

Information about Prank Day and Fair Notice

Dear PTC Families and Students,

The Pembina Trails School Division wishes to remind students and parents that creating a safe and caring community is the foundation of our Standard of Behaviour document. We are therefore providing fair notice that what has come to be known as “**Prank Day**” is unacceptable and considered a severely disruptive behaviour that will result in consequences, in accordance with the Pembina Trails Standard of Behaviour and the Division Policy JICFA- Hazing.

Prank day is an unsanctioned student activity that involves the graduating class picking a day near the end of the year (historically in June close to the last day of classes prior to exams) to perform a series of pranks (practical jokes) on teachers, students and the school. Examples of this escalation have included pranks with very serious safety implications, vandalism to the school and community, hazing of students, and severe disruption to the school’s learning environment during a critical time in the school year. Therefore, pranking is considered to be a violation of the Pembina Trails Standard of Behaviour and Division Policy JICFA- Hazing.

All individuals and groups are expected to ensure that all planned activities never exceed the bounds of respect for others or infringe on a student or staff person’s rights, inflict physical or psychological pain, causes personal humiliation or damage to school or personal property. Any action that gives rise to such consequences will be subject to disciplinary action.

Those individuals who instigate and/or collaborate in pranking activities are subject to consequences agreed upon by all Pembina Trails High Schools. Consequences for pranking will be dealt with in accordance with the Pembina Trails Standard of Behaviour. Examples include restitution, police involvement, suspension, and possible loss of Graduation Dinner/Dance privileges.

Please read and discuss the content of this letter with your child. Your support and cooperation in maintaining a safe and caring school climate is necessary and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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