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Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart:

I hope this message finds you warm and well. The school is gearing up for our end of term exams for students in Grades 9-12. Part A Grade 12 Diploma Exams have already occurred with the remainder of the exams being written over the next 2 weeks.

The schedule of all exams can be found on our website at: [PSC January Final Exam Schedule](#)

Parent Portal will be disabled during exam week Jan 27 - 30 to enable teachers to get final marks in and finalized.

Smart Photography will be here at the school on Monday, January 27th and Tuesday, January 28th for Grad Photos. Sign-up sheets are in the office and students are encouraged to make appointments in the available time slots.

Info about Clubs and Sports currently happening:

Ski Trip - all students can now access the field trip forms in the office to go skiing/snowboarding to Canyon Ski Hill Feb 13 &/or 27. This trip is for any ability level, lessons are provided and rentals are available. Please remember students must be in good standing to be eligible for school trips. A mountain ski trip is being planned for early March, this will only be available to students in grades 9-12 and intermediate or above levels.

Basketball - Has hit its busy season. Parents, fans and players are reminded to use the Athletic Calendar to keep track of when and where games and practices are.

Curling - Junior High Curlers have their bonspiel in Lacombe on March 5. Our Senior High Curlers participate in areas Feb 20-22 in Red Deer.

Wrestling - Practices are still going Tuesday and Thursday after school. Encourage your child to come give it a try.

School Reach - Has their 1st competition in February. We have 1 Junior (Grade 7/8) and 1 Intermediate (9/10) team.

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

Opera Trip - Is booked and students will be headed to Edmonton on January 30 to see: The Marriage of Figaro

School Fees:

The school would really appreciate parents/guardians trying to get their fees paid up to date. We have currently only collected 55.5% of all school fees to date. As I am sure you can appreciate, it is difficult to continue to run programs when we have no funds to run them with.

In order to remain in good standing and be eligible to participate in the 'extras' of school such as field trips, sports and other extracurricular it is necessary to have those fees paid up to date. Please note, FEES have been updated to include the following:

- School Fees
- Athletic fees - Volleyball and Basketball which are now due
- Grad 2020 Clothing orders available online, get your Grad some swag!
- School Clothing orders available online - check out the new Broncs gear
- Yearbooks, Digital or Hard Cover copies available - order yours online

To log in, please access your account at: <https://wolfcreek.powerschool.com/public/home.html>. If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Berg in the office as we are happy to help.

Grade 6 & 9 PAT Marks from 2019

Are now accessible through your Parent Portal, simply log in and check historical grades.

Security Camera Update - Security cameras are up and functional; signage is ordered and on its way. Just in case you want to review the policy it is attached [here: AP 181](#)

Youth Center - I have attached a flyer with information about after school programming at the Youth Center for students in grade 7-9.

Olds College Tours - Wolf Creek is offering on-campus visits for students interested in the following programs: Animal Sciences, Agriculture, Horticulture & Land Sciences, Trades and Hospitality and Tourism. Students can apply to visit the campus and learn more about the programs. This is open to students Grades 10-12. See attachment below for details.

A Message from the Superintendent, Mr. Jayson Lovell: Dear Parents/Guardians and WCPS Staff:

Wolf Creek Public Schools' Board of Trustees is committed to listening to you, our important partners in education. We know our families have different stories and experiences, needs and access to resources when it comes to education, and it's those stories and concerns regarding public education in your community that we want you to share with us.

WCPS Trustees advocate on your behalf to Alberta Education and the Government of Alberta. Simply put, that means they open conversations with the government looking to address your concerns. To do that more effectively, and as we approach the next education budget this spring, it is crucial that we know your story first hand, so the Board can best represent and make a strong case for your concerns, for you and for your children.

Please find the [attached advocacy sheet](#), with some brief information about current resource and support pressures on the division. On the reverse side is a form where you can write your story. Please take the time to share your story and concerns about public education with us. The school board is meeting with Members of the Legislative Assembly on February 7th, 2020 and will be taking your letters to the meeting. We invite you to fill in the form and return it to the school or go online for a fillable PDF that you can complete on your computer, save it, and email as an attachment back to us (<https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/about-wolf-creek/division-news/post/board-launched-tell-us-your-story-advocacy>). Click on Board Advocacy: Tell Us Your Story for the fillable PDF.

Please ensure you return this to the school or school division office and we will then pass on your letters when the board meets with the local MLAs. Please return completed letters by no later than February 3rd, 2020. Thank you for all you do to support public education in Alberta and across Wolf Creek Public Schools.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, January 30th - Start of Semester 2 for Grade 9 and High School Students

Friday, February 7th - Staff Collaboration Day (no school for students)

Monday, February 17th - Family Day Holiday (no school for students and staff)

Tuesday, February 18th - Staff Earned Day Off (no school for students and staff)

Wednesday, February 19th - Staff Collaboration Day (no school for students)

Thursday, February 20 & Friday, February 21 - Teachers Convention (no school for students)