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Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird Wednesday, September 11th, 2024

We have had a fantastic startup and look forward to diving into our classes as we are in week 2 of school!

Doors Open at 8:15 AM: Our doors to the school will not be open until 8:15 AM. This is to ensure we have appropriate supervision for students in the morning. Students will be asked to wait outside until doors are open. I know that coordinating drop off times can be difficult, however, we appreciate your support in creating a safe and supervised environment for our students.

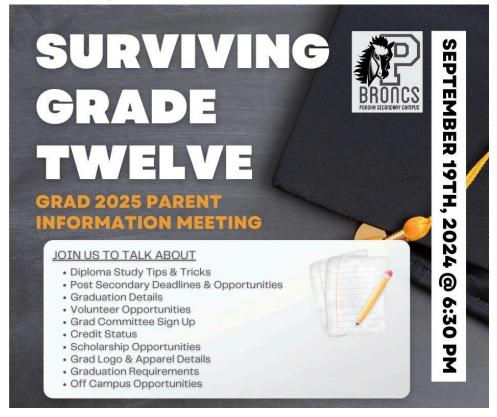
THANK YOU Paul's No Frills!! Good News story and another HUGE reason to be thankful as PSC had received our first Breakfast Club order last week and the ENTIRE order has been DONATED by Paul's No Frills in Ponoka! We are beyond grateful, appreciative and blessed to have such a supportive business in our small community.



PSC Meet the Teacher: PSC invites ALL families to meet the teacher night on Thursday, September 19th from 4:00 - 7:30! Stop in, see the school and connect with our staff!



GRAD 2025: Surviving Grade Twelve Also on September 19th, 2024, all Grade 12 students and parents are invited to our Surviving Grade Twelve information meeting where we will discuss a variety of topics as listed below.



School Picture Retake Day: Our School Picture Retakes are scheduled for Thursday, September 26th, 2024.

PSC Welcome Week: We had an amazing assembly to start the week, and had our garden party in the GP room full of fun and popcorn! Thank you to Mrs. Kinley and her leadership team for organizing such a fun welcome back week!

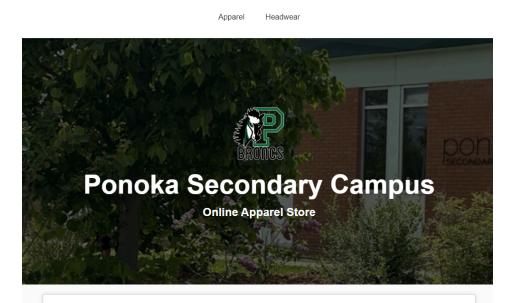


Parent Council: We would like to invite ALL parents to join us in our first Parent Council Meeting for the school year. The meeting will be held in the PSC conference room (in the office) starting at 6:30 PM on Monday, September 16, 2024.

PSC Online Apparel Store: PSC is absolutely THRILLED to announce our new ONLINE STORE in partnership with WEDIN'S Team & Corporate.

Please check out the link to choose and customize an apparel item for your student or yourself. https://ponokasecondarycampusapparel.itemorder.com/.../home/

Please Note: The PSC Online Store is **OPEN FOR A TERM** - **orders can be placed from Sept 11th to Sept 30th with expected delivery after October 18th**. Orders will be available for pick-up from the school office.



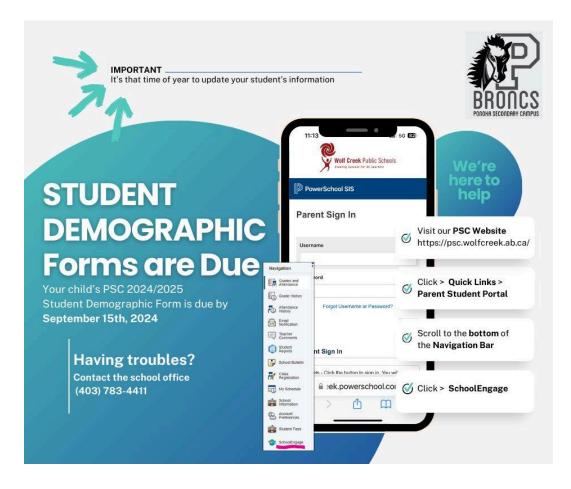
Welcome to the Ponoka Secondary Campus Online Apparel Store!

Please ensure that you have checked the sizing charts for your apparel as apparel is not eligible for return or exchange. Wedin's Team & Corporate does not have sizing samples in store.

Bulk orders will be picked up and dispersed by the school



PSC Student Demographic Forms are Due: Your child's PSC 2024/2025 Student Demographic Forms are due by September 15th, 2024. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need help logging into your parent portal.



Jr. High Travel Trip 2025: Mrs. Kinley and her travel group are excited and ready for their trip out to Eastern Canada! There is a Junior High Travel recruitment meeting happening September 12th starting at 7:00PM in our GP room. All travelers must have one parent or guardian in attendance for the meeting.



