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## **August 23, 2021 - Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart**

Welcome back or to the regular principal's messages that will be sent out throughout the year.

I am really looking forward to the year and have high hopes that we will have a more active and engaging school year for 2021-2022. As such, I wanted to get this information out to everyone early so that you can start planning.

### **First Day(s) of School in September 2021-2022**

Our office will be open starting Monday August 30, 2021 from 8:00-4:00pm. We will not be readily available before this date.

#### **Wednesday September 1, 2021 - 1st Day of School for Grade 7's ONLY!**

On Wednesday September 1st school for grade 7 students will begin at 8:41. This will be an orientation day for grade 7's. They will begin the day with their TA (Teacher Advisor) who will give them a tour, introduce them to the school and procedures and then in the afternoon they will run through a condensed school day ending at 3:24pm.

#### **Thursday September 2, 2021 - School Begins for Everyone**

On Thursday September 2nd our grade 8-12 will begin school and our grade 7's will continue. All students will begin their day in their teacher advisor and confirm schedules, receive lockers and go through procedures. Starting at 9:30am students will start a condensed school day ending at 3:20pm.

#### **Friday September 3, 2021 - Regular School day for everyone at PSC**

## Demographic Update

You all should have received an email from Wolf Creek Public Schools outlining and linking the process so parents/guardians can complete their children's demographic update form which acts as their registration form. Please ensure these are complete. Without these forms completed there are some limitations to what services your child will have access to.

The email starts:



Greetings 

**You have been sent a 2021-2022 Student Demographic Update for the upcoming school year.**

Please login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account: <https://wolfcreek.powerschool.com/public/home.html> and follow the steps below to access the applicable form.

Here is the link once again: <https://wolfcreek.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

If you have not yet set up your parent portal here is a link to instructions - [Parent Portal Set-up.pdf](#)

## Sports Starting Up

**Football:** Sr. Broncs Football is beginning, PSC students grade 10-12 are welcome. Practices begin August 23-27th from 4:00-6:00pm. See you out on the field.

**Volleyball:** Drop in volleyball on Aug 24, 26, 31 and Sept 2 from 6:30-8 pm in the gym. This will be available for Grade 9-12 girls. Bring a water bottle!

**Cross Country:** the cross country running team will be starting practices on Tuesday September 7th at 3:30pm. Cross country running is open to all students grades 7-12. Practices will be Mon, Tues, Thurs from 3:30-4:30pm. There will be 2-5 opportunities for the team to run in races with the team wrapping up in October.

## School Supplies

The school supply list can be found on the homepage of our website:

<https://psc.wolfcreek.ab.ca/>



# School Supply List

## 2021 - 2022

### Classroom Supplies:

- 2 Binders – 2 Inch; zipped binders preferred
- Dividers
- Highlighters (at least 2 colors)
- Loose-leaf Paper ~ 500 sheets (or coil notebook for each subject)
- Pencils – Approx. 10 HB
- Pens – 5 Blue or Black
- Scientific Calculator \*\* you do not need to invest in a graphing calculator until Grade 10
- Sharpie - Black Fine Point
- 30cm Ruler
- Pencil Crayons or Markers (Junior High Only)
- 1 Glue stick (Junior High Only)
- Scissors (Junior High Only)

### Physical Education

Students are REQUIRED to change for Physical Ed

- T-shirt
- Shorts or sweatpants
- Gym shoes (non-marking soles)
- Deodorant (no spray)
- \*\* Broncs Gym Strip with Shorts and T-Shirt is available for purchase (\$35)

## Meet The Teacher Evening

I would like to invite parents and guardians along with their children to our “Meet The Teacher Evening” Thursday September 9, 2021 from 4:00pm-7:30pm at the school. This is a drop in event, no appointment necessary, come if you can.

## School Photos

School photos are Thursday September 9th.

## FLEX time for grade 10-12

One of our major interventions at the high school level this year will be our flex class. We will be outlining this for all of our high school students on the first day of classes. Details below:

### FLEX Time

This school year, we will be offering in our timetable for Grades 10, 11 and 12 students, built in flex time Monday - Thursday. This is scheduled time and is MANDATORY when assigned by a teacher. Attendance will be taken when assigned and consequences given if missed.

The purpose of FLEX is to have time and support to master concepts through practice and refinement on specific topics:

- is offered **40 minutes a day 4 times per week (Monday to Thursday)**; TA on Friday's
- students may use FLEX as often as they need
- teachers have the right and responsibility to assign students to FLEX based on attendance, grades and level of understanding of course outcome.
- A time to run specialty sessions with students:
  - post-secondary research
  - guest speakers
  - scholarship work sessions
  - career planning
- time to work with students in smaller groups who need extra time to master a concept
- did poorly on a test, get those 10-15 students together for a concentrated period of time to relearn a concept they didn't learn
- extra time for things that did not get accomplished (ie. in class homework)
- to provide “just time” that some students do not have in the scheme of work/sports/school/family commitments, etc.
- is subject specific or teacher specific, so students may be working with any qualified staff who will offer what they need

**See you in September!**

*Kathy*