

February 6, 2024

"The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Dear Penticton Christian School Community,

1 Thessalonians 5:24 has been one of our guiding principles for many years now; various Boards of Directors, school leadership, staff teams, families and students, donors, and other school community members have relied on this message of God's enduring support of His school. We have drawn strength and guidance from the Apostle Paul's words of confidence in the Lord.

The Penticton Christian School community started its journey with the 1988/1989 school year, the school's first year of offering Christian education to the children of the South Okanagan. Over the years, Penticton Christian School has known many temporary homes, including the locations on Roy Avenue and South Main Street. Various church buildings have housed the school as well, including First Baptist, The Penticton Church of the Nazarene, and New Beginnings Church, to name a few. To date, we make use of the gym located at "the Naz".

Our current, modern school building, located at #102-96 Edmonton Avenue, has housed our school and programs since the 2007/2008 school year. Over these years, New Beginnings Church has been so gracious and generous to let the school community utilize its property (96 Edmonton Avenue) as well as church building (#101-96 Edmonton Avenue) to hold chapels, school BBQs, and other school-related events, as well as providing playground and parking space. From the bottom of my heart, "Thank you, New Beginnings Church!"

As it turns out, an opportunity came up for the Penticton Christian School Society to purchase the New Beginnings Church property and building. This followed several years of New Beginnings Church and Penticton Christian School trying to figure out a way to move forward, to enable both the church community and the school to best carry out their respective missions and visions. On January 29, 2024, the purchase of the church land and building by the school was completed. Until New Beginnings Church moves to its new home, a carefully worded lease agreement between the church and school will inform and guide the usage of all shared spaces.

With the purchase of the property, Penticton Christian School is now in a position to update its strategic plan for the future. This will include growth in student enrolment and overall programming, beautification and increased usefulness and utilization of the entire property located at 96 Edmonton Avenue, the opportunity to either renovate or replace the existing church building, the opportunity to establish and offer a preschool program, the opportunity to reconfigure our playground and parking areas, and, hopefully, the construction of a gymnasium right here.

Will you continue to partner with us, to enroll your children and grandchildren, to support us prayerfully and financially, to make the new strategic plan a reality?

Penticton Christian School has been operating as the South Okanagan's only Christian K-12 school, now in its 36th year. We continue to hold on to our core values, to be a Christ-centered, multi-denominational, multi-ethnical, educational community, and to bring glory to God in each facet of our life together. Penticton Christian School invites you to consider the important work it is doing in the lives of our students, enabling them to live a life honoring to the Lord. We strive to steward the young minds and resources we have been given to build a strong, bright future.

An evening of celebrating the property purchase and to thank God for His continued faithfulness is currently being planned for **Thursday**, **February 29**, **2024**, **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. We invite you to join us in this joyous occasion. Refreshments will be provided. More information will be made available as we move closer to February 29.

With deep gratitude,

Karl Boehmer Principal



Jesus. Others. Yourself.

Penticton Christian School is a Christ-centered, multi-denominational multi-ethnic, educational community. In partnership with the Christian home and church, we seek to bring glory to God in each facet of our life together. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we explore God's world in the light of His truth as revealed in the Bible. We recognize that every individual is uniquely created by God.

Our Story So Far...

PCS has been operating as Penticton's only Christian based K-12 school for over 36 years. We have a rich history of growth coupled with a steadfastness to our core values that continues to this day. In 2007 we constructed the building we are using to educate our students. PCS continues to see student enrollment grow year

Our Goal Is Raising 1 Million

Where We Are Headed...

PCS desires to continue serving Penticton families through Christian based education and community. We strive to steward the young minds and resources we have been given to build a strong, bright future. We expect that we will be expanding our buildings and opening up more space for more families each year, including early childhood care.

NEXT STEPS:

- Purchase the entire property and church.
- Renovate the church to include a Preschool.
- Reconfigure our parking and playground areas.
- Build a gymnasium.

Will you help build a stronger, brighter future with us?

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