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Junior High School 2024 - 2025		Senior High School 2024 - 2025	
8:40 - 9:15	Homeroom	8:40 - 9:15	Homeroom
9:15 - 9:55	Block 1	0.45 40.35	Block 1/2
9:55 - 10:35	Block 2	9:15 - 10:35	
10:35 - 10:40	Break	10:35 - 10:40	Break
10:40 - 11:20	Block 3	10:40 - 12:00	Block 3/4
11:20 - 12:00	Block 4	10:40 - 12:00	
12:00 - 12:40	LUNCH	12:00 - 12:40	LUNCH
12:40 - 1:20	Block 5	12:40 - 2:00	Block 5/6
1:20 - 2:00	Block 6	12:40 - 2:00	
2:00 - 2:05	Break	2:00 - 2:05	Break
2:05 - 2:45	Block 7	2:05 - 3:25	Block 7/8
2:45 - 3:25	Block 8		

PSC Fall Awards 2024: We have begun preparing for our Annual Fall Awards Program. We are excited to celebrate the academic successes of 2023-2024. Student invitations will be sent out later in September so please continue to check your email.



Orange Shirt Day: In honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30, 2024) we encourage all students and staff to wear orange on Friday, September 27, 2024.

Year Calendar: Ponoka Secondary Campus 24-25 Year Calendar

Junior High Options Classes: PSC is offering a plethora of new and returning options for 2024/2025.

School Fees: All 24/25 Student Fees have been applied and are due by September 30th, 2024. Please login to your Parent Portal and click > Student Fees, on the left hand side menu. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact <u>nicole.berg@wolfcreek.ab.ca</u>.

PARENT PORTAL LINK



Cell Phone Policy: Link to Parent suggestions at home

In response to the new ministerial order surrounding personal devices, PSC will ask that all student cell phones remain in their individual locker. School administration suggests that students keep devices in their locker to ensure that their devices remain safe and not a distraction.

Students may not use personal devices during instructional time (any class time). If students have personal mobile devices with them during instructional time they are required to keep these devices on silent or powered off, and stored out of view. In addition, students may not access social media on school networks or school devices as these will be blocked.

Support Animals in PSC: PSC is looking at bringing in trained therapy dogs to support some of our classes. We often see very anxious students who could benefit from a support dog. We will be sending letters to all parents / guardians outlining further details, however we will be looking to see who may be impacted by this incase there are any allergies or health concerns with animals in school.

BRONCS Athletics:

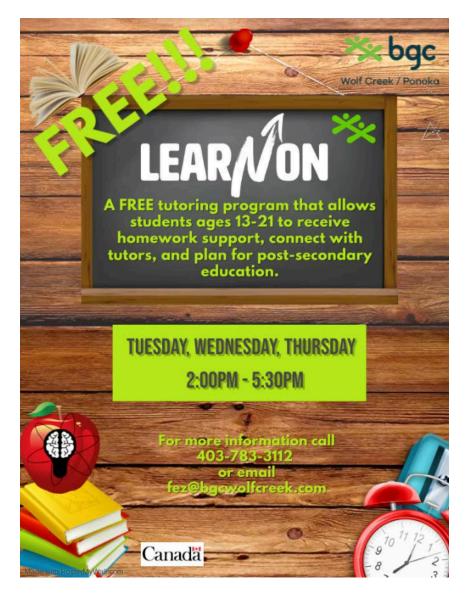
Volleyball - PSC is completing tryouts for our Sr. teams this week, and continue to build our Jr. programs as well! We hope everyone who was interested in Volleyball was able to attend tryouts. Please speak to our athletic director Mr. McLeod if you are interested in volleyball.

Football - Our Sr. Football team had a fantastic first week with a victory in Wetaskiwin! We have our HOME OPENER Thursday September 12, 2024 against Wainwright. Come check out the action starting at 4:00 PM.

Cross Country - We have kicked off our seasons and have some fantastic runners! Practices are every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45 - 5:00 for the Sr. High students, and Wednesday and Thursday 3:30 - 4:40 for our Jr. High students.

Homework Club: Homework club will start this week! We will have staff available to help students with homework or studying after school on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 PM.

Boys and Girls Club / Tutoring: We always appreciate how supportive our Boys and Girls Club is with our school. We would like to encourage parents to leverage their tutoring support Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday from 2:00 - 5:30 PM. This is a FREE tutoring opportunity available to ALL PSC students!







What is Learn On?

Learn On is an educational support program that encourages educational persistence while also supporting overall youth well-being as they enter adulthood. FORMERLY KNOWN As raise the grade (revamped in 2023)

Learn On offers a variety of activities & resources for youth in three main areas:

- Education Support: directly & indirectly helping youth find success in their educational life and ultimately graduate high school.
- Transitional Support: assisting youth move between milestone events in their educational and personal lives.
- Social-Emotional Wellbeing: supporting youth's overall wellness, including specialized training for staff on regulation, trauma-informed practice, and emotional intelligence.

DESIGNED FOR YOUTH AGES 13 TO 21.

Because of Learn On...

of youth thought they would graduate from high school.

% of youth felt they we able to take steps to their goals.

Diverse Groups, Diverse Impact

Youth born outside Canada and those who identify as Black or a person of colour reported significantly higher impacts on their academic confidence, resilience and career readiness as a result of their participation in Learn On.

*2023 Evaluation findings conducted by the Social Research and

I had expected it to be a place where I would go for an hour each night to meet with someone who would help me with my homework.... But it is much more than that. I meet with a mentor who not only helps me with my homework but we are able to talk about anything and everything.

- Learn On Participant

Post Secondary Night in Lacombe: Lacombe Composite High School has extended an invitation to all of our PSC students and parents to attend their Education Liaison Association of Alberta (ELAA) evening. This Post Secondary Open House is a great opportunity for all students to attend.



POST SECONDARY OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 12 6:00-7:30pm Lacombe Composite High School Gym

OVER 20 POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS WILL BE HERE!

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

Bus Registration:



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"Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen." Conan O'Brien