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## **February 22, 2021 - Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart**

Welcome Back...Again

So glad once again to have students in the building with us this morning. I really hope we can keep everyone for a while now and get going with some learning.

### **Pink Shirt Day**

Throughout the past year while the world has grappled with how to attend to the pandemic as well as other polarizing events, it seems that the spectrum of differing opinions grows greater every day. The need to practice kindness and understanding of differences is more important than ever. On Wednesday February 24, 2021, we encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to spread the message: Be kind and treat everyone with respect and dignity.

### **The Latest Lifting of Restrictions**

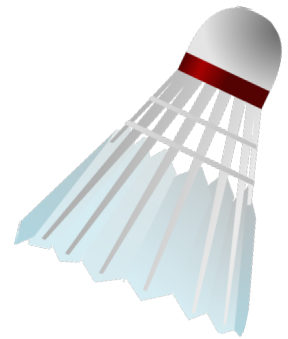
In terms of school and community sports, the government made the following changes on Saturday Feb 6th.

1. A maximum of 10 individuals, including coaches and/or trainers are allowed
2. Age: Student athletes must be 18 years of age or younger
3. Physical Distancing: Must be maintained at all times between participants following these guidelines:
  - a. 3-metres physical distance for indoor activities
  - b. 2-metres physical distance for outdoor activities

- c. Exception: Coaches or trainers may enter physical distancing space for brief interactions with participants (for example to correct form or technique)
- 4. Masks: a. Coaches/trainers to wear 100% of the time b. Athletes can only take off their masks when engaged in physical activity
- 5. Change rooms: Access must be limited, including accelerated arrival/departure, for emergencies and for washroom use
- 6. Games: not permitted at this time

### **Badminton**

Based on this new information. Our school is going to plan to start up our badminton season following our February break. As we have many restrictions we will need students to sign up for available spots and once they are full we will not be able to accept any more students. We have opened this opportunity up for students to begin signing up....they sign up in the PE office with Mrs. Chapman or Ms. Amdam.



### **Boston Pizza Student of the Month**

**Ponoka Boston Pizza and Ponoka Secondary Campus would like to congratulate our January Students of the Month!**

**Grade 7 - Ava Morency**

**Grade 8 - Alexis Groves, Danni Littlechild, Gavin Morgenstern & Arial Wilson**

**Grade 9 - Lena Kowalski & Shaylee Rabbit**

**Grade 10 - Marye Bakker, Emily McMillan & Cody Schimpf**

**Grade 11 - Levi Harbin, Tanica Pelletier, Addison Saunders & Van Willson**

**Grade 12 - Cheyenne Avery, Ashton Bandet, Kyle Frandsen & Tanner Simpson**



## Grad 2021 Update

**Grad Photos** are happening Tuesday and Wednesday February 23 and 24 this week.

**Grad 2021 Flower Fundraiser** order forms are due **Thursday February 25, 2021**.

All PSC students are able to support our grad class by ordering flowers from their Parent Portal account before Feb 25, 2021.

## Busing Info for Next School Year

Bus registrations are now open for the 2021-2022 school year. You can register a number of different ways. Info in the poster below.

*Kathy*

**TOWN (URBAN) BUS STUDENTS**  
**Students living in Ponoka**  
**MUST re-register for busing each spring for the fall!**



User Pay fees are applied to students who live less than 2.4 km from school.  
User Pay students are accepted on a first come first served basis  
AND only if there is space available on a bus.  
User Pay students will be put on a waiting list if their registrations are received late and/or the bus in that area is full.  
If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.  
*Cross Boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application and the cross boundary application.  
Please note that cross boundary fees will apply.*

Fees are currently under review and will be released by the School Board in late spring 2021. (Distances are calculated using a routing software and Alberta Education criteria)

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL  
OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE**  
**DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 15, 2021**

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## **COUNTRY (RURAL) BUS STUDENTS**

**Ponoka students who live in the country and are new to busing (i.e. kindergarten students or students changing schools) OR have moved to a new rural location are required to register for transportation.**

To register your full legal land description AND complete blue sign (911 address) are required on the application.

*\*Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us with your legal land description.*

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change PRIOR to registering for busing.

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