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## January 10 , 2022 - Principal's Message, Mrs. Kathy McTaggart

So wonderful this morning to have students back in the building this morning, we missed them over the holiday season. I wanted to send a short message right away in regard to rapid tests.

As stated in wolf creek's messaging last week:

"The Alberta Government is providing medical grade disposable masks and rapid COVID-19 tests to all staff and students in Alberta. The masks will be available at school, the rapid test kits will be distributed to students at school to be brought home. Masks will not be available by Monday, January 10, so families should be prepared to continue providing their own masks for children.

There is no obligation for families to use the rapid test kits, they are simply a tool to be used at home, for those who so desire. Your school will be in contact with you to indicate how you may opt out of receiving a rapid test kit, if you so choose. Schools WILL NOT be administering rapid tests to students. For those who choose to receive rapid test kits, there is no requirement to report results to AHS or to pursue additional testing. There is also no obligation to inform the school of the test result, but you are required to inform the school if your child will be absent from school."

**If you do NOT wish for rapid test kits to be sent home** with your child, please send an email to [psc@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:psc@wolfcreek.ab.ca) or call and let the school know at (403) 783-4411.

Otherwise rapid test kits will be distributed to your child during the last period of the day on Tuesday January 11th. These kits are to be brought home, not remain at school.

### Exam Schedule

January brings us to exam season. Here is the exam schedule for grades 9-11. Diploma exams for grade 12's have been canceled by the provincial government for January 2022.

PSC January Exam Schedule								
	Fri 21		Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26	Thur 27	Fri 28	
AM	Mercer / Hinton Social 10-1/2 Part A					Cabay Math 20-1	Science 9 PAT (All grade 9 classes)	ELA 9 Midterm (All grade 9 classes)
							Mercer / Hinton Social 10-1/2 Part B	Jr. High Intervention Day
							Hollingsworth Science 10	No High School Classes
PM			Labrie / Newman Social 20-1/2 Part A				Labrie / Newman Social 20-1/2 Part B	Jr. High Intervention Day
						Hollingsworth Science 20	No High School Classes	

### Parent Council - Jo(e) Social Media

Parent Councils from Ponoka Secondary and Ponoka Elementary are pleased to offer any interested parents an opportunity to attend a session on 'Parenting and Social Media' from Jo(e) Social Media. The session will be a

Ponoka Secondary Campus

February 8, 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Masking and Social Distancing Required

The workshop will provide: "A live conversation about parenting and social media. They'll bring you the latest in what the kids have told them about challenges, and offer you insights and tips on how to navigate a social media conversation with your kids."

### Grad


Grad meetings with our fundraising, decorating and slideshow committees will begin in the next couple weeks.

The first grad fundraiser of Grad 2022 is getting rolling, the flower/vegetable fundraiser is back! Our graduates will be selling these to their friends and family but if you don't know a graduate and wanted to order a basket through this Country Gardens and Greenhouse fundraiser you can do that through your parent portal the same way you pay school fees.

<b>12" Mixed Sun Flower Hanging Basket –</b> A mix of sun loving annual flowers <b>\$37.00 Each</b>	<b>12" Shade Hanging Basket -</b> A mix of shade loving annual plants <b>\$37.00 Each</b>	<b>12" Strawberry Hanging Basket –</b> Ever bearing strawberry plants that produce all summer <b>\$25.00 Each</b>	<b>12" Cherry Tomato Hanging Basket-</b> A cherry tomato that produces hundreds of tomatoes <b>\$30.00 Each</b>	<b>Herb Planter –</b> A selection of edible herbs including basil, chives, parsley, thyme and oregano <b>\$25.00 Each</b>
				

Our transportation department had informed us that bus registrations are now open for the 2022/2023 school year. All applications will be held by date applied and will be reviewed over the summer months. See info below

**TOWN (URBAN) BUS STUDENTS**  
**Students living in Ponoka**  
**MUST re-register for busing each spring for the fall**



User Pay fees are applied to students who live less than 2.4 km from school.  
 User Pay students are accepted on a first come first served basis  
 AND only if there is space available on a bus.  
 User Pay students will be put on a waiting list if their registrations are received late and/or the bus in that area is full.

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.  
*Cross Boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application and the cross boundary application.  
 Please note that cross boundary fees will apply.*

Fees are currently under review and will be released by the School Board in late spring 2022. (Distances are calculated using a routing software and Alberta Education criteria)

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL  
 OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE**  
**DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 1, 2022**

***For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services***  
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## **COUNTRY (RURAL) BUS STUDENTS**

**Ponoka students who live in the country and are new to busing (i.e. kindergarten students or students changing schools) OR have moved to a new rural location are required to register for transportation.**

To register your full legal land description AND complete blue sign (911 address) are required on the application.

*\*Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us with your legal land description.*

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change PRIOR to registering for busing.

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*Kathy*