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Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird: Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

We are JUST over a quarter of the way into our school year! We have had a lot of amazing things happen at PSC, and are looking forward to some exciting events / opportunities right around the corner!

Remembrance Day, Thank You: PSC was able to put on another amazing Remembrance event. Thank you to Mrs. Nielsen who spearheaded this special assembly and to all of our supporters and guests in attendance.



Athletics: We have a lot to be excited about as we start basketball and are headed into Provincials for both Volleyball and Football.

Provincial Volleyball - PSC is extremely excited and proud to be the 3A girls host for volleyball provincials this year! Our opening ceremony will be held Thursday November 21st, 2024 and we will have our entire student body join in on the celebration. The opening ceremony will end and students will all stay to watch our girls play in their first matchup Thursday morning. <u>3A Girls Volleyball Provincials Schedule</u>

Provincial Football - PSC is equally excited to celebrate our Sr. Broncs Football team as they head to Grande Prairie on Friday to play in the Provincial Final against Peace River. This is the FIRST provincial showing we have had since football has been re-established in Ponoka, and our boys could be the FIRST team to have their name on the 9-aside trophy! Kickoff is at 6:00 PM, we want to wish our team the best of luck this week! GO BRONCS! Live stream available for purchase through ASAA

Basketball - Our Sr. Basketball teams have been established, and we will have our Jr. High tryouts to come shortly! Please make sure your child is listening to our AM announcements if they are looking for tryout dates / information.

Student of the Month:

Congratulations to the following PSC students on being selected for our October Student of the Month program!

Alena Johnson Angelina Roy Darby Pipestem **Devin Soosay-Morin** Dylan Fleming Emmett Jaycox Graysen Smith Jack McKelvie Josiah Steeves Keira Fenton Matthew Basbas Mika Dionne Neyo Giroux Ordez Cutarm Reed Hager Renae Giesbrecht Robbi Soosay



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

FACEBOOK: PSC is on Facebook - please follow us on <u>PSC FACEBOOK LINK</u> for school highlights, events, and upcoming opportunities as we feature students and school activities.

POST SECONDARY FAIR: PSC will be hosting a Post Secondary Fair on December 3rd from 3:30 - 5 pm. Grade 11 & 12 students are encouraged to attend as there will be several institutions on site.

PSC's Santa's Anonymous Program: Ponoka Secondary Campus is once again gearing up to support the community as we continue organizing the annual Santa's Anonymous Program. 2024 marks the 43rd Anniversary of PSC managing this worthwhile community project. If you are in need or know of a family in need in Ponoka this Christmas season, please contact PSC at 403-783-4411 beginning **Monday, November 18th to December 12th between the hours of 9am to 4pm.**

SANTA'S ANONYMOUS FEATURE CAMPAIGNS:

- Ponoka's COMMUNITY FOOD & GIFT COLLECTION runs from Nov. 12th to Dec. 9th.
- CHARITY CHECK STOP Wednesday, November 27th
- STUFF A BUS Wednesday, December 4th
- SANTA SHOWDOWN Wednesday, December 11th

• If you would like to financially support Santa's Anonymous, please contact PSC at 403-783-4411, Ext 5290 or <u>nicole.berg@wolfcreek.ab.ca</u>. Cheques can be made payable to "Wolf Creek Public Schools" and dropped off at PSC.

- Now accepting online donations Charitable Tax Receipts Available
- > https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/92760
- HAMPER DELIVERY: Wednesday, December 18th from 3:30 6:00 pm.

PSC Santa's Anonymous Program 2024

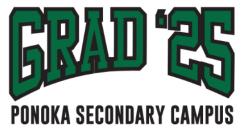






Upcoming PD Days:

Friday, November 29th is a PD Day (No school for students) Friday, December 13th is a PD Day (No school for students)



Grad 2025 Student & Parent Update: November 20, 2024

SANTA SHOWDOWN: Save the date for our upcoming Santa Showdown in support of the PSC Santa's Anonymous Program. Grade 12 students will have the opportunity to compete in the hockey game against the staff on **Wednesday, December 11th, 2024** at the Ponoka Arena Complex at 6:00 pm. There are many ways for Grad's to be involved and a <u>morning meeting</u> <u>during Flex is scheduled for Monday, November 25th</u>. <u>All Grade 12's are expected to attend</u> and Miss David will be speaking to the class about different volunteer opportunities as we organize the Santa Showdown.

GRAD 2025 CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE: Our student led Grad Fundraising Committee is planning a Christmas Bake Sale on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024**.

GRAD 2025 BOTTLE DRIVE: The Grad Fundraising Committee has also organized a Bottle Drive during the first week of January 2025. If you have any bottles that you would like to donate throughout the holiday season, please send in your address to <u>psc@wolfcreek.ab.ca</u> and we can ensure they are picked up.

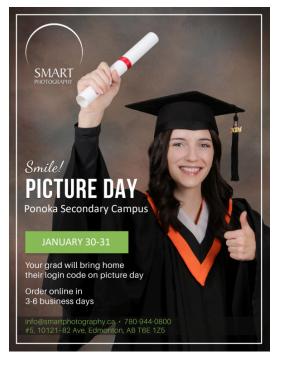
Donations will be accepted at the Ponoka Bottle Depot for Grad 2025 until January 10, 2025. Grade 12's are asked to meet at the Ponoka Arena Parking lot on **January 2, 2025 at 2pm**, to receive a designated area of town where you will go door-to-door collecting donations. If you are able to volunteer with or without a truck, please contact Krystal at krystal.adcock@wolfcreek.ab.ca.

