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May 17, 2023 - Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird

May long weekend is almost here!! Here's an update of what's happening at PSC!

High School Course Selections: Our students have finished their course selections and we are now going to start the process of making schedules! Thank you for taking the time to talk to your kids about their futures, goals, dreams and classes as we start to plan next school year!

Sad News: After speaking with the family we share the devastating news that Jalaine Potts, a grade 11 student who attended both PSC and The BRICK has passed away. When news like this comes to us, it no doubt has a large impact on our students. I (Mr. Baird) have spoken to every class about Jalaine's passing and our school has been connecting with students who have shown they need support. Please know that there is support here for our students, and that we have expressed to them that we are here. As we head into the long weekend please talk to your children about this and the impact it may have on them and as always, reach out if you have any questions. Our hearts are with the Potts family as they navigate through this hard time.

Athletics:

Track - Track is starting and we appreciate this warm weather to get outside as we prepare for our competitions! Good luck to all of our athletes as they get ready for their track meets.

Sr. Football - Spring camp has started this week and we are looking for players! If your child is interested in playing football please join us 4:00 - 6:00 PM for practice each school day.

Long Weekend: Just a reminder that we have NO SCHOOL Friday, May 19, Monday, May 22 or Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Please get outside and be with family / friends as we all enjoy the May long weekend!

Graduation 2023 Update & Schedule:

- Banquet tickets remain on sale until Friday, May 26th. They are available in the office for \$45 each.

- We are missing a few photos for the Grad slideshow. Please, if you haven't already done so, send in a baby photo, middle years photo and some fun school appropriate photos to psc@wolfcreek.ab.ca

Thursday, June 1st - GRAD PARADE 6:30 pm

- Town of Ponoka is hosting the 3rd Annual Ponoka Graduate Parade
- All Ponoka Graduates Welcome, you may have a non graduate driving, but other than that, this is graduates only.
- We encourage graduates to wear their grad apparel, or nice clothes (not mandatory)
- Please remember you are representing yourselves, your family, and your school.
- You may enter with a float, car, horse, bicycle etc.
- Staging at the arena Thursday, June 1st between 5:30pm - 6:00pm
- Parade begins at 6:30 pm (follows the Ponoka Stampede Parade route)

Friday, June 2nd, 2022 - GRAD WALK, GROUP PHOTO & REHEARSAL

- Students only
- At approximately 1:00 pm all graduates need to be in the school theater
- Students will be given a grad gown and caps (if you beaded your cap, bring it). Gowns and caps will be left at the arena to be worn the next day for convocation.
- All graduates will walk through PSC, through the Wolf Creek District Office, to the Ponoka Elementary School, through the PES and then to the Arena for rehearsal.
- At the Arena, students will do a rehearsal and group photo
- Any last minute decorating or jobs will be completed if required
- Wear comfortable walking shoes
- Males- wear a collared shirt, tie and pants
- Females - wear a shirt that won't show under your gown
- PSC will provide buses to take students back to the school in time for buses to take those who need them back home.

Saturday, June 3rd, CONVOCATION & BANQUET

- Doors open at 10:15 am
- Graduates arrive by 10:30 am
- Convocation (cap & gown formal ceremony) begins 11:00am
Banquet:
- Doors open at 4:30 pm
- The Banquet begins with Grand March at 5:00 pm
- Program to follow

Parent Council: We want to give a HUGE shoutout to our PSC Parent Council for supporting us this year! Our parent council has worked extremely hard to gather feedback, help guide our school and have been working to create a parent council society and have helped bring engagement into our building. We wanted to celebrate our parent engagement night as our

Parent Council brought in "To the Stars". Thank you to Melissa Prins and Andrea Sproxton for the wonderful session around parent-teen relationships!

Student Survey / Study: The World Health Organization (WHO) has reached out and asked our PSC students to take part in a study around health behaviour in school-aged children. The purpose of the study is to compare the health and health behaviours of young people across time and across countries, provinces and territories. The information gathered is to provide current information about the health of young people and to support health promotion efforts in schools. This study is voluntary and we will be sending permission forms home this week. If you wish for your child to not participate please complete the form and return it back to their first block teacher. We will have students engage in the study after the long weekend!

Jr. High Trip: A group of students and staff have taken off for their Quebec City / Montreal / Ottawa trip! We can't wait to see them after the long weekend and hear about their adventures! Thank you to Mrs. Kinnley, Miss. Holm and Mr. McLeod for supporting our students on this amazing opportunity.

Final Exams: Our exam schedule will be posted on our website after the long weekend.

Cody

"Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen."

Conan O'Brien