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January 27 , 2022 - Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart

The first half of the school year is pretty much complete. Today and tomorrow, exams will be completed and Monday we start up quarter 3.

All high school students will be in brand new classes and our junior high students will have new options and some will see a change in their teachers.

Report cards will not be sent home; all student marks can be checked in powerschool. The marks portal will be shut down starting today until Monday morning so that teachers can finalize grades. Final grades will be visible for Monday morning.

Exam Schedule

PSC January Exam Schedule							
	Fri 21		Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thur 27	Fri 28
AM	Mercer / Hinton Social 10-1/2 Part A				Cabay Math 20-1	Science 9 PAT (All grade 9 classes)	ELA 9 Midterm (All grade 9 classes)
						Mercer / Hinton Social 10-1/2 Part B	Jr. High Intervention Day
						Hollingsworth Science 10	No High School Classes
PM			Labrie / Newman Social 20-1/2 Part A			Labrie / Newman Social 20-1/2 Part B	Jr. High Intervention Day
						Hollingsworth Science 20	No High School Classes

If your child has had to miss school because of illness/quarantine requirements and this will affect them being present for their final exam, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Patience

As parents, you may be hearing that the school has a lot of substitute teachers present right now. Yes, we do.

Thankfully we have been able to secure continued substitute teachers in our building as staff have had to go into isolation. Please encourage your child to be on their best behaviour for these wonderful people that agree to come in and help when the regular teacher can't be there. It is never ideal when the regular classroom teacher is away, especially when several are away at once but the school is doing its best to minimize the impact when staff are out of the building.

I too am serving my isolation right now, but just like we ask our students, 'work from home as much as possible and keep up with your school work through your google classroom', so I am sitting at my kitchen table, writing my principal's message and will return next week.

Parent Council - Jo(e) Social Media

Parent Councils from Ponoka Secondary and Ponoka Elementary are pleased to offer any interested parents an opportunity to attend a session on 'Parenting and Social Media' from Jo(e) Social Media. The session will be at:

Ponoka Secondary Campus

February 8, 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Masking and Social Distancing Required

The workshop will provide: "A live conversation about parenting and social media. They'll bring you the latest in what the kids have told them about challenges, and offer you insights and tips on how to navigate a social media conversation with your kids."

Grad

Grad meetings with our fundraising, decorating and slideshow committees have begun.

Another meeting for all graduating students will be in the theater on Tuesday Feb 1, 2022 during FLEX.

The first grad fundraiser of Grad 2022 is getting rolling - the flower/herb fundraiser is back! Our graduates will be selling these to their friends and family, but if you don't know a graduate and wanted to order a basket through this Country Gardens and Greenhouse fundraiser, you can do that through your parent portal the same way you pay school fees.

12" Mixed Sun Flower Hanging Basket – A mix of sun loving annual flowers \$37.00 Each	12" Shade Hanging Basket - A mix of shade loving annual plants \$37.00 Each	12" Strawberry Hanging Basket – Ever bearing strawberry plants that produce all summer \$25.00 Each	12" Cherry Tomato Hanging Basket- A cherry tomato that produces hundreds of tomatoes \$30.00 Each	Herb Planter – A selection of edible herbs including basil, chives, parsley, thyme and oregano \$25.00 Each
				

Shout out to our Local Olympian - Maddison Pearman



Many of you will recognize this young lady and former graduate of Ponoka Secondary Campus.

Maddison will be competing in the upcoming winter Olympics in speed skating. Maddy's former teachers remember her well, are so proud of her and our whole school will be cheering her on every step of the way. Go Canada Go!!

Student of the Month

Ponoka Secondary Campus would like to **thank our local sponsor, Boston Pizza, Ponoka**, in helping recognize the students listed below for their achievement and contribution with a free individual pizza & pop. Their certificates will be given out on monday morning.

JANUARY Student of the Month

Ambrose Blanchard	7	Renae Giesbrecht	10
Katelyn McInnes	7	Ava Sorensen	10
Jasey Ten Hove	7	Aiden Taylor	10
Justine Mercer	8	Bryson Buffalo	11
Cole Palechek	8	Alex Flett-Beauregard	11
Nik Palechek	8	Emily McMillan	11
Jenna Abt	9	Klaas de Vries	12
Jayda BigCharles	9	Kayden Hoffman	12
Addison McKinney	9	Van Willson	12



Message from our Transportation Department

Our transportation department had informed us that bus registrations are now open for the 2022/2023 school year. All applications will be held by date applied and will be reviewed over the summer months. See info below

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 2022. (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 1, 2022

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca

Phone - 403-785-0726 (Direct) or 403-341-4153 (Red Deer) or 403-782-8726 (Lacombe) ext. 1332

Website - <https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2>



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.*

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