration prior to approval.

Although we are no longer providing Class Selection Forms, the school also respects that parents may wish to provide input, or have a perspective that may contribute to this process. Therefore, parents can still submit their thoughts in a letter, with supporting reasons, to the school office by Friday, May 16, 2024.

Thank you, PICS Administration

# JARVIS 2025 CANOE DRIVE

THE EOE 7 PROGRAM IS LOOKING TO BORROW SOME CANOES FROM MAY 27-30 FOR THE ANNUAL JARVIS TRIP! IF YOU HAVE A CANOE AND TWO PADDLES THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO LEND US PLEASE CONTACT WESLEY DE WIT VIA CALL OR TEXT AT 780-619-9697



### Immunizations May 2

Immunizations for Grade 6 are scheduled for Friday, May 2.

If you have consented to receive an immunization, please remember to wear a short sleeved shirt on Fr



# **Grandparents' Day!**

We are excited to host another Grandparents Day at PICS!

Connected in Christ: "...He is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him..." Deut. 7:9

Who is invited: Grandparents and great-grandparents of students are invited to join us. If a student has no grandparents or greatgrandparents to invite then they are encouraged to invite one or two special persons to visit them. Special persons are ONLY for students who do not have any grandparents or great-grandparents coming.

Due to the growth of student population at PICS, this has become a very busy morning so we would like to keep this event as an ADULTS ONLY event and limit the attendees to grandparents, great grandparents or special persons.

\*Please note that only one Kindergarten class will be at school for Grandparents Day, Mrs. Hoetmer's Tuesday/Thursday class will be in class that day.

Grandparents/Special Person: Our doors will be open for visitors at 9 am, you will have some time to have a coffee and a snack in the foyer before visiting classrooms. Classrooms will be open for visiting from 9:30-11:40. You will receive a schedule showing you where to find the students you want to visit during each block. Lunch will be served in the school gymnasium at noon, which will be followed by a short band performance. After lunch there will be a music concert/performance in from Elementary students in the Immanuel Church building from approximately 1:30-2:30 pm.

You are welcome to join us for all or just part of the day's activities and lunch. We hope to see you there!





Most books will be a dollar or less, everything available from chapter books to picture books!

# HIRE-A-GRAD

Are you looking for help in preparing for this coming Spring and Summer? Are there jobs that are piling on top of each other, but you simply have no time to complete them? Then you are in luck because the graduating class of 2025 is looking to raise some funds for our graduation!

If you would like to hire some graduates for a day to complete some jobs for you and your family, please contact Alexis Versteeg at 780-818-2763 or alexisversteeg360@gmail.com with information about the job, the dates that work for you, how many people will be needed, and your contact information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Alexis and she would be happy to help.



Thank you very much, Graduating Class of 2025



### Year End Band Concert Ever Faithful: A Musical Reflection

Please join our PICS Music 8-12 students at their last band performance of the school year! Our Music 8-10 students have been preparing a variety of selections and our high school students are excited to share some of their Mass Band arrangements (April 21, Winnipeg) with you as well as some other moving compositions. The concert is scheduled to start at 7:00 pm at the West End CRC (corner of 149 St. and 100 Ave., Edmonton). We look forward to seeing you there!

#### "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music!" Psalm 98:4

#### Music 8-12 Students: Concert notes

Please arrive at the West End CRC (corner of 149 St. and 100 Ave.) by 6:30 PM on Friday, May 2nd for warm-up and tuning.

- Music 8 attire: white tops and black bottoms.
- Music 9-12 attire: black tops and black bottoms.

Please bring your instrument, binder and water bottle.

Employed students - please ensure you have booked this evening off so that you are able to attend the last performance of the year with your band team! Thank you everyone and see you there :)

### **Career Counsellor Update**

# CAREER PATH AHEAD

### **Career Counselling Events**

Students and Parents listed below are some great exploration opportunities that you can preregister for. Check out the links to see what appeals to you. If you have any questions, please let me know. -Mrs. Leffers

### **External Events**

May 7 Skills AB Field Trip 12-3pm Grades 9&10 (All students expected to attend)

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### **Internal Events**

Please sign up on sheet on Mrs. Leffers door. April 29 – Nait lunch booth and 1 on 1 students advising (11:30–3)

### **Post Secondary Open Houses**

May 14 - Olds College

# PICS JOB BOARD

#### Please include:

- Job Title
- Company Name, website and brief description
- Qualifications and Responsibilities
- Type of Position (PT, FT, Summer)
- Requirements: drivers license, minimum age
- Contact name and email address
- Application instructions and deadline

Send information to sleffers@pics76.ca

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SUMMER EMPLOYEES? Post an AD on the Pics Job Board!





# PICS PRESENTS WHOLE SCHOOL THURSDAY JUNE 5 | PM

SIGN UP FOR AUDTIONS BY APRIL 25