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(Between Hwy 404 and Woodbine Avenue,
Hwy 7 and 16th Avenue)

Destinations of Choice

Typically, 100% of our graduates pursue post-secondary education. In the past ten years, they have chosen to attend:

- Acadia University
- Bethel University
- Briercrest College and Seminary
- University of British Columbia
- Brock University
- Capernwray Bible School (Greece)
- Carleton University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Concordia University
- Fuego Christian College (Guatemala)
- Guelph University
- Humber College
- King's College London
- Lakehead University
- Laurier University
- Liberty University
- University of Manchester
- McGill University
- McMaster University
- OCAD University
- University of Ottawa
- Queen's University
- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
- Ryerson University
- Seneca College
- University of Sunderland, England
- University of Toronto
- University of Toronto (Rotman School of Business)
- Trent University
- Trinity Western
- Tyndale University College
- University of British Columbia
- University of Hong Kong
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- Wilfred Laurier University
- York University
- York University (Schulich School of Business)

All of you have made such a difference in my life and I just want to thank you for all of your compassion, love, dedication and especially sacrifices. I would not be where I am today spiritually, or even educationally, if it wasn't for the incredibly strong base you provided for me.

- Vera I. (student)



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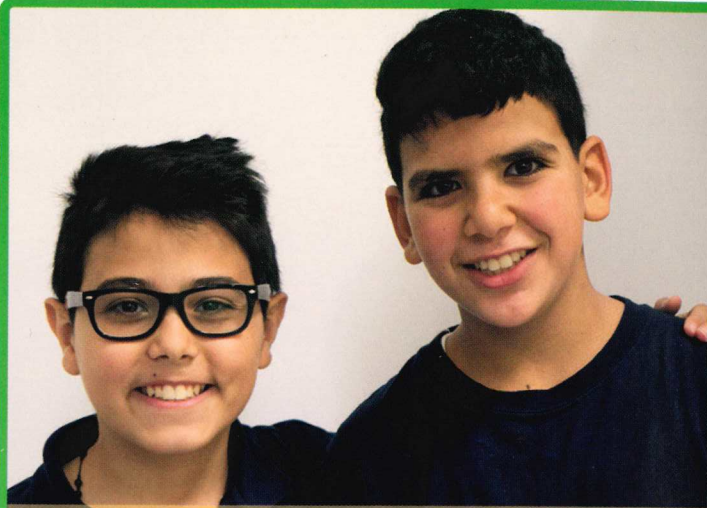
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- Faith: Christian, non-denominational
- Non-profit
- **Early Learning Centre** (Ages 2½ - 4 years old), separate, security-monitored entrance and parking. Please refer to *Early Learning Centre* insert for additional information.
- **JK/SK to Grade 12** (Est. 1971)
- French Program begins at Junior Kindergarten
- Hot lunch programs
- Before and after-school programs
- A Ministry of Education inspected private school
- Bursaries available
- Sibling discounts
- PCA is a Christian school that is also a registered Canadian charitable organization. An official tax receipt will be issued for the portion of tuition fees paid by a family in excess of the secular training cost.
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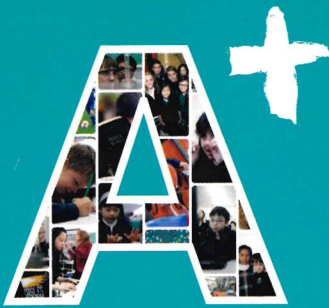


INTEGRITY + CREATIVITY

School Verse: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint. *Isa. 40:31*

TRUTH + FAITH





Welcome to Peoples Christian Academy

Since 1971, Peoples Christian Academy has been offering students an academic education from a Christian perspective. At PCA we believe education encompasses spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical development.

The reputation and respect we have built throughout our history shows that students from PCA respond well to the rigours of university, achieve marks in university equal to those earned in high school and exhibit a high level of character and maturity. Our reputation continues to grow internationally through referrals of very satisfied students and parents.

Godly principles are woven into the curriculum of each course. Our students are instructed in biblical knowledge, offered devotional opportunities and encouraged to develop Christian responses to all issues of life.

PCA students develop a healthy sense of self-worth, self-discipline and an abiding respect for others. In this way, they are prepared both academically and spiritually to become productive members of society.

Testimonial 19:

"When we started to think about where to put our son for his JK year. Someone at church said, " If you are sending your child to a private school, the best one is PCA." We started to pray about itand so he went.

My son cried non-stop for the first 3 days. His teacher, with so much patience and love (and strength), carried my 40-lb son and comforted him during those few days. I was so touched by her response and loving care. These few months at PCA, not only was my son nurtured, but I felt that I was also nurtured. I feel that PCA is a family that cares. I thank God who answered our prayer and enabled us to put our son at PCA."

