



## PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS

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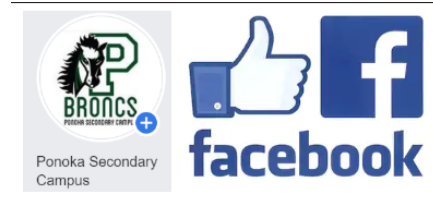
### January 31, 2020

Welcome to Semester 2!

Students are moving into new classes and options and we are into the last half of the school year.

We would like to share some information that is new moving into Semester 2.

**We Are On Facebook** - We now have an official school Facebook site. Please follow us to receive timely updates. Find us at [Ponoka Secondary Campus](#)



### **Attendance - NEW POLICY**

Attendance is important to us here at PSC.

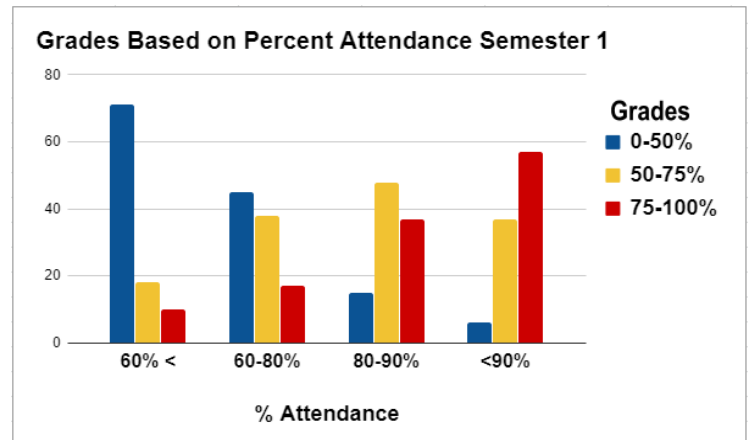
By attending and participating in class, students learn to: participate in group discussions, develop an appreciation for the views and abilities of other students and form habits that are directly linked to success in the real world. In addition to the social benefits of attending, the more you come to school the better your marks are.

Here is some interesting data from Semester 1

**Based on this compelling data and our sincere belief of the benefits of good attendance in traditional classrooms, the school is implementing a revised attendance policy for Semester 2.**

### **High School Attendance - NEW POLICY – Semester 2**

Student attendance will be monitored regularly by our administrators and in the event:



- that a student reaches **5 absences total in any one class**, teachers will be contacting parents/guardians to have a conversation reiterating the need to attend.
- that a student reaches **10 absences total in any one class**, a parent/guardian meeting will be scheduled with an administrator to confirm importance and validate the necessity of student's attendance in class to be successful in the course. A plan will be developed between student/parent/administrator to improve attendance.
- that a student reaches **15 absences total in any one class**, a second Parent/Guardian meeting will be required with an administrator with the intention to re-evaluate the plan and outline additional supports to be put into place.
- that student reaches **20 absences total in any one class**, the student will be withdrawn from the traditional "in class" course. The student will then be enrolled in our Enhanced Learning Program to give students the opportunity to earn credits.

\*\* Please note that three "lates" constitutes one absence

## 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 and 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. [PSC Athletics Calendar](#)

**Curling** - Junior High Curlers have their bonspiel in Lacombe on March 19 (please note: date change). 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 from 5-7pm on Sundays.

**Ag for Life** - is offering a 1-day workshop for young women with an interest in agriculture and food production. This workshop is in Calgary on Wednesday March 18. Please see their [website](#) for more details and if your child would like to sign up, please have her see Mrs.Slater ASAP.

**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 offered. This is open to students Grades 10-12 and please see attachment below for further details.

**Invitation to a Parent Session at Ponoka Elementary** - The Ponoka Elementary School's Parent Council would like to extend an invite to our parents to join them Wednesday, Feb 26th at 7:00pm for a free presentation from Registered Psychologist, Tammy Auten-Dye on Self-Regulation: The Rollercoaster of our Emotions. See the attached poster for further details.

**Alberta Education Survey** - If your child is in Grades 7 or 10, you should have received a letter in the mail from Alberta Education asking you to fill out a survey on your child's education. This survey is very helpful in helping guide our decision making at the school level. Please take the 10 minutes to fill out this survey. As a bonus: if you let us know you completed the survey, we will enter your name into a draw for a family movie pass in Red Deer.

**Pink Shirt Day** - We are proud to support and celebrate Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, February 26. *Let's take a stand against bullying!* In conjunction with the Ponoka Youth Centre, students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt on this day. Students can purchase a pink shirt from the Ponoka Youth Centre (see attached poster).

### Upcoming Dates:

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)

# OLDS COLLEGE - Preview Days



**Animal Sciences**

**Feb 7, 2020**

**Business, Hospitality & Brew**

**Feb 28, 2020**

**Agriculture & Trades**

**March 20, 2020**

**Horticulture & Land Sciences**

**April 3, 2020**

HAVE YOU  
CHECKED OUT  
**OLDS COLLEGE**  
YET?

Talk to Mrs. Slater or sign up at  
[bit.ly/OLDScollegeWCPSvisit](http://bit.ly/OLDScollegeWCPSvisit)

**FREE BUSSING!**

**FREE REGISTRATION!**

**FREE LUNCH!**

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**Free Presentation  
Registered Psychologist  
Tammy Auten-Dye  
Wednesday Feb. 26th at 7:00 pm  
Ponoka Elementary School  
Everyone Welcome  
Brought to you by Parent Council**

Self- Regulation:

The Rollercoaster Of Our Emotions

Children are emotionally driven. As they grow children learn how to manage their emotions and the actions/ behaviours that follow the those feelings. Some children struggle to learn this skill. This presentation will provide some information on what is happening for your child, as well as how to support your child in managing their emotional rollercoaster. Some concerns that can fall under the emotional regulation issues include ADHD/ ADD, children struggling with outbursts, anxiety, anger and impact of trauma.

## PINK SHIRT DAY

Take a stand against bullying & wear your pink shirt on

**FEBRUARY 26, 2020!**

Purchase a Ponoka Youth Centre pink shirt!

**BE A BUDDY**



**NOT A BULLY**

**\$10.00**

The 2020 Pink Shirt logo was designed by our very own Torch Club!

We only have 100 shirts and they will be sold on a first come, first serve basis!

