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April 27, 2021 - Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart

We have officially entered the last quarter of the school year. Quarter 4 for high school students began last Wednesday April 21st and our new classes are up and running. It has certainly been nice to have better weather to have students able to go outside for track practices and PE.

This principal's message contains information about an important change we are making to our **COVID CLOSE CONTACT NOTIFICATIONS** so please read on.

COVID CLOSE CONTACT NOTIFICATION

Since September, whenever the school has been notified of a case of covid and had to inform students and families of close contact quarantines we have done this with a personal phone call from an administrator. At the beginning of covid, this news was a bit shocking and there were questions and clarifications that parents needed. Now, unfortunately, our parent community has fielded hundreds if not thousands of these calls over the past year. Most of our parents are very familiar with the drill and the need for the one-on-one phone call is no longer necessary in most cases.

Moving forward, notification that your child is a close contact from school will be sent with our online messaging system.

Depending on how you have set up notifications in your parent portal you will receive a combination of the following notifications:

***Sample Recorded Call:** Hello, this is an important call from Ponoka Secondary Campus. Your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19 confirmed in an individual at Ponoka Secondary Campus. Please check your email for a letter from the school with additional information and quarantine dates and requirements.*

Sample Text Message: *Your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19 at Ponoka Secondary Campus. Check your email for more information and quarantine dates.*

E-mail Message: *Outlining Dates, quarantine requirements and further information about Covid-19*

Leaders of Tomorrow

Each year the Leaders of Tomorrow committee in Ponoka promotes and takes nominations for young leaders of tomorrow. The following students from Ponoka Secondary Campus have been nominated for the 25th annual "Leaders of Tomorrow" award.

Grade 7: Dreayle Saulteaux

Grade 8: McKenna Avery (Junior Winner)

Grade 9: Malaya Montour

Grade 11: Kate Hollingsworth

Grade 12: Presley Cardinal

Grade 12: Autumn Rain (Senior Winner)

Each nominee receives a backpack, water bottle, framed certificate and \$25 gift certificate. Winners also receive a plaque and a cheque.

A big congratulations to all our nominees and winners, way to go!

Course Selections for 2021-2022 School Year

It is that time of year again, in which we begin planning for next year. There are 2 items for parents and students to attend to during this process.

- 1) Choosing Courses for Next Year - this applies to students moving into grades 10, 11 & 12. Information will be sent out in the next message about how students and parents are to complete this using your **students powerschool**. Parents will have an opportunity to do this with their child online. Each class will have a presentation about choosing courses for next year. Any selections not completed at home will be followed up on and completed at school. As a parent, if you have questions about which courses to choose don't hesitate to reach out, your first call will be to Mrs. Wendy Fessler, our academic advisor.

- 2) Registration Forms - An updated online **registration form MUST be completed every year** for every child you have in wolf creek public schools. These forms are released by the school division in late August.

Grad 2021 Update

Big Announcement from the Town about the 1st (Hope To Be Annual) Grad Parade!



Grad Form - An important form to sign up for grad related activities and feedback has been emailed to every grad and parent/guardian. Please get your graduate to fill it in.

Kathy