



Dear PTC students and families,

As we pause for the winter break, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to our Pembina Trails Collegiate community for an extraordinary first half of the year. We have discovered our purpose together, and in doing so, we have defined who we are as a community—kind, smart, giving, and always willing to go the extra mile.

Our strength lies in our diversity. Each perspective, each story, and each background enriches our collective identity. As Niigaan Sinclair reminds us, *“Diversity is not something to be tolerated—it is something to be celebrated.”* This truth is evident every day in our teaching spaces, common areas and in our teams.

In a world where global conflicts remind us of division, we remain grounded in our shared values. We celebrate the whole child, nurture the six global competencies, and embrace the Circle of Courage as our guiding school model. These principles ensure that our students are not only excelling academically but also growing into compassionate, resilient, and courageous individuals.

This year, we have seen our community shine:

- Student Voice & Leadership has flourished through our Student Advisory Council (SAC), Student Leadership Council and new this year our Ambassador Leadership group. All of these student led groups, and initiatives empower students to lead, connect, and create change which in turn will create a better world for everyone. From Dreamcatchers, GSA (PTC Pride), MSA (Muslim Student Association), Black Student Voices and Sikh and Punjabi Student Association, UNESCO and Student Wellness to BRDGE (Building Relationships, Diversity and Growth), Key Club, Art Ambassadors, Grad committee, YIP (Youth in Philanthropy and many more clubs, our students are shaping the culture of PTC with generosity, belonging, safety, and citizenship.
- Chatter High competition showcased the curiosity and drive of our students, proving that learning can be both fun and impactful.
- Our athletic teams have not only competed fiercely but have also demonstrated sports citizenship, teamwork, and the commitment to becoming good people above all else.
- We have hosted band and jazz concerts which highlight the mastery and independence that PTC students showcase. Students in choir and theatre production will be showcasing their skills in the new year, displaying the many talents of PTC students.

- Applied Commerce students competed in competitions at the Asper School of Business and excelled, placing third in the province with a grade 11 team.
- We have travel opportunities coming up for students who want to practice their global citizenship.

Staff and students alike have shown generosity, creativity, and dedication, reminding us that education is about more than grades—it is about shaping lives.

As we continue to grow, let us never forget the foundation we stand on: our strength in diverse perspectives, our grounding in community, and our shared purpose.

On behalf of Pembina Trails Collegiate admin team and staff, we wish you peace, joy, and renewal this holiday season. May we return in the new year ready to build on our successes, embrace new challenges, and continue to celebrate the incredible community we are privileged to be part of.

[Please click here for an eCard to wish you a joyous winter season.](#)

Warmest wishes,

Jacqui Kroeker Linda Eden David Gamble

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Important Dates ([Please Check our Online Calendar for more Details](#)):

January 5 – School Resumes

January 6-8 – Grade 12 ELA Provincial Assessments

January 6 – Schools of Choice Applications open at 8:30am [Click here](#) for more info

January 20 – Grade 12 Applied Math Provincial Assessments

January 21 – Grade 12 Essentials Math Provincial Assessments

January 22 – Grade 12 Pre-Calculus Math Provincial Assessments

January 23 – Last Day of Semester 1 Classes

January 24-29 – Assessment Week (schedule to follow in January)

January 30 – Divisional Common Day – No School (Teachers Admin Day)

February 2 – Semester 2 Begins

February 2-6 – Graduation Photo's

February 6 – Report cards go online