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September 22, 2021 - Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart

School is in full swing and I am happy to report that we have 528 students to date, which is around our usual population. Sports are running, clubs are in progress, learning is happening and other than having to wear masks during our transition times, school is seeming normal again.

Devious Licks

What is a Devious Lick you may ask? Well, unfortunately I know about this tik tok trend as it has hit our school. [Click here](#) to learn more. Please have a conversation with your child about how damaging, expensive and inappropriate it is to be damaging and stealing from their school.

Terry Fox Run

Ponoka Secondary Campus is on board with over 9,000 schools coast to coast helping continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. The Terry Fox Foundation needs our support.

This year's Terry Fox Run will be in the afternoon of October 7, 2021. All students and staff are expected to participate. Our grade 10 PE class and senior high student council members will be assisting with the logistics of the run.

Students will be bringing pledge forms home this Friday or donate to:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/PonokaSecondaryCampus>. The TA in both Junior High and High School that raises the most money, will win a class pizza party.

PIE A TEACHER IN THE FACE

Students will have the opportunity to start their bids on September 27th. The highest bid for each individual teacher will be announced on October 7th. The highest bidders will receive honors and will get to pie that teacher in the face. This event will take place prior to the run. All proceeds will go towards the Terry Fox Foundation. Bids will start at \$20.00.

Sports Update:

Football: Sr. Broncs Football won their 1st game against Wetaskiwin. Good luck to them on Thursday as they head out to Sylvan Lake

Volleyball: Volleyball is hugely popular this year with our ladies. We have a senior team, a JV team and 3 junior high teams. Wow...a busy gym. Our JV and senior girls play this Thursday starting at 6:00pm

Cross Country: The cross country running team will be headed to their 2nd race on September 29 in New Norway

Golf: Our golfers finished with a silver medal in zones. Congratulations and good luck to Spencer Loree, Brock Auclair, Ryder MacLeod and Austin Griffiths



Sporting Spectator Information

- 1 - Masks are mandatory for all spectators in all Wolf Creek facilities/gyms
- 2 - PSC Gym capacity is 250 athletes, officials and spectators inclusive
- 3 - Social distancing in our gym is also required
- 4 - When traveling to spectate at other gyms, please be advised each school and school division has its own Covid capacities and restrictions in place-check with the specific school.



Adventure Trip: Coach Chapman is planning an overnight camping trip for Senior High students on October 3rd and 4th. The trip will include hiking and camping out west of Nordegg. In addition to this our junior high outdoor ed student will be headed out on September 27th for a full day of putting their learning to use.

Swimming in PE

As part of our PSC Physical Education classes our gr. 7 and 8 students will be taking part in an aquatics program. There will not be swim lessons, but rather a combination of water fitness, and water games like basketball, volleyball, and water polo.

Boys grade 7 and 8 will go on Mon/Tues. Oct. 4/5 during their PE classes.

Girls grade 7 and 8 will go on Wed/Thurs. Oct. 6/7 during their PE classes.

Students will need a swimsuit and towel. Goggles are optional.

Ponoka Youth Center

PSC works with the Ponoka Youth Center and I wanted to pass along some information about the teen programs they offer.

This year at the Youth Centre, we are very excited to be offering a variety of different FREE Teen Programs:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - Raise the Grade is an academic support program designed to help students excel.

Mondays - Kickstart is a safe and supervised drop in program for junior high youth to spend time with peers and become more comfortable with the teen Drop In Program. A Portion of each day has an educational component that is delivered by an adult mentor.

Tuesdays - Fusion offers youth opportunities to experience life skills, personal growth and self-empowerment.

Wednesdays - Keystone is a leadership program that focuses on fun ways for youth to develop leadership skills, teamwork and community responsibility.

Thursdays & Fridays - Teen Drop In is a great time for youth to hang out with friends, watch movies, play pool, play video games and participate in planned activities. The Teen Drop In is supervised by highly qualified & screened staff volunteers. A family-style supper is provided on Thursdays.

Fridays - Dungeons & Dragons is led by experienced Dungeon Masters. No experience is required for players and all supplies are provided.



YOUTH PROGRAMS



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Kickstart (Gr.7-9 only)

A safe and supervised drop in program for junior high youth only. Youth may spend time with peers and become more comfortable with the teen Drop in Program. A portion of each day has an educational component that is delivered by an adult mentor.

MONDAY 3:15PM-5:30PM

Raise the Grade

An academic support program designed to help students excel.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

2:00PM-5:30PM

Fusion

A program that offers youth opportunities to experience lifeskills, personal growth and self-empowerment.

TUESDAY 3:15PM-5:30PM

Keystone

A leadership program that focuses on fun ways for youth to develop leadership skills, teamwork and community responsibility.

WEDNESDAY 3:15PM-5:30PM

Drop In & Dinner

Youth can hang out with friends, watch movies, play pool, play video games and participate in planned activities. The Teen Drop In is supervised by highly qualified & screened staff & volunteers. A family-style supper is provided on Thursdays.

THURSDAY 3:15PM-9:00PM

Teen Drop In

FRIDAY 6:00PM-9:00PM

Dungeons & Dragons

FRIDAY 3:15PM-5:30PM

Led by experienced Dungeon Masters. No experience required and all supplies are provided.

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Food:

Breakfast Club: the breakfast club is up and running. Each day **free** breakfast items are available to all students. Students can pick up breakfast in the cafeteria at the breakfast counter. A huge Thank You to Breakfast Club of Canada and to the Youth Center for funds and helpers.

Cafeteria: our cafeteria is now open. Each day will have different items available for purchase. Meals are \$5.00 and when we are out, we are out.

Thank You's:

So many amazing people make our schools fantastic. I wanted to take a moment to thank a few.

Thank-You - To our coaches, these individuals give up hundreds of hours of their own time so that our children can be involved in sport. Right now those people include: Riley Quance, Cody Baird, Ron Labrie, Keegan McLeod, Liane Amdam, Kathy McTaggart and community members Aneta Jones, Tammy Emes, Shaelyn & Kylie Goodwin, Mackenzie Henderson, Kendra Emes, Cheyanne Avery and Mark Cutts.

Thank-You - To our administrative assistants for all their work getting our school year going and organized. We could not do it without you!

Kathy