Testimonial 20:

My son told me that his teacher actually washed everyone's feet in class following Jesus' example! Wow, I was speechless. One of the main reasons I loved the school was the teachers, who had dedicated their time and energy to not making teaching as a career, but a ministry for God.

Testimonial 21:

Lately, I witnessed a PCA student getting baptized in our church. Most candidates had friends, families or group leaders standing beside them, but she had a teacher from PCA with her. I was once again, speechless. Our teachers aside from their qualifications and teaching experiences, truly demonstrated care and concern for our children.

For more testimonials, please visit:
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PAUL B. SMITH, B.A., D.D.
President

In 1971, The Peoples Church, Toronto, under the leadership of Dr. Paul B. Smith, established an educational ministry, The Peoples Christian School, which later had two divisions: The Oswald J. Smith Elementary School (OJSE) and The Paul B. Smith Academy (PBSA). Oswald J. Smith was a world renowned author, poet, hymn writer, preacher and editor, but most notably a missionary statesman. He founded The Peoples Church in 1928 and is renowned for his passion for souls and his dependence upon God.

In 1995, the two divisions were integrated under the name of Peoples Christian Academy (PCA). In 2008, Peoples Christian Academy became separately incorporated as a charitable organization and now operates under the name, PCA Inc. The newly elected Board is chosen from among the membership, which consists of PCA parents and alumni.

Peoples Christian Academy continues to build on the strong faith foundation which was instituted by Oswald and Paul Smith. Today it is a dynamic, forward-thinking educational institution that takes pride in the knowledge that our students are high achievers academically and grounded spiritually in the Christian faith and in service to God.

Student Life

Each new student is welcomed through an interview with the Principal and the assignment of a Buddy to help him/her get oriented to school life at PCA. Our Student Council follows this up with a welcome lunch party for all new students, sponsored by the New Student Liaison.

To feel that they are an integral part of our senior school, students are encouraged to become involved in any of the following: athletic teams, musical groups, worship teams, art clubs, Student Council, service ministries, leadership, tutoring, missions as well as teacher-sponsored annual activities.

Our goal is that all of our students will have opportunity to grow not only in their academic endeavours but also in their personal lives through the Christian and service-oriented climate that we work to create each year.

Spiritual Life

Spiritual life is at the core of all that we do at PCA. We provide a quality Christ-centred education where Biblical principles are integrated throughout the curriculum. Our goal is to lead students into lives which will glorify God.

It is our desire at PCA that our students develop a heart for missions. This has been a priority since our origins under the leadership of Dr. Oswald J. Smith and Dr. Paul B. Smith.

Mission Initiatives

As a Christ-centred school, Peoples Christian Academy encourages lifelong outreach and community service. As part of the diploma requirements, PCA senior school students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities. These activities may be completed at any time during their years in the secondary school program. Peoples Christian Academy recommends 10 hours per year Grades 9-12, to be completed in Grade 12 by May 1st before graduation.

From Kindergarten to Grade 8, I was enrolled in a local public school that although academically prepared me for the next stage of life, did not create a positive atmosphere for my faith to flourish and it slowly began to diminish. I can wholeheartedly declare to you that if I was not enrolled into Peoples Christian Academy in my Grade 9 year, I would not be serving God today. – Curtis L. (student)



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PCA is registered with the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training. Our senior school curriculum prepares young people to further their education and to become contributing members of society whose lives and work glorify God.

Student Life

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities outside the classroom setting. Some of the programs include:

- Competition in the ACSI Spelling Bee
- Competition in the ACSI Speech Meet
- Competition in ACSI Athletic tournaments
- Major musical productions during the Christmas and spring seasons
- Instrumental music (Grades 5 & 6)
- Overnight excursions (Grades 5 & 6)
- Educational field trips
- Sports (including soccer, basketball, cross-country, track and field, softball)
- Clubs (including art, chess, etc...)

Spiritual Life

Spiritual life is at the core of all that we do at PCA. Our faculty and staff are dedicated Christians who desire to see all students develop and grow in their faith. We see each child as a precious gift of God who requires nurturing and care.

The spiritual foundation we build upon is the springboard to everything we do. Integration of biblical truth is found throughout all our programming. Bible classes and weekly chapels blend together to strengthen each students' faith.

We apply our faith by extending our service to others globally. Chapel offerings have gone to support numerous mission endeavours. We have been involved in Operation Christmas Child, sending between 400 - 500 gift boxes to children who might otherwise go without in each year we participated. This enlarges the students' vision beyond themselves and gives them a global perspective.

