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### Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird: Thursday, May 1st, 2025

**This has been a very busy spring with tons of extra activities happening here at PSC!!** Some of the highlights have been our Spring Dance, our Famine for A Better World, mock Student Election, Community Garbage Clean Up, school wide BBQ and RDP Career Expo. With May upon us, please be sure to check our school website, which includes our up to date monthly calendar.

**RDP EDUCATION & CAREER EXPO FIELD TRIP:** PSC took 47 students to RDP's 3rd Annual Education and Career Expo on Thursday, May 1st, 2025. The 3rd Annual Education and Career Expo will invite over 4,000 high school and post-secondary students to engage with employers from Central Alberta for an immersive and interactive exploration of career pathways.

**Earth Day Cleanup (Ponoka Pitch-In): Wednesday, April 30th** PSC students took to the streets of Ponoka, picking up garbage to positively give back to the community. It was great to see so many students participating in this event.

PSC received an extremely generous donation from Paul's No Frills, treating our students to a hotdog, chips and juicebox after their participation in yesterday's Earth Day Cleanup.



**STUDENT OF THE MONTH:** Each month, staff have the opportunity to select 18 students to be recognized in our Student of the Month Program. Recipients are selected for various reasons, and we appreciate the opportunity to acknowledge those who do extra, try harder, and achieve more.

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, helping recognize students for being great!

#### STUDENT OF THE MONTH - April 2025:

Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Peyton Bull-Misner Avie Potts
- Ouinn Maier
- Amber Bartley
- Ben Graham
- Victor Van Wolde Mika Dionne
- Bruce Williams
- Sincere Minde
  - Dana Deacon Kaleb Roasting Northwest - Nolan Reguly
- Jayce Rawji

- Keira Fenton

- Ordez Cutarm

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- Jaelynn Lightning
  - Austin Hager
    - Leehi Rowan



ATHLETICS: Badminton has wrapped up and Track & Field began this week! Our weekly practices will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:30 PM. Tell your friends!

BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY: May 5th is a day to recognize all of our diligent bus drivers who provide safe and reliable transportation to our Wolf Creek students.

#### MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: May 5-9, 2025

Join us as we raise awareness and support for mental health in our school community with daily activities and events!

#### Monday, May 5th - Red Dress Day

To raise awareness for murdered and missing Indigenous women, we will have red dress stickers to give to all students and will be going for a walk during homeroom period.

#### Tuesday, May 6 - Sundaes for Support

Enjoy a sweet treat! Sundaes will be on sale at lunch for \$2.00, with all proceeds going toward a Mental Health Initiative.

#### Wednesday, May 7 - Hats On for Mental Health

Show your support-wear your favorite hat to school!

#### Thursday, May 8 - Chalk It Up: Positive Talk on the Sidewalk

Students will spread positivity by writing encouraging messages and affirmations on the sidewalk in front of the school.

#### Friday, May 9 - Green Day for Mental Health

Wear green, the color of mental health awareness, to show your support!

#### All Month: Wellness Bingo

Take part in our Wellness Bingo Challenge throughout May—open to both students and staff. Prizes and good vibes included!

**PSC TALENT SHOW & PEP RALLY:** Friday, May 9th - If you are interested in participating in our upcoming talent show, please see Mr. Hinton for more information.

PSC PARENT COUNCIL: Monday, May 12th at 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome - come get involved.

**NO SCHOOL MAY LONG WEEKEND:** No School for Staff or Students on May 16th, 19th, & 20th. Enjoy the long weekend and wish everyone a safe and relaxing time.

**PSC PARENT COUNCIL JERKY FUNDRAISER:** Parent Council is offering a JERKY Fundraiser. \$15.00 per bag and orders can be placed online through your <u>Parent Portal</u> or in the office with Mrs. Berg. Orders are due by May 26th with pick-up is June 9th in time for FATHER'S DAY!!!



**PSC OPEN HOUSE:** Join us Thursday, May 22nd between 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Students and parents are invited to tour our school, explore our advanced CTS departments, and try out the equipment first hand; see what being a BRONC is all about! CTS FEATURE: PSC features an extensive Fabrication lab. a spacious Mechanics shop, a large-scale Construction shop, a commercial grade Foods program and a professional Cosmetology lab. You can view our large Musical and Fine Arts area while you tour the school.



**WISDOM & GUIDANCE:** On the afternoon of **Wednesday, May 28th**, Wolf Creek Public Schools is inviting parents and guardians to share in our talking circle at the school division office building.

