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September 1, 2023 - Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird

We are excited to start our 2023 / 2024 school year! Here are some things to keep in mind as we return next week!

First Days for Students: Grade 7 students will be in the school Tuesday, September 5, 2023. This is a way to have our new grade 7's in the school with our staff. They will have the entire school to themselves so that we can have a day to transition these students into their new school.

First Days for ALL Students: ALL students will start their first day of school Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Picture Day: Students will have picture day on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Meet the Teacher Night: Thursday, September 7th, 2023 Start the year off by meeting the staff and touring the school on Thursday evening from 3:30-7pm.

Athletics / Clubs:

SENIOR BRONCS FOOTBALL - is in full swing! We have been on the field for two weeks working hard and still need more players! Practice is Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (September 5, 6 & 7) after school from 4:00 - 6:00. We have our first game Friday September 8, 2023! All high school players interested in playing need to be at practice next week.

Volleyball - Sr. girls volleyball will be starting up Tuesday September 5, 2023 and Wednesday September 6, 2023. All high school girls wanting to play will need to attend the tryouts 4:00 - 5:30 PM. All other volleyball teams will start up shortly after.

Parent Code of Conduct: At PSC we believe that education is a partnership between the school and our parents / guardians. We wanted to make parents aware of section 31 in the Education Act so that the school can work collectively with everyone to ensure all of our kids have an amazing school experience.

As a partner in education the parent has the responsibility to:

- a. act as the primary guide and decision maker with respect to their child's education.
- b. take an active role in the child's educational success including assisting the child in complying with section 31,
- c. ensure that the child attends school regularly,
- d. ensure that the parent's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment,
- e. co-operate and collaborate with school staff to support the delivery of supports and services to the child,
- f. encourage, foster and advance collaborative, positive and respectful relationships with teachers, principals, other school staff and professionals providing supports and services in the school and
- g. engage in the child's school community.

Leadership at PSC: Mrs. Kinley's has been busy planning our Jr. High Trip (set to take off May 15, 2024)! Please join us for a parent information night September 7, 2023 starting at 7:00 PM. The leadership team is also planning a fun student engagement activity for Friday September 8, 2023. At lunch there will be rootbeer and popcorn available for students to connect and enjoy!

Ponoka Secondary Campus
Junior High Travel 2024
Grades 7-9

Let's Go Travel

Quebec City
Montreal
Ottawa

DEPOSIT: NON REFUNDABLE
\$404.00 DUE: September 29, 2023

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT:
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 7:00PM
PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS

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Flights
Hotel
Breakfast & Supper
Tour Guide & MORE!

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MAY 15-21, 2024

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SEPTEMBER 8th

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PRESENTS:

WELCOME BACK
PARTY



\$1.50

ROOT BEER
GARDEN
PARTY



\$1.50



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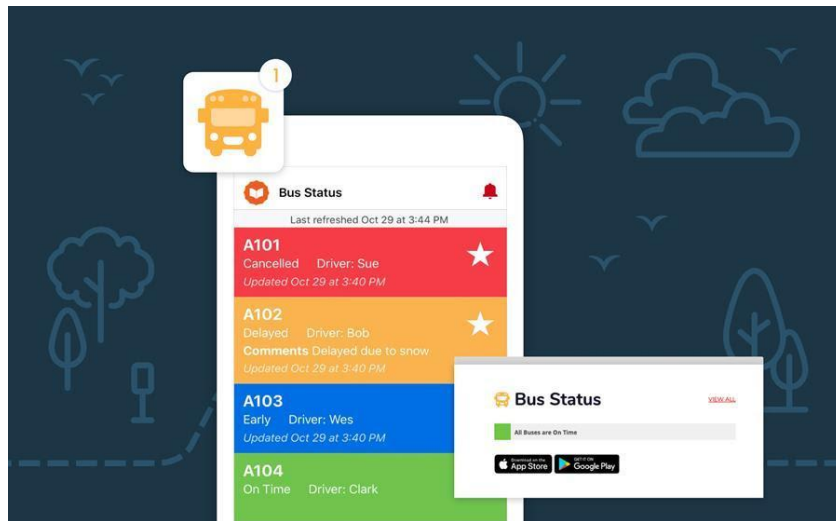
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BRONC SWAG GIVEAWAY

Bus Status 4



We've given the Bus Status App a major update. The new App is faster, more reliable, and better optimized for school districts and the families that rely on Bus Status. Bus Status 3 will be removed from the App and Google Play Stores. Parents should download Bus Status 4 and choose their preferences to continue to receive Bus Status notifications. On September 29, Bus Status 3 will be retired and users will only receive Bus Status notifications on Bus Status 4.

Things to Note:

- Our High school FLEX course is tied to a course. Depending on what our students need, they will either be enrolled in CALM (3 credits) or learning strategies (5 credits). Students can still access their teachers during this time, however they will need to report to their assigned teacher to either work on their learning modules, or to be signed up for support from another teacher. The purpose of this change is to provide our students with an opportunity for extra credits, and to have access to ALL of our students as FLEX is our best daily intervention.
- Friday, September 22, 2023 PD Day
- October 5, 2023 - Fall Awards Banquet
- Please see our student handbook for any school information / policies / schedules.
- Easy ways to keep notified: [PSC Events Google Calendar](#), accessing and reading [Principal's Messages](#), as well as following us on [Facebook](#).

What it means to be a BRONC: At PSC we believe in teaching students to be a “BRONC”! We are always looking for ways to help our students succeed, and with the help of our behaviour matrix we will continue to support our students to be the best version of themselves!

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BE PRESENT	RESPECT	OWNERSHIP	NO EXCUSES	CITIZENSHIP
What does being present look like, sound like and feel like?	What does it look like, sound like and feel like to show respect for yourself, others, and property?	How do you demonstrate ownership for your learning and belongings?	What do you need to be ready to learn?	How can you be a positive and contributing citizen to our school and community?

Cody

“Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen.”

Conan O’Brien