The Ponoka Bottle Depot is aware of the door-to-door bottle pick up and will be expecting a large haul for the Grad fund the afternoon of January 2.

All bottle donations between December 21 - January 10 are greatly appreciated!

GRAD PHOTOS: PSC Grad Photos have been scheduled for **Thursday**, **January 30th & Friday**, **January 31st**, **2025**. Feel free to visit <u>Smart Photography's Website</u> for their grad photo suggestions on what to wear. A sitting fee is required and payable online when you complete your sitting booking.

CLICK HERE to Schedule your Grad Photo Sitting CODE: PSCG2425



ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

SCHOOL/FACULTY: PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS

ACCESS CODE: PSCG2425

PHOTO DATES: JANUARY 30-31

SITTING FEE: \$36.75

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH THESE EASY STEPS!

- 1. Go online to www.SmartPhotography.ca/book
- 2. Enter your access code (above) and click "Submit"
- 3. Select desired date and time from bolded availability on calendar
- Enter your information and pay the sitting fee using Paypal or Credit Card.

YOU'RE DONE! CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR A CONFIRMATION.

Need to change your appointment? No problem! Click "Reschedule" on your Email Confirmation to pick a new time up to 24 hours before your appointment.

GRAD APPAREL: The next order opportunity for Grad Apparel will be scheduled for the following dates: **Opening Monday, January 20th** with an order **DEADLINE of Friday, February <u>7th, 2025</u>** with orders being received by the beginning of March 2025.

Grad Apparel Order Forms are available in the office or online through your Parent Portal > Student Fees.



GRAD COMMITTEES: We are thankful to everyone who has signed up to be part of a Grad Organizational Committee. We have closed applications and those who have volunteered will be contacted shortly. Mrs. Adcock will be connecting with each committee of volunteers, so please check your email on a regular basis for meeting times and locations.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING: Thanks to those students who have stepped forward to sit on our Fundraising Committee, Decorating Committee and Slideshow Committee this year. These students are representatives of your grade 12 class and will work together to organize a graduation specifically designed for the CLASS OF 2025!

> Ponoka Secondary Campus' Graduation 2025 will be held on Saturday, June 7th, 2025. More information to come in the New Year. <u>PSC GRAD PHOTO DAY POSTER</u> PSC GRAD PHOTO DAY - Booking Instruction Sheet

Rock the Diploma: In an effort to support the work of WCPS High Schools and to help students prepare for the **Alberta Diploma Examinations**, Wolf Creek Public Schools is continuing its partnership with Alberta based company *"Rock the Diploma"* to offer diploma preparatory courses for Wolf Creek students during this school year. The Board of Trustees has provided funding for these services to allow students to access this support without cost.

Certified teachers with significant curriculum experience will be providing support and content for these sessions. These preparation courses will be offered just prior to the Alberta Diploma Exams and take place over the *weekends of*:

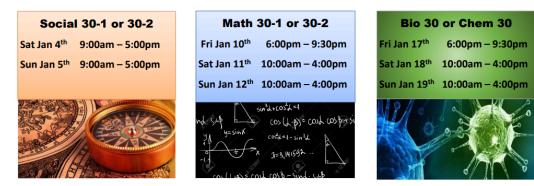
Jan 4 & 5th - Social Studies 30-1/30-2 Jan 10-12th - Math 30-1/30-2 Jan 17-19th - Bio 30 and Chem 30

Grade 12 students are encouraged to check your Wolf Creek email, as you will have received more information about this event directly from the school division.



All courses are held at Lacombe Composite High School 5628 56 Ave, Lacombe, AB Registration deadline is Friday December 13th.

After this date, acceptance will only be granted if there is room in the class. Register using the link below or scan the QR code! **NOTE: Social 30-1/-2 are at the end of Christmas Holidays – that is the reason for the alternate schedule.**



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

Please Note: The PSC Online Store is **OPEN FOR A TERM** - **orders can be placed beginning** <u>**Monday, January 20th** with an order **DEADLINE of Friday, February 7th, 2025**. Orders will be received by the beginning of March 2025. Orders will be available for pick-up from the school office. The PSC Online store link will be available during this time.</u>

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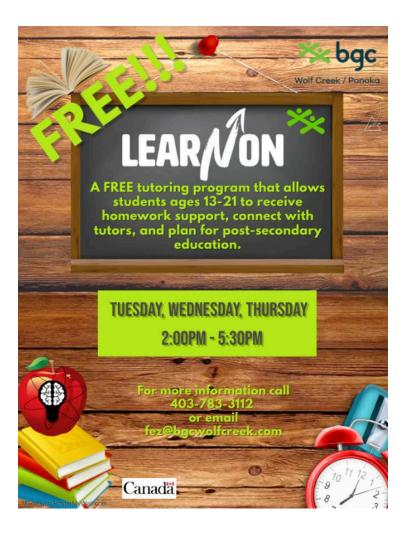
Please check out the link between Jan 20th & Feb 7th to choose and customize an apparel item for your student or yourself.

Year Calendar: Ponoka Secondary Campus 24-25 Year Calendar

Fail lists / Attendance Concerns: We will be pulling attendance and grade reports in the coming weeks and emailing an alert to parents / guardians informing them of any concerns. If you have a child who has a grade below 50% in any course, or who is having attendance concerns you will receive an email with some proactive solutions to help support your child. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Homework Club: We'll 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.

74% of youth able to t their goo

of youth felt they were better able to take steps to reach 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

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