



Upcoming Important Dates

November 7	Remembrance Day Chapel @ 10:30am
November 8	No School – Teacher Work Day
November 11	No School - Remembrance Day
November 12	Junior High Awards Day
November 15	Extra Kindergarten Day
November 18	Fall Society Meeting – 8pm
November 21	Hot Lunch – Hot Dog meal
November 22	No School – Teacher Work Day
November 29	Report Cards

From the Principal – Mr. Bob Morris

Remembrance Day thoughts: Remembrance Day, observed on November 11, honours the sacrifices made by our Canadian military personnel during various armed conflicts or wars. It serves as a moving reminder of the cost of freedom and the importance of peace. I reflect back on my own family history with the loss of my grandfather's brother who died during World War One in France. His casket flag that sits on a bookshelf in the living room reminds me of his sacrifice that was made fighting the Germans. From a biblical perspective, the themes of sacrifice and remembrance are themes that we should reflect on.

In the Bible, remembrance is a significant concept. In Exodus 12, God commands the Israelites to observe the Passover as a way to remember their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. This act of remembrance not only acknowledges past suffering but also reinforces hope for future liberation. Similarly, Remembrance Day invites us to reflect on the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom, reminding us of the importance of honouring their legacy.

The biblical narrative emphasizes the value of laying down one's life for others (John 15:13). This selfless act is mirrored in the lives of soldiers who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of their country and fellow citizens. On Remembrance Day, we honor these sacrifices, recognizing that true valor lies in the willingness to protect and serve.

Ultimately, Remembrance Day, viewed through a biblical lens, calls us not only to remember the sacrifice that others have made in the past but also the ultimate sacrifice that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ made on the cross, taking on our sins. It urges us to honor those who served by actively working towards a future free from conflict, embodying the principles of love and sacrifice that lie at the heart of our Christian faith.

From the Board - Mrs. Carien Dominicus

What a blessing it was to see so many of you come out for Thanksgiving Dinner earlier this month! We are thankful to the Lord, for this opportunity each year to gather together for a meal and fellowship as a school community. We raised a total of \$44,060

this year, which will be going towards the long-term sustainability fund. Thank-you very much to all those who donated, as well as to the Thanksgiving Committee for planning the nice evening!

Our annual Fall Drive is running from Oct 28 until Nov 22. Our goal for this year's drive has been set at \$86,000 and will be going towards our school's principal and interest payments. Canvassers will be contacting you shortly, but donations can be sent into the school office anytime.

We ask that you also mark your calendars for the PCS Fall Society Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2024, at 8:00pm. A package with the agenda and various reports will be coming home shortly. A reminder to all parents and previous society members that if you have not paid your membership dues yet (\$50/couple), to please do so soon if you would like the opportunity to vote at this Society Meeting. If you are unsure whether you have paid, please contact Roeline Wassink: business@ponokachristianschool.com.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th. If you have any comments or concerns, please let us know.

On behalf of the PCS Board
Carien Dominicus

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."
Colossians 3:23-24

Sports News – Mr. Josh Van Doesburg

We are starting to wrap up an exciting volleyball season. We were blessed to have five different teams this year. Thank you to the coaches who stepped up to coach and the parents who have done lots of driving and cheering on our school. In the coming weeks we will have "B" League mini wrap up tournaments and the "A" League playoffs. As soon as I get more information on these, I will send it out to the coaches. Please keep an eye on the calendar for updated information as well.

Mr. Van Doesburg

From Development

Makkinga Market Fundraiser – The Makkinga Market Fundraiser is here! Order forms and payments are due back to the school by **November 21, 2024**. Order forms will be available on the website as well as at the school office. Order pickup date is scheduled for December 5, 2024, exact pickup time is TBD.

This year's funds will be raising money for the school long-term sustainability fund. The monies in this fund are invested through the Christian School Foundation, we can use the return/growth of these monies to help operate the school into the future without drawing on

the principal amount that was donated. These past few years these funds have yielded 8-10% return. For more information about the fund visit www.christianschoolfoundation.ca or reach out to the Board Treasurer.

Gift Card Fundraiser – Please contact the office if you have any questions about this fundraiser. **Preordered Monthly Grocery Gift Cards:** Order grocery gift cards to use at local stores for your everyday purchases. Fill out the attached form and send back to the school by **Nov. 4**. No need to order again for the year. Cards will be available for pickup or sent home on or around the 15th of the month.

Gift Cards - You may also submit an order each month for other gift cards to be used at a variety of stores and restaurants. These must be submitted back to the school by **Nov 4** along with payment. That order form is also attached and available on the website as well. Cards will be available for pickup or sent home on or around the 15th of the month.

Boston Pizza Operation Education Fundraiser - Do you or people you know eat at Boston Pizza? If so, you could be making money for 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. The school can then receive 5% of the total (before tax) of all receipts submitted!

Community News and Events

Christian School Foundation Online Event – Giving Well:Year-End Generosity with Lasting Impact

The Christian School Foundation is hosting an online event to discuss effective giving strategies that will save income tax and maximize impact through the charities we all love and support.

Participants will hear how effective giving strategies can increase their impact through any charity, but especially your school!

Maclean's magazine recently wrote about the over \$1 Trillion that will transfer from one generation to the next IN JUST THE NEXT THREE YEARS! How can this transfer of assets and your personal giving strategies save tax and make a greater impact?

Join this no-cost webinar on Tuesday, November 19 @ 12pm and access information that is helpful, timely and valuable.

Register for the webinar with our Foundation - the Christian School Foundation: www.christianschoolfoundation.ca/events.

This is a gift of valuable and timely information from Ponoka Christian School and our partners at the Christian School Foundation, as you consider how to give well to any of your favourite year-end causes!



**Christian School
Foundation**

Giving Well: Year-End Generosity with Lasting Impact

**Discover effective giving strategies that
maximize your gift and your impact on the
charities you love and support.**

Tuesday, November 19th

11:00am Pacific / 12:00pm Mountain /
1:00pm Central / 2:00pm Eastern /
3:00pm Atlantic

RSVP for this online event at
christianschoolfoundation.ca/events



Makkinga Market Fundraiser 2024



**Order forms due back
Nov. 21
Pick up Dec 5**

Kroket

Seasoned beef rolled into a log in bread crumbs. Deep fry until golden brown and crispy.



Bitterballen

Seasoned beef rolled in bread crumbs. Deep fry until golden brown.



Frikandellen

Made from pork with spices. A delicious snack that can be eaten on its own or sliced down the middle with curry sauce and raw onion. Best deep fried until golden brown and floating but can also be cooked on the BBQ.



Gouda Cheese

*** available in 1/4 or wheel**

Spiced - Classic Gouda cheese spiced with Cumin for a sharp, mildly spicy flavor. A wheel is about 4 kg.

Mild - Soft and creamy taste. Naturally ripened for 5 weeks. A wheel is about 4.4 kg.

Medium - Semi soft and tasty cheese. Naturally ripened for 16 weeks. A wheel is about 4.4 kg.



Sprinkles

A favorite in almost every home. Available in mixed, dark, or milk chocolate.

Soup

A warm pot of soup to warm you and your loved ones this winter.

Candy

Something sweet. Mentos fruit roll and King Peppermints. Available per roll or case.

**The Sailsman's trophy
proudly displays the
Elgersman family name.
Will your family be next?**

Salesmanship Recipient



**All the funds
raised will go
towards the
longterm
sustainability
fund.**

*Additional order forms are available at the
office or on the website.*