



## **From the Principal - Mr. Bob Morris**

This winter my wife and I have been attending a Bible study at our church called, “Immerse: Prophets”. This is a weekly study on the Old Testament portion of the Bible that focuses on the prophets. In the fall, we attended the Messiah course that walked us through the New Testament in chronological order, which we found fascinating.

The Prophets reading is a bit harder, sometimes it seems like the readings repeat themselves. I was preparing for our study on Jeremiah and came upon a familiar section from Jeremiah 29:11: *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* We often hear this as a feature of graduation speeches and for life’s transitions. The verse in itself almost appears to promise an easy life, without struggles, without sickness, and might lead one to focus on prosperity.

As I was reading these verses, I was reading them as I have in the past. It was the following verses that stood out to me and made me read, re-read, and re-read them again.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 continue with: *“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”*

The Israelites were in Babylonian captivity at this point, far from enjoying life in Jerusalem. Jeremiah reminds them that the Lord will hear them and that they will find the Lord when they seek God with all their hearts. It reflects God’s command found in Deuteronomy 6:5-9, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”*

It can be easy to “compartmentalize” different parts of our lives. We can have the “faith” component on Sunday and Bible study night. We can have a “work” component, and our actions reflect that Monday-Friday. Maybe there is a “sports” component where we behave a specific way in sports. That was how I saw things when I was growing up. I noticed classmates acting one way during a church service but acting completely different on the playground. I remember sitting in religion class in high school and all the other classes could be the same as the local public school class. It had a huge impact on how I saw things and walked away from that church denomination when I joined the Navy.

God calls us to follow him 24/7. We need to teach and model to our children all the time. It means that when I am away from my role as school principal that I model my walk with the

Lord. It can be hard sometimes but that is what God calls us to do - to seek Him with all our hearts. As a dad, I am grateful that both of my daughters had the opportunity to attend school that was taught from a Christian perspective. That was one area that was congruent with home and church for them to grow in their faith.

### **Alberta Education Surveys**

Each year Alberta Education conducts an Education Assurance Survey with parents and students to ensure Alberta schools are offering quality education and environments.

Due to the number of families that were away in February, we decided to wait and release to parents the survey questionnaire toward the end of February/beginning of March to ensure that those that are able to complete the survey could.

Each family is given a unique code that will be sent to your email by the end of the week. A link to access the survey will also be included in the email.

When taking the survey, please try and refrain from checking “Unsure” or “Don’t know”. These responses populate as a negative response which doesn’t help our school with the data.

Responses with a “no” help identify things that we need to address or change. We have also been told by AB Ed. that if parents don’t want to answer a question that they can leave it blank as well. One example is for our new teachers when they get asked if our students do well in high school. Since our new teachers might not know the students, they are encouraged to ask or to leave it blank. Parents are always welcome to call the school to ask Candace or I any questions.

### **Important Dates**

<b>Feb 27</b>	Extra Kindergarten Day
<b>Feb 27</b>	Junior high Award Day - No school for Gr 7-9 students
<b>March 4</b>	School Skating Afternoon
<b>March 6</b>	No School – Teacher Work Day
<b>March 11</b>	Celebration of Learning
<b>March 13</b>	Extra Kindergarten Day
<b>March 13</b>	Report Cards Go Home
<b>March 19</b>	Hot Lunch – Taco in a Bag
<b>March 20</b>	No School - Teacher Work Day
<b>March 23</b>	Spring Break Starts
<b>Mar 30</b>	School Resumes

### **From the Board - Mrs. Carien Dominicus**

We are grateful that the school year is going smoothly and we are starting to plan for the next school year already. The board has been working on a lot of policy review, transportation challenges on the West bus, the budget for 2026-2027 and is still looking to hire an elementary school teacher. Thank you to our staff, volunteers, committee members, parents and society members for all their hard work to make our school run successfully. To God be the glory!

The Board has also started the process of looking for possible nominees for upcoming board positions as Greg Thalen (Treasurer) and Aaron Horne (Chair) will be completing their terms at the end of this school year. Please pray that God may guide the process and that there will be individuals who are willing to serve the PCS community in this way.

Mark your calendars:

**March 11, 2026 - Celebration of Learning**

**April 11, 2026 - PCS School Auction**

**May 28, 2026 - Spring Society Meeting**

Our next scheduled board meeting will be on March 4, 2026. Please feel free to contact one of us if you have any comments/concerns.

On Behalf of the PCS Board,  
Carrien Dominicus

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” Colossians 3:23*

**Ponoka Christian School is Hiring!** – Please pass on the following message to anyone you know who may be interested and pray that the Lord may provide the school suitable candidate to carry out His Kingdom work here at PCS.

Ponoka Christian School is now accepting applications for an elementary teacher. Candidates need to be eligible for an Alberta teaching certificate. Please forward a cover letter, resume, statement of faith and pastoral reference to [office@ponokachristianschool.com](mailto:office@ponokachristianschool.com), attention Robert Morris, Principal.

