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Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird Thursday, October 10th, 2024

October brings many reasons to be thankful and to be reminded to start our days with gratitude. Recently, we were grateful to gather together as a school body during our school assembly on September 24th, supporting those dealing with cancer in their families as we collected donations for the Terry Fox Foundation in support.

We are also thankful to be able to gather together as a school alongside our community to celebrate academic achievements from 2023-2024 at our upcoming Fall Awards ceremony on Thursday, October 10th. This evening showcases the hard work and dedication of the many deserving students as well as the generosity of our community sponsors. We are humbled by their continued display of kindness. Deserving students are awarded scholarships and gifts in recognition. There is truly so much to be thankful for at PSC.

Terry Fox Total: PSC RAISED \$3,425.50 for the Terry Fox Foundation!!

Thank you to our amazing community, to our students and staff for helping raise over \$3,400 for the Terry Fox Foundation in support of Cancer research.

Also, thanks to everyone who participated in the run/walk again this year, to Mrs. Kinley for organizing our assembly and Mr. Baird for providing a hotdog lunch with chips, juice & cookie for each student!



Fall Awards Program 2024: PSC will be hosting our annual Fall Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 10th beginning at 5pm. Students receiving an award were emailed an invitation on September 24, 2024.

Academic achievement from the 2023-2024 school year will be celebrated as our amazing community sponsors more than 45 different awards with over 120 students being recognized.

Doors will open beginning at 4:30 pm with the program being held in the school gym. TICKET INFORMATION: All Award Recipients receive a complimentary ticket to the ceremony. Guest Tickets are \$10.00 each. Students receiving an award have been notified through their Wolf Creek email. **RSVP deadline was Friday, October 4th, 2024.** Supper for the evening will be provided by Bob Ronnie Catering.



PSC Leadership: Thursday, October 10th

Leadership students will be hosting a variety of Thanksgiving Activities with Turkey Bingo being a highlight at lunch on Thursday. Also, there will be a Turkey Hunt around the school where students will try to find hidden turkeys which are redeemable for prizes in the office.



September Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following PSC students on being selected for September Student of the Month!

<u>Grade 7</u> Leon Bracken

<u>Grade 8</u> Wesley Boyes Lydia Roos Khloe McKnight Maren Convey

<u>Grade 9</u> Hafsa Koroma Ryah Ducharme Eliza Mosher <u>Grade 10</u> William Bowes DJ Willis Samaya Rudd Jack Osborne

<u>Grade 11</u> Sara Sharma Layla Richter Chloe Yadlos TJ Raine Ben Graham

Grade 12 Richlyn Littlechild



Thank you so much to our sponsor, Boston Pizza Ponoka for donating a free individual pizza and a pop to each of our deserving recipients.

Important October Dates: Friday, October 11th is a PD Day

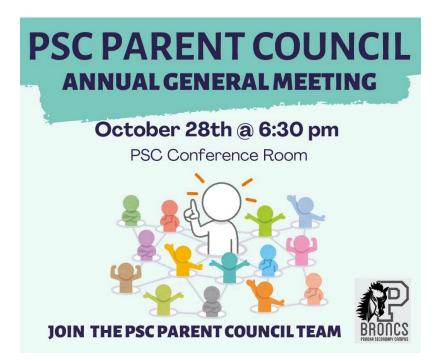
Monday, October 14th, 2024 is Thanksgiving (School Closed)

As we observe the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday, Ponoka Secondary Campus' Administration and Staff would like to wish each family a day of gratitude and togetherness, filled with appreciation for life's blessings.



Upcoming PD Days: Friday, October 25th is a PD Day Friday, November 1st is a PD Day

Parent Council: We would like to invite ALL parents to join us in our PSC Parent Council AGM. The meeting will be held in the PSC conference room (in the office) starting at 6:30 PM on October 28th, 2024.

