

SUMMER CONNECTIONS 2024

@ RC Palmer Secondary School

Letter of Invitation

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Grade 7 students joining RC Palmer for their Grade 8 year in September 2024 are invited to participate in Summer Connections 2024 being held at RC Palmer Secondary. This is an 8-day program, split into two separate weeks. The first week takes place in July (3 days) and the second week takes place in August (5 days). The program has been custom designed for Grade 7 students who will be attending Palmer Secondary School in September 2024. There is a \$10 fee to secure your place in the program.

The purpose of Summer Connections 2024 is to welcome students into the Palmer building and community, participate in some fun activities, and meet some of the staff and leadership students who attend Palmer school. We believe this is a fantastic opportunity for students to become comfortable with their transition to our school and relieve many of the anxieties that they may have about this process.

Week 1: Wednesday, July 3 to Friday, July 5 (3 days)
Week 2: Monday, August 26 to Friday, August 30 (5 days)
Time: 9:00am – 2:00 pm
Where: RC Palmer Secondary

Academic Focus - Introduction to BC Core competencies (Critical thinking, Communication, Personal and Social) as they operate in Palmer (Palmer PRIDE). This will be completed within various curricular areas including art, physical education and home economics.



Communication -The Communication competency encompasses the knowledge, skills, processes and dispositions we associate with interactions with others. Through their communication, students acquire, develop and transform ideas and information, and make connections with others to share their ideas, express their individuality, further their learning, and get things done. The communication competency is fundamental to finding satisfaction, purpose and joy.



Thinking - The Thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness. These are used to process information from a variety of sources, including thoughts and feelings that arise from the subconscious and unconscious mind and from embodied cognition, to create new understandings.



Personal and Social - The Personal and Social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses what students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world.

Learning and Social Emotional Support Activities:

- Intro activities, building community
- School tours
- Games and physical activities in the gym
- Drama games
- ADST / Art activities
- Introduction to the resource department
- Study skills including note taking
- Introduction to office and support staff
- Palmer P.R.I.D.E.
- Anti-bullying, anti-racism, anti-homophobia, anti-transphobia workshops and activities
- Presentations from Student Council and individual clubs

Participation in this program is open only to students attending Palmer Secondary School in September 2024.

STEPS TO APPLY for Summer Connections 2024

Step One: Complete the attached registration form.

Step Two: For students attending Debeck, Garden City or General Currie please submit the completed registration form along with \$10 cash or cheque (cheques payable to *RC Palmer Secondary*) to your Grade 7 teacher by Monday May 13th, 2024.

For students attending any other schools, please drop off the completed registration form along with \$10 cash or cheque (cheques payable to *RC Palmer Secondary*) to the Palmer Secondary School office when you come for the Grade 7 Tour on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024.

Space is limited and fills up quickly so apply by the deadlines listed above to avoid disappointment. If necessary, space will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, please contact RC Palmer Secondary School.

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