

## Monday, November 6th, 2023 - Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird

**Parent Council AGM:** We are looking forward to seeing you Monday, November 6, 2023 starting at 6:30 PM for our Parent Council Annual General Meeting! We invite you to come support our school through the parent council.



## PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS

Grad 2024 planning has begun! The PSC Commencement Ceremony will take place on the morning of Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at the Ponoka Arena Complex with a banquet to follow later in the evening.

We had several logo ideas submitted a few weeks ago, and after a few days of voting, we have a winner! Wedin's Team and Corporation have created an order form for us, which is now available for pick up in the PSC office. All Grad orders can also be placed through the Parent Portal > Student Fees. Completed orders are submitted each Friday and will be ready for pick up in the PSC office 3-4 weeks after payment has been received.

**Grad Photos** for our PSC graduates have been booked for January 25 & 26, 2024. More information regarding photo sign up will be released in January. Feel free to visit Smart Photography's Website for their grad photo suggestions on what to wear.

A google form was sent out to all grade 12 students asking for decorating, fundraising and slideshow committee members. Historically, we have at least three student-led committees to help organize Grad Week at PSC. If you have any questions regarding graduation, please reach out to Krystal Adcock at krystal.adcock@wolfcreek.ab.ca.

**Grad Parent Volunteers** will be requested in early spring once the students have confirmed a theme, decorating ideas and created a budget. Fundraising will begin shortly so keep an eye on your email for ways to help the grad class raise funds, ensuring they have one of the best events ever!!

Student of the Month: Thank you again to Boston Pizza, Ponoka for sponsoring our student of the month program! Congratulations to the following students:

## Student of the Month - October 2023

<u>Grades 7, 8, 9</u> Suri Nowdlak Brock Rain Abigail Bondt Tony Louis Cole Bishop Dylan Oberst Carter Wilkins Tegan McLaughlin Ava Mattix



Grades 10, 11, 12 David Saddleback Celestial Rain Rayden Bull Bruce Williams Carter McDowell Eddie Smith Colten Merrill Evaine Richter Chloe Yadlos **Remembrance at PSC:** We are gearing up for our Remembrance Day Service to take place on Wednesday November 8, 2023 starting at 10:00 AM. We ask that **ALL** students are dressing formally for the day (if they are able to). We will be running a modified schedule for the day:

Schedule for	Kemembra	lice Da	y (1404. otil)		
Senior High			Junior High		
Class	Time	Minutes	Class	Time	Minutes
Block 1	8:40-10:00 am	80	Block 1	8:40-9:20 am	40
Homeroom/Flex	10:00-10:15 am	15	Block 2	9:20-10:00 am	40
Remembrance Day Service	10:15-11:00 am	45	Homeroom/Flex	10:00-10:15 am	15
			Remembrance Day	10:15-11:00 am	45
Break	11:00-11:05 am	5	Service		
Block 2	11:05-12:00 pm	55	Block 3	11:00-11:30 am	30
Break	12:00-12:40	40	Block 4	11:30-12:00 pm	30
Afternoon - regular schedule	12:40-3:25	165	Break	12:00-12:40	40
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Schedule for Remembrance Day (Nov. 8th)

All homeroom teachers will be giving out poppies to every student. We also encourage you all to visit www.poppystories.ca where you can scan a poppy and view a soldier's profile / story! This very much resembles what we are trying to do in the Hall of Valour, which we would love to have you spend some time visiting if you are in our school this week. We also have students filling out soldier profiles where we will honour and recognize any soldier, from any conflict, in any place. Students can get their soldier recognition forms from their homeroom teacher or in the front office.

**Practice Safety Drills:** We had a successful fire drill on Friday, November 3, 2023. Thank you for all of the hard work from our staff and for the cooperation of our students.

Halloween at PSC: We had a fantastic Halloween celebration at PSC! Thank you to Mrs. Kinley for supporting our school and adding some spirit with our costume fashion show, a pumpkin carving contest and a Jr. High dance!

Long Weekend: There is No School on Friday, November 10th, 2023 (Staff Earned Day off in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews) & Monday, November 13th, 2023 (in Lieu of Remembrance Day).

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Our next Parent Teacher Interview night will be Thursday, November 23, 2023. Please mark this on your calendar and sign up for an interview slot. This is a new process we are trying and we would like to keep waiting lines down by booking at specific times during the evening, while still providing some drop in times at the end of the night. Use this link to book your interviews for the evening:

https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/mvmd4

**Congratulations Ron Raugust:** We want to congratulate Mr. Ron Raugust as he is retiring! Ron is a longstanding caretaker at PSC and we are sad to see him leave us... but we are SO excited for him as he enters retirement. Congratulations Ron. **Wisdom and Guidance:** Wolf Creek will have our Wisdom and Guidance committee meeting Thursday November 9, 2023 starting at 12:30 PM. We want to invite everyone to join us at the Wolf Creek Public Schools division office for the afternoon.

**Poppy Beading:** Ms. Cooke will be beading poppies for Remembrance Day. All students are welcome to join us after school on the 7th, or during lunch / after school on the 8th & 9th.

Athletics: Please visit our website and view our Athletics Calendar, which contains all our home games PSC Athletic Calendar.

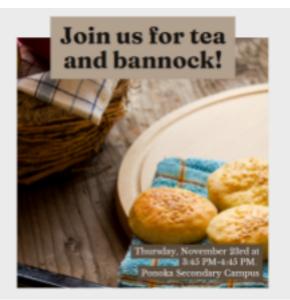
**Basketball** - Our basketball programs are taking off! Sr. Boys tryouts were last week, Sr. Girls tryouts are this week (starting Wednesday). Jr. High teams will follow.

**Football** - The Broncs had a fantastic season finishing 4th in the league. Thank you for all of the support this season! We look forward to seeing all players returning for spring camp at the end of the year!

**Volleyball** - PSC has had 9 volleyball teams this year and our league play is wrapping up. Please check out our PSC Athletic Calendar. We have one home game remaining for our senior girls volleyball players. PSC will recognize these talented athletes at our

annual Senior's Night on Tuesday, November 7th. Set your calendars and come out to support our teams. **Metis Week:** November 13-17 is Metis week and we would like to invite students to come make a bookmark, or a bracelet craft (mini sash) during this week! Ms. Cooke will be communicating details and we encourage any students to reach out to her for more details.

**Tea and Bannock for PSC Parents / Guardians:** We are hosting tea and bannock on November 23, 2023 for our Indigenous families. The purpose of this event is to promote parent engagement and to help further connect our school to our community. We look forward to seeing you that day starting at 3:45 - 4:45 pm.



Rock your Mocs: Students are invited to Rock their Mocs and wear Moccasins the week of November 20th to 24th if they have them!

**Post Secondary Fair:** PSC and Mrs. Fessler, our Career & Academic Advisor, will be hosting a Post Secondary Fair for senior high students on November 27th starting at 1:00pm. Students will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from over a dozen post secondary institutions and view their programs of study.

Keep in the Loop: Easy ways to keep notified: PSC Events Google Calendar, accessing and reading Principal's Messages, as well as following us on Facebook.



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