

## PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS

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## Principal's Message - Mrs. Kathy McTaggart

The holidays are almost upon us. The school has been working hard this past month to provide activities for the students to enjoy the holiday season such as dress up days, days of giving, and cookie giveaways. This wraps up Friday, December 20th with our annual Christmas Banquet and Dance.

Christmas Banquet and Dance - Tickets are on sale now for \$2.00. This includes a full sit down turkey meal and an afternoon dance. If students would like to stay for the meal but not dance, they can choose to watch one of two Christmas themed movies available. The Banquet is semi formal and will give students a chance to dress up for a nice event and practice the dance skills they will be learning in PhysEd this week. If students do not wish to attend the Banquet and Dance, they will be free to leave at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 20th.



**Rock the Diploma** - A reminder that Diploma Exams are coming up. The School Division is offering to all students writing Grade 12 Social, Math, Chemistry and Biology the chance to participate, at no charge, in 3 day intensive diploma exam preparation.

Deadline to sign up is December 20th. To register, please visit http://bit.ly/WolfCreekRTD or use the QR Code:

**Final Exams** - Gr 9 to Gr 12 Final Exam Schedule for Semester 1 can be found on our website https://psc.wolfcreek.ab.ca/download/221794

Gr 7 & 8 Students will have regular classes on January 27th, 28th and 29th.

An Opportunity to voice your advice or suggestions to the Wolf Creek Board of Trustees as budget planning begins - On November 27th, the Wolf Creek Public School Board held a meeting for Parent Council Chairs to go through a presentation giving a budget update. The Board also created an opportunity for parents to have a voice as the board prepares for the next budget. If you would like to share your thoughts please complete the thought exchange <u>linked here</u>.

**The Opera Anyone?** - Thanks to the financial support of Ponoka Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) who is paying for most of the cost, we are offering students the chance to go to the Opera at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton for only \$10.00 on January 30th. Forms and payment are due before Christmas. Information form is attached below.

## Clubs and Sports currently happening:

**Basketball** - is going strong. All teams are practicing hard and attending games and tournaments. Please check out our Athletic Calendar on our website for practice and game times.

**Curling** - has begun. Curling at PSC runs through the Ponoka Curling Club Junior Program on Wednesdays from 4-5pm

**Wrestling** - has begun. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday after school. We will be starting up again in January. Encourage your child to come give it a try.

**School Reach** - is getting ready for their first competition. We have 1 Junior (Grade 7/8) and 1 Intermediate (9/10) team this year.

**Badminton** - has not officially begun but "drop in" has. If you would like to start getting ready for badminton season, drop in from 5-7pm on Sundays.

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DAYS:**

Monday, January 6th - First day back for students after the holiday break Friday, January 17th - Staff Collaboration Day (no school for students) Wednesday, January 29th - Conclusion of Semester 1 Thursday, January 30th - First day of Semester 2



I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy your holiday and we will see your kids back on January 6th, 2020!