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Principal's Message, Mr. Cody Baird: Friday, December 20th, 2024



Christmas is a time to relax and be together. I hope everyone finds time to connect with family and friends, and we will see you refreshed, recharged, and ready in 2025. Wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS BANQUET: Friday, December 20th, 2024 Students and Staff gathered together today to share a delicious Turkey Dinner provided by the Administration and prepared by Ms. Darnell's Foods classes. In celebration of the season, PSC brings the school community together, enjoying food and fun, while making many memories. Thank you to Mrs. Kinley for organizing the banquet space and fun student activities for the afternoon.



CHRISTMAS BREAK: Begins December 21, 2024 with students returning to classes on Monday, January 6th, 2025.

SANTA'S ANONYMOUS: The 2024 Santa's Anonymous Program was very successful again this year, serving over 75 families and many additional local community members with food and gifts for little ones this Christmas Season. As the program takes months of planning, we are continuously grateful for the support of the Ponoka Community, as we hosted several large fundraising campaigns throughout the season.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2024:

Congratulations to the following PSC students on being selected for our DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH program!

Kahrington Marcoux

Tony Louis

Cache Mathieu

Nash Dubitz

Parker Adcock

Bailey Krause

Maleah Wiancko

Paige Issac

Sam Seibel

Braden Prediger

Zachary Dux

Kian McLean

Colby Letkemen

Austin Topham

Jasey Ten Hove

Hudson Hummel

Gillian Berg

Charlotte Riley



Also, 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.

EXAM SCHEDULE: January 2025

January 2025 Exam Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13	14 ENG 30-1 ENG 30-2 PART A B110 9am-12pm	15 Social 30-1 Social 30-2 PART A B110 & B111 9am-12pm	16	17 Math 30-1 Math 30-2 Math 30-3 B111 9am-12pm
20 Eng 10-1/20-1 Eng 10-2/20-2 Part A in class Eng 30-1 Eng 30-2 PART B DIP B110 / B111 9am-12pm	21 Eng 10-1 & 10-2 Continued Part A 9am-11:30am Social 30-1 Social 30-2 Part B DIP B110 & B111 9am-12am	22 Soc 10-1 Soc 10-2 Part A in class Bio 30 B111 9am-12pm	23 Soc 20-1/20-2/20-4 Part A in class Chem 30 DIP B110 9am-12:00am	24 NO CLASSES English 10-1 English 10-2 Part B DIP Activity Center AM
27 NO CLASSES Math 10C Prep Math 20-1 Math 20-2 Activity Center AM Science 30 DIP B111 AM	28 NO CLASSES English 20-1 English 20-2 Part B Activity Center AM	29 NO CLASSES Social 10-1 Social 10-2 - Part B Activity Center AM Social 20-1 Part B B110 AM Social 20-2 Part B B111 AM	30 NO CLASSES SCI 10 Activity Center AM Physics 20 B111 AM ----- Make up exams or conflicts Activity Center PM	31 PD Day
3- February Semester 2 Starts				

**January 23rd - Last day of High school classes

** January 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, & 31st - No regular classes for students in Grades 10-12.

- Regular Classes for students in grades 7-9

**February 3rd - First day of Semester Two

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.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 13th, 2025 @ 6:30 pm. All parents / guardians are invited to attend and the meeting will be held in the conference room.

SKI TRIPS:

Jr High Ski Trip to CANYON SKI RESORT is planned for **Thursday, January 30th, 2025.**

Ski forms are available in the office and payment can be made online through your Parent Portal.

GRAD '25

PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS

GRAD 2025 STUDENT & PARENT UPDATE:

GRAD 2025 CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE: Our student led Grad Fundraising Committee held a **Christmas Bake Sale** this week raising **\$733.00 !!** Way to go Grad's and thank you to the school community for supporting the Class of 2025!

GRAD 2025 BOTTLE DRIVE: The Grad Fundraising Committee has also organized a Bottle Drive during the Christmas Break. If you have any bottles that you would like to donate throughout the holiday season, please send in your address to

psc@wolfcreek.ab.ca and we can ensure they are picked up.

Donations will be accepted at the Ponoka Bottle Depot for Grad 2025 now 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!

A festive poster for the Grad '25 Bottle Drive. It features the 'GRAD '25' logo in green and black, with 'PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS' underneath. The text 'BOTTLE DRIVE!' is in large green letters. Below this, it says 'PSC 2025 GRADS WILL BE COLLECTING BOTTLES ON JANUARY 2 FROM 2PM-4PM.' and 'ALL BOTTLE DONATIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED BETWEEN DECEMBER 21 AND JANUARY 10.' It also states 'THE PONOKA BOTTLE DEPOT WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2025.' and 'IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR BOTTLES PICKED UP, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR ADDRESS TO PSC@WOLFCREEK.AB.CA.' The background is light yellow with illustrations of a graduation cap, a hand, and confetti.

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GRAD PHOTOS: PSC Grad Photos have been scheduled for **Thursday, January 30th & Friday, January 31st, 2025**. Feel free to visit [Smart Photography's Website](https://www.smartphotography.ca) 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
4. 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 7th, 2025** 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.

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**GRAD APPAREL
ORDER FORM**

GRAD '25
PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS



Black



Sand



Dark Chocolate



Black



Sand



Dark Chocolate

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.



Diploma Exam Prep - Jan 2025

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.

Social 30-1 or 30-2

Sat Jan 4th 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sun Jan 5th 9:00am – 5:00pm

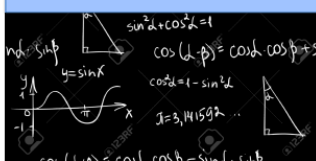


Math 30-1 or 30-2

Fri Jan 10th 6:00pm – 9:30pm

Sat Jan 11th 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sun Jan 12th 10:00am – 4:00pm



Bio 30 or Chem 30

Fri Jan 17th 6:00pm – 9:30pm

Sat Jan 18th 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sun Jan 19th 10:00am – 4:00pm



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 **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.

<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.

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!

FREE!!!

LEARNON

A FREE tutoring program that allows students ages 13-21 to receive homework support, connect with tutors, and plan for post-secondary education.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
2:00PM - 5:30PM

For more information call
403-783-3112
or email
fez@bgcwfccreek.com

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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.

Because of Learn On...

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

74% 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 Demonstration Corporation (SRDC).

DESIGNED FOR YOUTH AGES 13 TO 21.

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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

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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](#).

BUS REGISTRATION:



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

Conan O'Brien