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Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird: Thursday, February 13th, 2025

Exams have been written and teachers are working tirelessly on grading papers, entering marks and inputting comments into PowerSchool. We are celebrating the completion of the first semester at PSC and we have so many reasons to be proud of our fantastic kids who have worked incredibly hard, preparing for their finals these past few weeks. This year is flying as we reach the half-way mark!

FINAL MARKS & POWER SCHOOL - Monday, February 3rd, 2025: Students and parents will be able to access Semester 1 final marks on Parent Portal on Monday, February 3.

WINTER WALK DAY - Wednesday, February 5, 2025: Winter walk day encourages people across Alberta to be active in the winter! Last year more than 800 organizations and 100,000 people took part! Let's get moving with our students as we will walk at the end of the day (around 2:40) around centennial pond and back - leadership has hot chocolate and cookies for us when we return!

SKI TRIPS: Our Jr High ski trip is on the slopes today - look out Canyon Ski Hill! Thank you Mr. Choi for organizing this. We also have our Sr. High students heading to Sunshine on Thursday & Friday, February 6th & 7th.

JUNIOR HIGH OPTION CHANGE: Junior High students will change their options on Monday Feb 3rd (Day 2/4 options) and Tuesday Feb 4 (Day 1/3 options) Students can pick from options such as Woods, Foods, Fitness, Outdoor Ed, Dance, Metals, Cosmetology, and new for quarter 3, Cree.

ROSES FOR SALE: Starting Feb 3-7 leadership will be selling roses for \$5! Staff are welcome to order if they want too! Need to pre-order so they are here for Valentine's Day!

Push-Up Challenge: At PSC we are always promoting and supporting mental health. Our school would like to celebrate "The Push-Up Challenge" through the Canadian Mental Health Association! This will start in our homerooms as we will have some fun, learning about mental health and promoting fitness from February 11 - 28, 2025. We will release more information closer to the date and celebrate participation as we learn about mental health and promote wellness! Thank you to our Parent Council for the fantastic idea.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2025:

Congratulations to the following January recipients:

- Leyna Shewa
- Carson Frank
- Erika Reguly
- Carter Wilkins
- Ethan Malterer
- Tegan McLaughlin
- Lydia Roos
- Tyson Stark
- Emma Kelly
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- Jack McKelvie
- Jaxon Handley
- Genevieve Foot
- Sawyer Dillman
- Kendrick Buffalo
- Gaige Threefingers
- Alexis Bogath
- Chase Altizer
- Nash Ronnie



Always, a BIG THANK YOU 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 [PSC FACEBOOK LINK](#) for school highlights, events, and upcoming opportunities as we feature students and school activities on a regular basis. **Watch for Mr. Baird's new weekly recap video!**



PSC ONLINE APPAREL STORE: ORDER NOW!!

PSC is absolutely THRILLED to announce our 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 Monday, March 31st with an order DEADLINE of Thursday, 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.

<https://ponokasecondarycampusapparel.itemorder.com/.../home/>

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

GRAD '25

PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS

GRAD 2025 STUDENT & PARENT UPDATE:

GRAD 2025 Fundraising Update:

PSC GRAD 2025 Flower Fundraiser: We are excited to launch our annual February Flower Fundraiser partnered with **The Barn Garden Centre** this year.

Orders will be accepted for the month of February through your [Parent Portal](#) with the flower orders expected in mid May 2025.

Order Deadline: Monday, March 3rd, 2025

GRAD 2025 FLOWER Fundraiser

Order Deadline: **Monday, March 3rd, 2025 at Noon**
 (All orders must be placed **online through your Parent Portal** or forms turned into the school office by noon on the 3rd.)

- Sun Baskets
- Shade Baskets
- Strawberry Hanging Baskets
- Tomato Hanging Baskets
- Herb Planters
- Mosquito Repel Planters

Grad Fundraiser

The BARN
Garden Center

Partnering with The Barn Garden Centre



Thank you for Fundraising with the
PSC GRAD Class 2025



					
12" Sun Hanging Basket A mix of sun loving annual flowers. Flower colors will vary. \$38.00	12" Shade Hanging Basket A mix of shade loving annual flowers. Flower colors will vary. \$38.00	12" Strawberry Hanging Basket Ever bearing strawberry plants that will produce all summer \$28.00	12" Tomato Hanging Basket Tumbling cherry tomato that will produce 100's of tomatoes \$32.00	10" Herb Hanging Basket A variety of edible herbs including basil, thyme, chives, sage, and mint. \$28.00	12" Mosquito Repel Planter A variety of fragrant plants known to repel mosquitos and bugs. \$36.00

GRAD 2025 Decorating Update: A scheduled meeting for our Student-led Decorating Committee is fast approaching. E-mails to all graduates will follow with the opportunity to vote on the decorating committee's final theme and song choices. We will announce Grad 2025's Theme and Song by the end of the month.

GRAD 2025 Scholarship Package: We will announce in the coming weeks when the Commencement Ceremony Scholarship Package will be ready for pick-up from the office. We are currently in the process of reaching out to every individual sponsor to confirm award amounts and descriptions. This package will also be added to our website as a digital format and include all our available Fall Awards. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Adcock in the office.

GRAD PHOTO RETAKES: Smart Photography is offering Grad Photo Retakes on Friday, February 28th, 2025. Please book your sitting today as there are limited spots available. If you are not interested in ordering Grad Photos, we understand; however, **a photo of your child does need to be taken for the PSC Yearbook, as well as, the 2025 Grad Wall Composite**, which is framed and hung in the building.

If you are still needing to schedule your sitting, you can find the link below **OR if you are not ordering, the sitting fee will be waived** and please have your child stop by the school some time on **Friday, February 28th, 2025, between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**. The photo company is able to provide a dress shirt and tie if required. Feel free to visit [Smart Photography's Website](#) 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**



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 & 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!

KEEP IN THE LOOP:

Easy ways to keep notified: [PSC Events Google Calendar](#), accessing and reading the [Principal's Messages](#), as well as following us on [Facebook](#).

PSC Calendar: Please note semester dates and non-students days coming up in February. [FULL VIEW CALENDAR LINK](#)

NEW 2025/2026 BUS REGISTRATION:

TOWN (URBAN) BUS STUDENTS



Students living in Ponoka
MUST re-register for busing each spring for the fall!

User Pay fees are applied to students who live less than the eligible distance based on grade and will be accommodated if there is space available on a bus.

User Pay students will be put on a waiting list if their registrations are received late and/or the bus in that area is full.

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.

**Cross Boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application as well as the cross boundary application (cross boundary fees will apply).*

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL
OR THROUGH SCHOOLENGAGE**

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 1, 2025 (late fees apply)

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca Phone - 403-785-0726

Website - <https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2>



COUNTRY (RURAL) BUS STUDENTS

Ponoka students who live in the country and are new to busing (i.e. kindergarten students or students changing schools) OR have moved to a new rural location are required to register for transportation.

To register your full legal land description AND complete blue sign (911 address) are required on the application.

**Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us with your legal land description.*

If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change PRIOR to registering for busing.

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"Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen."

Conan O'Brien