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## Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart – November 20, 2019

**Remembrance Day Ceremony** - A great big *thank you* to Mr. Ron Labrie and his Broncs World Tour students for organizing and hosting a superb event to honor the soldiers and personnel who have served our Country over the years in the military. Ponoka Secondary has the best Remembrance Day Ceremony I have ever seen and this year was no exception.

**Yearbook News** - If you ordered a yearbook last year (2018/2019), they have arrived and are available for pick up in the office. \* **New This Year** \* - As we move into the digital age, we are now offering 2 versions of the 2019/2020 yearbook; digital or hardcopy. If you would like to purchase either option, please order your copy now through the payment section of the Parent Portal.

Digital Copy of Yearbook on a Flashdrive - \$15.00

Hard Cover Printed Yearbook - \$45.00

**School Photos** - If you ordered photos and have not received them, please contact our office. We want to make sure you have your photos before Christmas.

**Returning Student Registration Forms for the 2019 - 2020 School Year ARE DUE** - We have many parents that have not yet logged into the PowerSchool Parent Portal to complete the Returning Student Registration Form for this school year for their child(ren). We are making every attempt possible to encourage and help parents to log on to the Parent Portal to access, complete and submit this Registration Form. We would like to have these Registration Forms submitted by the end of December. Again, if you require assistance to access your Parent Portal or to complete the Form, please contact Mrs. Rodwell at 403 783 4411 ext 5153.

### **BRONCS SPORTS**

**Basketball Teams** have been chosen and practices are happening. Please check out our Athletic Calendar on our website for game dates and times.

**Curling Teams** are throwing rocks with the Ponoka Curling Club Junior Program on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 5 pm at the Ponoka Curling Rink.

**Volleyball** has wrapped for the year. Congratulations to our Sr Girls who had a fantastic season and were Silver Medalists at Zones this past Saturday! Good news is we are starting to plan for the 2020/2021 season when our school will host the Girls High School 3A Volleyball Provincials on November 26 - 28, 2020. Mark your Calendars!

**BRONCS CLUBS: School Reach** is an academic trivia competition for student teams and we have started organizing for another exciting year. If your child would be interested in participating, please have them come to a meeting on Thursday, November 21st in Mr. Haggarty's Room (A134). Teams compete in three different categories: Junior = Grs 7 & 8; Intermediate = Grs 9 & 10; and, Senior = Grs 11 & 12.

**Santa's Anonymous** - Student and Parent Volunteers are needed for our **Annual Stuff a Bus Campaign** on Tuesday, Dec 3rd. Volunteers are required at both IGA and No Frills locations between 9am - 8pm. We have a signup sheet in the office offering shifts in 2 hour increments. Please contact Mrs. Adcock for more information at 403.783.4411

**Student's Council Activities** - **12 Days of Christmas** activities begin on Tuesday, Dec 3rd. Please check out the attached Calendar for daily student activities.

**POSSIBLE TOBACCO & VAPING LEGISLATION IN ALBERTA**

Vaping has become a huge issue at Ponoka Secondary Campus over the past year and we have seen so many students begin this habit. At PSC, we treat vaping the same as smoking and it does result in consequences, most often a suspension. Because vaping is so new, it has taken some time for the medical community to collect data on the effects of vaping, the latest information is indicating it is actually more harmful to the human body than smoking. If you would like more info please click [here](#).

The Alberta Government is seeking feedback from the public in regards to implementing legislation around vaping and tobacco use and I would encourage you to fill out the survey. This is a critical opportunity to improve Alberta policy on tobacco and vaping and the government needs to hear from people like you who are concerned about the well-being of our kids. You can participate in this survey by visiting [www.protectalbertakids.ca/take-action/](http://www.protectalbertakids.ca/take-action/) until November 29th.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**Friday, November 22nd** - Staff Collaboration Day (no school for students)



**Monday & Tuesday, November 25th & 26th** - Josten Rep will be here at noon to take Grad Ring orders

**Tuesday, November 26th** - PSC Food drive begins.











**Tuesday, December 3rd** - Santa's Anonymous Stuff A Bus at No Frills & IGA - 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

**Friday, December 6th** - Staff Collaboration Day (no school for students)

**Monday, December 9th** - Round 3 of Jr High Options begin

**Tuesday, December 10th** - Santa's Showdown @ Ponoka Arena 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**PSC "12 Days of Christmas"**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December 2 	December 3 "12 Days of Giving" Begins Tomorrow 	December 4 Christmas Orange Day 	December 5 Red, Green, and White Day 	December 6 PD Day 
December 9 TA Wreath Decorating Contest 	December 10 Grad Bake Sale Santa's Showdown 	December 11 Admin Surprise 	December 12 Ugly Sweater Day 	December 13 Candy Grams 
December 16 TA Snow Sculptures 	December 17 Selfies With Santa 	December 18 Find the Grinch's Presents 	December 19 Christmas Character Day 	December 20 Christmas Banquet & Dance 