In Grade 1, my teacher read books to us from a series called Nate the Great. This is actually what sparked my great love for reading...just ask my teachers. My teacher not only inspired my love of literature, but she also led me to Christ. – Joanne L. (student)



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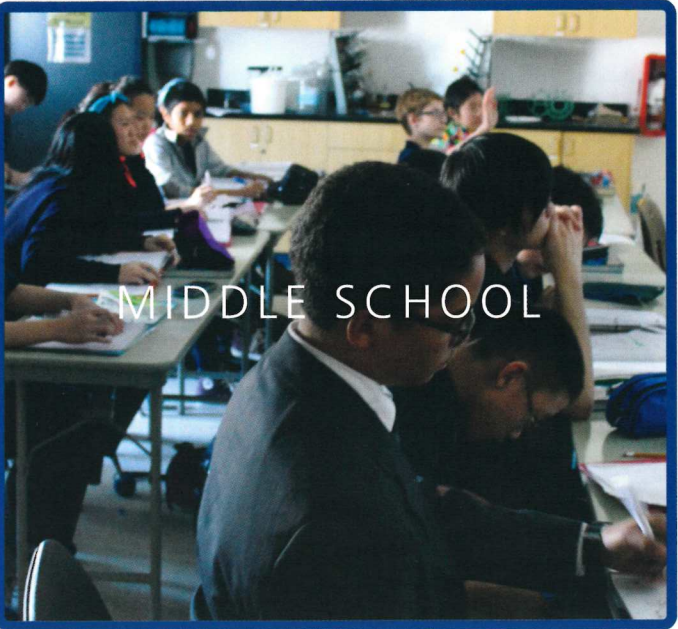


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Our Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5 students are challenged and encouraged to learn through innovative instruction. All courses are integrated with a Christian worldview, through daily devotions, Bible classes and weekly chapels.

Learning also takes place outside the walls of the classroom with students participating in a Learn to Skate Program for SK to Grade 3 and a Learn to Ski Program for Grades 4-5. Our youngsters also participate in spelling bees, speech meet competitions, chess and various sports tournaments through ACSI.



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Peoples Christian Academy is committed to maintaining high academic, personal, and spiritual standards in the classroom, in extra-curricular activities and in all school relationships. We believe that education encompasses spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical development.

For Grades 6-8 students, PCA provides a safe, nurturing environment and a well-balanced curriculum that will equip them for the rigours of our senior school program while offering many opportunities for Christian growth, fellowship and service.

The Middle School provides further opportunity for students to be engaged in leadership. The creation of their own Student Council and the many opportunities in leading in worship, along with our sports program is a unifying factor in their development. Our students are encouraged to be fully engaged in the total program offered at PCA.

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As a Christ-centred school, Peoples Christian Academy fosters a commitment to community service from an early age. Grades 7 and 8 students are able to participate in our ministry and share God's love both through local outreach programs and overseas mission trips.

Not only has PCA prepared me for success in my academics at Queen's and UofT, and in my career, I believe that it has given me the foundation to live as "salt and light" in our ever-changing world.

Melody L., (student)



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PCA Alumni

Over the years, our alumni have told us Peoples Christian Academy is where they grew spiritually and academically, and where they formed lifelong Christian friendships. Around the world and across the country, these individuals have gone on to serve their local communities as doctors, educators, entertainers, lawyers, ministers, missionaries, and in a variety of fields as business leaders and business professionals. We love to hear from our alumni and we encourage all to keep in touch.

Through newsletters and reunions our Alumni Department serves the needs of former students, many of whom now reside in over 35 countries worldwide, in over 34 states in the USA and in all 10 Canadian provinces. In fact, PCA is now in contact with more than 2700 alumni, 744 parents of alumni, as well as 268 of our teachers and former staff members.

As a distinctively Christian school, my three sons were challenged and inspired to see life through biblical principles and to follow Jesus. Hence, PCA's influence has formed the underpinning of ideas and values that now fuel my children's future.

My hope is to encourage you also to give your child a similar opportunity for growth and accomplishment, by sending them to Peoples Christian Academy. We are forever grateful for this school and it's influence in all our lives. – Cathy D, (parent)



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PCA Alumna, Jean Chamberlain-Froese, CM, MD, MEd, FRCSC, receives the Order of Canada from the Governor General of Canada in 2014.

"...Peoples Christian school experience played a significant role in shaping who I am today. I saw role models in teachers of people who weren't necessarily perfect but who were honestly trying to live out their lives as Christ followers. I think it also surrounded me with quality friends—many who would be near and distant friends for a lifetime...One of the greatest life skills I learnt was 'how to study'. May sound like a funny thing to say but there are a lot of students who don't know how to study—my experience at PCA really reinforced how to study and the benefits were great...throughout my whole academic career (and I studied for 12 years after high school to complete all the training I needed to be an obstetrician/ gynecologist), those good study habits got me through what seemed like impossible mountains of exams and assignments."— *Dr. Jean Chamberlain Froese ('84). Founder, "Save the Mothers."* For more information please visit www.pca.ca/jean-chamberlain-froese