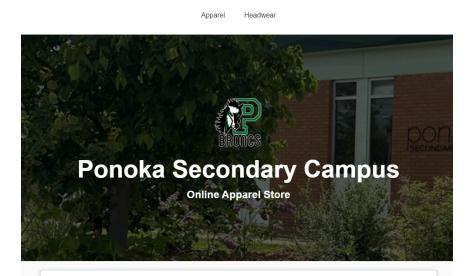


Halloween at PSC: Halloween is always a fun time as both students and staff are encouraged to dress up! There will be an assembly where we will host our annual costume contest and a Jr High dance in the afternoon. We ask parents to help ensure costumes are appropriate and also note that masks may be worn in the assembly while students are showcasing their costumes, however we need to be able to identify students and want to ensure people are aware that if asked, and when in a learning space masks need to be removed.

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 Monday, October 28th to Friday, November 15th with expected delivery after December 13th**. Orders will be available for pick-up from the school office.



Welcome to the Ponoka Secondary Campus Online Apparel Store!

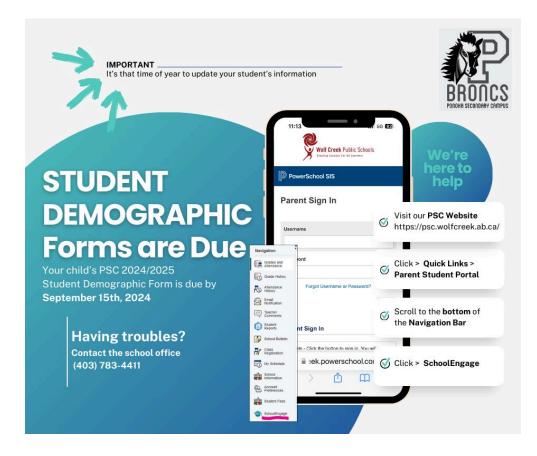
Please ensure that you have checked the sizing charts for your apparel as apparel is not eligible for return or exchange. Wedin's Team & Corporate does not have sizing samples in store.

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 past due. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need help logging into your parent portal.



REMINDER - 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.

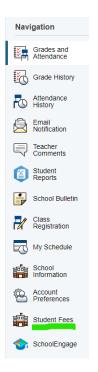
| Junior High School 2024 - 2025 | | Senior High School 2024 - 2025 | |
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| 8:40 - 9:15 | Homeroom | 8:40 - 9:15 | Homeroom |
| 9:15 - 9:55 | Block 1 | 9:15 - 10:35 | Block 1/2 |
| 9:55 - 10:35 | Block 2 | | |
| 10:35 - 10:40 | Break | 10:35 - 10:40 | Break |
| 10:40 - 11:20 | Block 3 | 10:40 - 12:00 | Block 3/4 |
| 11:20 - 12:00 | Block 4 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 Timetable: Doors open to students beginning at 8:15 am daily.

Year Calendar: Ponoka Secondary Campus 24-25 Year Calendar

School Fees: All 24/25 Student Fees have been applied and were 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>.

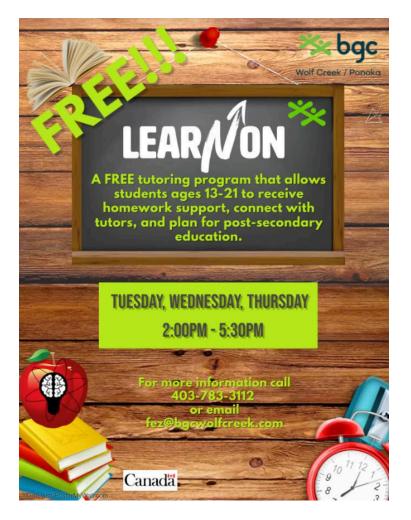
PARENT PORTAL LINK



IPP Invite Night: For our students who are on IPP's (individual program plans) we will be inviting these families into our IPP signing night. This is a night to go over individual student programs where there are accommodation and adaptation happening for their children at school. Please expect a phone call to book in a time after school on October 24th to review the program plans.

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...

83% of youth thought they would graduate from high school.

of youth felt they were b able to take steps to rea 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 Demostration (SEPC)

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

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:



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