



**PRINCE ALBERT
ROMAN CATHOLIC** Est. 1887
SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION No.6
Learning for life through Catholic Education

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

The Prince Albert Catholic Division uses a one-way communication system to inform parent/guardians through an automated *School Messenger* program. The information distributed through the system will be sent to the parent/guardians via text message and/or an automated call. Our intention is to provide announcements and notifications to our parent/guardians in an efficient way.

There are three categories of communications you can expect from your child(ren)'s school or from our school division. An automated call will occur for all types of messages. Parent/guardians can opt-in or opt-out of text (SMS) messages. The following are examples of a text and/or a call message you may receive:

1. **Date or Event Announcements**

- *SCHOOL NAME Open House March 10, 7pm.*
- *SCHOOL NAME Meet the Teacher Night Sept. 21, 7pm*
- *SCHOOL NAME School Community Council Meeting March 22, 6:30pm*

2. **School or School Division Notifications**

- *SCHOOL NAME or PACSD - All rural route school busses not operating today.*
- *SCHOOL NAME or PACSD Winter carnival cancelled due to inclement weather.*
- *SCHOOL NAME or PACSD Water main break please make arrangements to pick up your children from school.*

3. **School Division or School Emergencies**

- *SCHOOL NAME or PACSD - Examples of emergencies may include school lock downs, fires or any emergency where parent/guardians should be notified*

The *School Messenger* announcements or notifications will be available only to the parent/guardians of the students in the school division. The parent/guardians phone numbers, provided at the time of your child(ren)'s registration, will automatically be connected to *School Messenger*. ***You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number: 978338***

The text message that you receive will state the following:

Prince Albert RCS School Div. 6 messages. Reply Y or Confirm. Help 4 info. Msg & data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. Schoolmessenger.com/tm

Should you prefer not to receive these SMS announcements, notifications and emergencies from the Prince Albert Catholic School Division, simply text **Stop** to 978338.

This letter is to provide fair notice to parent/guardians that we will continue using the *School Messenger* system.

Included with this letter is additional information about how to opt-in or opt-out of the text messages. Please note, that a text can be sent and received in an instant through cell numbers. However, the system will also use an automated call system that may take a little longer.

Our intention is to provide announcements and notifications to parent/guardians as they occur. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact your school principal or secretary.

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