



From the Principal - Mr. Bob Morris

I am really enjoying teaching Grade Five and Six Bible this year. The course focuses on the New Testament. We had a unit on the Triumphal Entry through Passover and a unit on Jesus' Death. One of my deep hopes for this curriculum is that I hope it becomes alive when they learn about the last days of our Saviour's life and hear those messages during Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Bible memory is something that I have been pondering with the class. We had a very long passage (Luke 14:1-14). We worked hard in class (and at home) to practice saying it and writing it. The passage was tied to what we were learning in unit 4 and it was hard. One thing that was amazing was how quick the students learned the passage. There were only a few that ended up waiting until the last day to recite it.

This ability to learn passages by students is something I think about often. Most youth are more resilient and can learn so much. Let's be honest, when our electronics glitch, we ask someone young to fix it and somehow, they just know how to do it.

Young people end up doing amazing things. My all-time favourite basketball player, Larry Bird, joined the Celtics during the 1979-80 season and won rookie of the year and helped Boston win 32 more games that year than the previous season. Magic Johnson entered the NBA in the same year and won an NBA Championship while playing all five positions for the Lakers. I remember sitting at Dunkin Donuts Baseball Stadium watching a young Francisco Alvarez hit a baseball so far out of the park while playing for the Mets minor league team. Recently Juan Soto signed a huge contract to play for the Mets. He will make a lot of money because of his youth and potential.

Music is another area where youth seem to really impact. Younger people can write amazing music that seems to last. I have always liked Steve Bell and have thought his early material was outstanding and memorable.

Sometimes we think things are too hard. Sometimes we look at a long memory verse and say that's impossible. Youth during Jesus' time memorized much of the Torah. Sometimes it is a matter of encouraging and providing hope to students and helping them do amazing things. Whether in the classroom or on the court, youth have the ability to make a lasting impact. It is our job to help them realize their full potential.

From the Board - Mrs. Carien Dominicus

We're thankful for not having any school cancellations during this past cold snap and that warmer weather is here!

The Board would like to thank Roeline Wassink for her time and efforts as the school Bookkeeper and would like to welcome Irene Fraser back. We'd also like to thank Candace Slomp for helping to make this transition happen smoothly.

The Board is starting the process of looking for possible nominees for upcoming board positions as Jenneke Feitsma, Irwin VEP and Jordan Vreugdenhil 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:

April 12, 2025- PCS School Auction
May 26, 2025- Spring Society Meeting

Our next scheduled board meeting will be on March 5, 2025. Please feel free to contact one of us if you have any comments/concerns.

On Behalf of the PCS Board,
Carien Dominicus

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

Sports News - Mr. Josh Van Doesburg

The basketball season is coming to a close and what a great season our athletes have had! The girls and B boys finished up league play this week and will complete the season with a mini tournament for each of them on March 3 and 10 respectively. Location and times TBD. While the A boys did not make it to league finals, they have their sights set on finishing the season strong, and will work hard in the next week or so to secure their spot at the CWAJHAA finals to take place in Caroline on March 7-8. Please check the calendar for the most up to date athletic times and locations.

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

Important Dates

March 6	All School Chapel – Beauty Creator
March 7	Extra Kindergarten Day
March 10	Will Planning Event at PCS
March 14	Junior High Awards Day – No school for Gr 7-9 students
March 17	Extra Kindergarten Day
March 18	Hot Lunch – Hot Dog meal
March 20	Gr 4-9 Canyon Ski Day. The west bus (John) will not run in the afternoon.

March 20	Grade 1 Bird House Building Evening
March 21	No School – Teacher Work Day
March 24	Spring Break Starts
Mar 31	School Resumes
Apr 3	Report Cards go Home
Apr 4	Extra Kindergarten Day
Apr 12	PCS Auction
Apr 24	Grandparents Day

Ski Day at Canyon for Grades 4-9: Important Reminders

- **Due to the change in date, we will need to have the forms filled out again and will be going home with students today. Please return by March 10!**
- **Parents who are planning to ski with their child must fill out a Participant Form, forms and payment for parents must be received prior to March 10.** The cost for parents is \$35 for lift pass only and \$61 for pass and rentals.
- Younger siblings (not in gr 4-9) who may be skiing will have to purchase lift tickets at Canyon and are not considered part of the school rate.
- **The school must be notified prior to ski day of all transportation arrangements.** There will be no changes made on the day of the trip. (ie. If your child is riding the bus to the hill but will not be taking the bus back, the school must be notified before the ski day)
- Lift tickets cannot be handed out to students until the whole group arrives with the bus and not until the Canyon staff have gone over the safety talk.
- The bus will leave the school for Canyon at **8:50am** and leave Canyon at **3pm** to return students to the school. Students will need to be picked up from the school at approx. 3:45pm. **Ponoka Christian School is not responsible for students who remain at the hill after 3pm.**

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 19**. Please use 1 form for each buyer. More forms are available on the website or at the school office. Plants will be available for pick up at Bobtail Nursery between May 1-6. Any orders not picked up will be available at the school May 8.

- **Grade 1 Bird House Building:**

March 20 at 7pm - Grade 1 students and their dads or Grandpas or other special guy in their life are invited to attend an evening of building birdhouses at the school. This annual event will be a FUN evening with your child building more than just memories! Students will be given an invitation to give to their special helper.

- **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 4.** Thank you for your continued support.

Now Accepting Applications - Ponoka Christian School is now accepting **Applications 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 or may be picked up from the school office.

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 candidates to carry out His Kingdom work here at PCS.

Ponoka Christian School is now accepting teacher applications for early years and junior high school. 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, attention Robert Morris, Principal.

Invitation to Grade 9 students and their Parents/Guardians: The Grade 9 students and parents are invited to Central Alberta High School's registration and information night on Thursday, March 13 at 7pm. Information sheets and application forms were sent home with grade 9 students earlier this week. If you need another copy or have any questions please contact, Cassandra Krause at CACHS by phone, 403-782-4535 or email, office@cachs.ca.



Will Planning 101

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Featuring partners from:



Ponoka Christian School

6300 50 St, Ponoka, AB T4J 1V3

March 10, 2025 at 7:00pm

RSVP Email and Phone: office@ponokachristianschool.com



Can't make it out that evening?

We can arrange a visit to your home at your convenience by contacting:
Christian Stewardship Services at info@csservices.ca or **1.800.267.8890**

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

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the date

PONOKA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

AUCTION

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025

ON BEHALF OF THE AUCTION COMMITTEE

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