**PSC PARENT SURVEY:** Each year Alberta Education surveys our Grade 7 & 10 parents. We want to hear from all parents and we appreciate it if you would take some time to complete the survey below. Share any concerns or successes you may have as we plan for next school year. <u>PARENT SURVEY LINK</u>

#### **PSC EVENTS CALENDAR**:

# Ponoka Secondary Campus Events Calendar



**JUNE 2025 EXAM SCHEDULE:** Please note, <u>June PAT dates have been altered</u> to align with our school exam season.

June 2025 Exam Schedule (Revised)					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29 ELA 9 PAT Part A 9:00am-11:00am	May 30	
June 9 June 16	June 10 Eng. 10-1/-2 Part A 9:00am-12:00pm Eng. 20-1/-2 Part A 9:00am-12:00pm June 17	June 11 Eng. 30-1/-2 DIP Part A 9:00am-12:00am Social 10-1/-2 Part A 9:00am-12:00pm Social 20-1/-2 Part A 9:00am-12:00pm June 18 - Last Day of Classes Sr. High	June 12 ELA9 PAT Part B 9:00am-10:15am Social 30-1/-2 DIP Part A 9:00am-12:00pm June 19 - No Classes Sr. High	June 13 Math 9 PAT Part A June 20 - No Classes Sr. High	
	Math 30-1/-2 DIP 9:00am-12:00pm	Eng. 30-1/-2 DIP Part B 9:00am-12:00pm	Science 9 PAT 9:00am-10:15am ELA 8 Final 9:00am-10:15am Social 7 Final 9:00am-10:15am Social 10-1/-2 Final 9:00am-12:00pm Social 20-1/-2 Part B 9:00am-12:00pm Social 30-1/-2 DIP Part B 9:00am-12:00pm	Eng. 10-1/-2 Part B 9:00am-12:00pm Eng. 20-1/-2 Part B 9:00am-12:00pm Bio 30 DIP 9:00am-12:00pm Field Day Celebration for Jr. High, no exams	
June 23 - No Classes Sr. High Math 9 PAT Part B 9:00am-10:15am Social 8 Final 9:00-10:15am ELA 7 Final 9:00am-10:15am Math 10C Final 9:00am-12:00pm Math 20-1/-2 Final 9:00am-12:00pm Chem. 30 DIP 9:00am-12:00am	June 24 - No Classes Sr. High Social 9 PAT 9:00am-12:00pm Science 8 Final 9:00am-10:15am Math 7 Final 9:00am-10:15am Bio 20 Final 9:00am-12:00pm Physics 30 DIP 9:00am-12:00pm	June 25 - No Classes Sr. High, No School Grade 9 Science 10 Final 9:00am-12:00pm Science 20 Final 9:00-12:00pm Chem 20 Final 9:00-12:00pm Science 30 DIP 9:00am-12:00pm Math 8 Final 9:00am-10:15am Science 7 Final 9:00am-10:15am	June 26 - No school Jr. & Sr. High unless making up for missed exams Exam Makeup 9:00am-12:00pm	June 27 No School Staff Only	

**ROCK THE DIPLOMA SCHEDULE:** In an effort to support the work of WCPS High Schools and to <u>help students prepare for the Alberta Diploma Examinations</u>, 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. <u>The Board of Trustees</u> 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*:

June 6-8th - Social Studies 30-1/30-2 and 1 session of Math 30-1

June 13-15th -Math 30-1/30-2 and Bio 30

June 20-22nd - Chem 30





# Diploma Exam Prep - June 2025

#### All courses are held at Lacombe Composite High School 5628 56 Ave, Lacombe, AB

Registration deadline is Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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: 1 class of Math 30-1 will be held on each of the first 2 weekends to help with scheduling conflicts between social and bio. It is the same material so please don't sign up for both math 30-1 sessions.

Social 30-1/-2 & Math 30-1				
Fri June 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm – 9:30pm			
Sat June 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am – 4:00pm			
Sun June 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am – 4:00pm			







To register, please visit: http://bit.ly/WolfCreekRTD Or use the QR code below



## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASET, RED DEER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### MAY 21, 2025 / 5-8 PM

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE LACOMBE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

5628 56 Ave, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G6

RED DEER

LACOMBE

#### MAY 22, 2025 / 5-8 PM

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

50 Lees St, Red Deer, AB T4R 2P6

#### CAREER PATHS IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY IN ALBERTA

Join us for a parent-student information night on technology careers, where you'll learn about the latest trends, innovations and job opportunities. Meet industry professionals, ask questions and discover how you can shape the future.

The Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta is the professional self-regulatory organization for engineering technologists and technicians in Alberta.











#### RSVP

Scan this QR code to RSVP for the session you plan to attend.

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# Online Safety PRESENTATION

The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) unit welcomes all parents & caregivers to attend an evening information session on the realities of internet child exploitation in Alberta, and strategies to navigate these issues in an open and collaborative way with your children.

Some of the topics we will discuss include:

- who we are and what we do;
- the internet and social media;
- child luring and sextortion;
- artificial intelligence and emerging online sites/apps; and
- how we can work together to keep kids safe online.

# JOIN US May 07, 2025

**6:30 p.m.** 4900 54 Street (Block A) South Entrance Ponoka, AB

Please note the presentation runs approx. 2 hours\*



\*This presentation is being offered in partnership with BGC Wolf Creek & Wolf Creek Public Schools

ALERT

#### **TOWN (URBAN) BUS STUDENTS**

#### Students living in Ponoka <u>MUST</u> 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 <u>new</u> 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 <u>AND</u> 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. \*Cross Boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application and the cross boundary application. Please note that cross boundary fees will apply.

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SIGN U

**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 on a regular basis. **Watch for Mr. Baird's new recap videos!** 

#### Cody

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