### **Sports News - Mr. Josh Van Doesburg**

The basketball season is coming to a close and what a great season our athletes have had! The A girls and A boys finished up league play this week and will complete the season with CWAJHAA Playoffs and Wolf Creek Playoffs in the next couple of weeks. Schedules are posted for these games but are subject to change depending on winners and who advances. Please keep an eye on the schedule and the WhatsApp group chat for changes.

We are excited to be hosting the 1J Boys CWAJHAA Finals tournament here for the first time on March 20 and 21. We encourage parents and families to come out and cheer on our boys!

The C junior team had a very strong year and finished the season undefeated. They will play one more away game and then have a wrap-up vs the parents.

Thank you to the coaches who volunteered their time throughout the season and to the parents for driving and cheering on our athletes. It has been amazing to watch them grow and develop in the sport of basketball.

Badminton sign-up sheets will be posted before spring break but there will be no badminton events or practices until after spring break.

### **From the Development Committee**

The development committee has some exciting events and fundraisers in store for the rest of the year. Please note the following:

- **Bobtail Nursery Fundraiser:**  
Get a jumpstart on spring or get a gift for Mother's Day and support the school! Order forms will be going home today and are due back by **March 17**. Please use **one form for each buyer**.
  - **NEW PAYMENT INFO: Please have all buyers pay you directly and then submit payment for all forms collected to the school in one lump sum payment via cash, cheque or etransfer. Please do not have the buyers submit payment directly to the school.**
  - More forms are available on the website or at the school office.
  - Plants will be available for pick up at Bobtail Nursery between May 1-5. Any orders not picked up will be available at the school May 7.
- **Boston Pizza Operation Education:**  
Thank you for all those who have submitted receipts to the office already. This is an easy way to support the school! We are asking all families and supporters to turn in their original receipts from any Edmonton and surrounding area Boston Pizza locations including, Ponoka, Lacombe and Red Deer to the school office, dating from Jan 2025 until June 2025. The school can then receive 5% of the total (before tax) of all receipts submitted!
- **Gift Card Fundraiser:**  
This fundraiser is ongoing. Please find attached a form to fill out if you are interested in ordering gift cards for the upcoming month. **Forms need to be returned to the school by Mar 3**. Thank you for your continued support.

**Now Accepting Registrations** - Ponoka Christian School is now accepting **Registrations for Pre-School and Kindergarten** for the 2025-26 school year. Information and registration packages can be found on the school website at [www.ponokachristianschool.com](http://www.ponokachristianschool.com) or may be picked up from the school office.

**Invitation to Grade 9 students and their Parents/Guardians:** The Grade 9 students and parents are invited to Central Alberta Christian High School's registration and information night on Thursday, March 12 at 7pm. If you have any questions please contact, Cassandra Krause at CACHS by phone, 403-782-4535 or email, [office@cachs.ca](mailto:office@cachs.ca).

### **Update From Student Council**

This year, Student Council has worked hard to bring our school community together through a variety of fun and meaningful events. We organized an all-school bingo event that gave students a chance to connect and enjoy some friendly competition. As well we had two themed spirit days: Crazy Hair Day and Hat and Gum Day. We also organized hockey and dodgeball intramurals, giving students opportunities to stay active, build teamwork skills, and have fun outside of regular classes. Beyond just fun activities, we also focused on serving others by holding a fundraiser to support World Renew and organized a food drive to give to the Ponoka Food Bank.



# Thank you!

World Renew would like to extend our deep appreciation to

**Ponoka Christian School**

for raising \$1,474.30 to support vulnerable communities around the world.

Thank you for living justice, loving mercy and serving Christ!

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# Save the Date

PONOKA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AUCTION  
SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026

*On behalf of the auction committee, Brianne Horne 905.928.9257*

DINNER + AUCTION | MARCH 6, 2025



**Dinner is free. Dessert is on you!**

Central Alberta Christian High School  
Event is from 6-9pm. Doors open at 5.30pm.

RSVP to 403.782.4535  
developmentdirector@cachs.ca



**Free Livestream: Frank Turek answers real parent questions about faith, culture, and discipleship**

Frank Turek has been at the center of national conversations about faith, truth, and culture, and now he is joining Summit Ministries for a live parent Q&A.

The culture is not waiting, and neither are your kids' questions.

From identity and morality to truth itself, children are encountering serious challenges to the Christian faith earlier and more aggressively than ever before. What used to wait until college is now showing up in classrooms, friend groups, and social media feeds.

Join **Frank Turek**, bestselling author and president of **CrossExamined**, on April 9 from 5:30–6:30 p.m. MT for a live parenting Q&A. This interactive livestream equips parents to raise kids with a strong, resilient biblical worldview.

In this 60-minute livestream, Frank will answer real questions from parents, including:

- How do I help my child defend the Christian faith without becoming argumentative?
- How should we respond to cultural pressure around identity, morality, and truth?
- What does effective discipleship look like in a secular age?

If you feel the urgency to prepare your children for the world they are already navigating, this conversation is for you. Do not just hope their faith survives. Learn how to help it stand.

We hope you will join us for this important and encouraging conversation. This livestream is completely free, but you'll need to save your seat.

Register now: <https://www.summit.org/parents/parents-livestream>