

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

Nov 16-30	Scholastic Virtual Book Fair
Nov 30	Grades 7-12 begin online learning at home
Dec 3	Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 1:44
Dec 11	Christmas Luncheon ~ Grades K-6
Dec 11	K-6 Christmas Fun Carnival – (in lieu of Christmas Concert)
Dec 18	Last day of classes before Christmas Break

**Grades 7-12 Christmas Luncheon will be in the new year – date to be determined*

Next Bulletin: December 16th



Notes From Administration *Mr. Dimond & Mr. Chanasyk*

Hello Wildcat Families

We are fielding many questions after the announcement from our Premier Jason Kenney. We would like to answer as many of these as we can, so that families have a clearer picture of our temporary road forward. Thank you for your resilience and patience as we try to clarify things.

Reminder:

- JH and HS students start online classes at home Monday, November 30
- K-Grade 6 students remain at school until Friday, December 18 inclusive
- From January 4-8, all students will be doing online classes
- At this time, in personal classes begin for all students on Monday, January 11

FOR JH and HS students:

Questions and Answers:

Do we need to log on everyday?

Classes will follow the timetable for Quarter Two. So, if a student has science at 8:45, there will be a science lesson or activity provided at 8:45. This may or may not be a Google Meet. Each teacher will be providing the instructions for that lesson. There will be times where logging in is not necessary, but that will be communicated through the teacher.

What are the course expectations?

- Students are still expected to work through the curriculum components in their entirety as prescribed by Alberta Education.
- This means that timelines for our courses will not be changing with content delivery.

What if we have a lack of technology or inconsistent access?

- Teachers will also be putting together print packages of the content for our students who will not have access. These packages will be available for pickup/delivery in front of our school. We will have a bin in which this material can be placed/picked up after the proper sanitizing protocols.
- Teachers will be providing lessons and instruction, so if students can not access, please communicate that with the teacher.

What if my child is sick or has appointments?

We will still have the expectation that the school will be notified on these cases. If the school is not notified, a phone call will still go out.

Are ECCHS (the Comp) options still running for grade 7, 8 and 9?

- Yes the classes will still be running. They will be starting at **9 AM** for their Google Meets. The teachers have already sent the packages with our students. These teachers will be taking attendance for the Google Meets and will be available for help at these times. The activities will be different than the in-person learning but will still be focused on their specific curricula.

FOR ALL STUDENTS:

What will my child(ren) be working on from Jan. 4-Jan 8 in the at home environment?

- Students from ECS to grade 6 will be bringing home packages for themselves to work on in this timeframe. These packages will have the work from their classes to be completed. The teachers will be in school and available for help or further instruction on their Google classrooms and Meets. Individual teachers will be messaging their availability to their students before Dec. 18.
- Grade 7-12 students will resume their courses as they were before Christmas break.

School News

🐾 **Lifetouch pictures** – We received the go ahead from BRSD to book school pictures for the new year! So, mark March 23rd on your calendar as this is the date for individual school pictures. At this time, class pictures will not be taken.

🐾 **School Fees** – Fees for Term 2 that would be assigned normally now will be re-evaluated in January. The only fees for this Term would be for Junior High Complex classes and High School Art.

🐾 **Remembrance Day Service** ~ On Tuesday, November 10th, we had a virtual Remembrance Day Service. A huge thank you to Mr. Chanasyk for all the work he did in creating an amazing video that we all watched in our homerooms. Also thank you to Sonja McArthur and Grayce Flemming for being MC's.

🐾 **YEARBOOKS!** We have two left from last year if you are interested! Call the office!



🐾 **Halloween Fun Day** ~ This was a great day enjoyed by everyone! There was so many great costumes that were so creative and thoroughly appreciated. It was a great day to have FUN! Thank you to our yearbook crew for taking pictures and creating the slideshow that we all got to watch in homerooms at the end of the day.

Here are the results of the High School Students' Union annual costume competition:

Grade 7	Scariest	Morgan
	Funniest	Rayna
	Best Group/Duo	The Cowboys
Grade 8	Scariest	Destinee
	Funniest	Kristopher
	Best Group/Duo	Grade 8 Princesses
Grade 9	Scariest	Laci/Elle
	Funniest	Austin
	Best Group/Duo	Makenzie/Jaycee
Best Overall for JH		Grade 8 Princesses
Grade 10	Scariest	Rya
	Funniest	Spidermen
	Best Group/Duo	Hippies
Grade 11	Scariest	Grayce
	Funniest	Samuel
	Best Group/Duo	Entire Class (Gender Swap)
Grade 12	Scariest	Natasha
	Funniest	Anisha
	Best Group/Duo	Farm Boys
Best Overall for SH		Entire Grade 11 Class in the Gender Swap

From the Learning Commons

Insignia Library System - Accessing Library Books from at Home

Grades 7 - 12 are able to access our Insignia Library Program from home or on any device. Books can be requested from our school library through this system by signing on to their chrome books and going to:

<https://brsd.insignails.com>

- Go to the login key in the top right hand corner of the screen and sign in using their login and password.
- Once they are logged in their name should appear where the login key was.
- Choose "Bawlf" School from the drop down menu.
- Search by - Keywords (ie. Hockey or Dogs)/Title/Author/Series/etc. Or you may search by "Recently Viewed" or "Most Circulated".
- Once you click on a book it should let you know if the book is "IN" (1-of-1 available at Bawlf School)

which means that it is available to be reserved or they may add it to their favorites list to reserve in the future.

- They can reserve a book by simply clicking on the “Reserve” button.
- A message is then sent to the Library and the book will be processed and delivered to the classroom labelled with their name. **While students are doing classes at home for the next 3 weeks, books will be placed in the pick up/drop off bin just outside the front doors of our school for students to pick up any books they requested or to return books.**

Please let me know if you need any help with logging in to the Insignia System at home or if you have any questions or concerns regarding receiving books from our School Learning Commons.

Mrs. Kroetsch (780) 373-3784 or jkroetsch@brsd.ab.ca

If you prefer to read online, check out this site used by Battle River School Division:

Sora

<https://soraapp.com/library/battleriverab>

Or on a device, download the Sora app through the Google Play or Apple App stores and use setup code battleriverab. Students will log in to Sora the same way they access our district’s resources: Google using their school username and password.

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair is well underway and will continue until November 30th. A big thank you to all those who have participated and have helped earn new books for our school library.

If you have not had a chance yet there is still time to experience the joy of a Book Fair online and join us by going to the Bawlf School homepage and clicking on the link there.

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5149475>

Please feel free to share this link with Grandparents, too! Extended family can participate in the Virtual Book Fair from the comfort of their own home. It’s a great time to get some wonderful books for your children to read over the Christmas break.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school and earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school library.

Thank you for participating in our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair! Happy Reading!!!

Family School Liaison Worker

Hello,

I usually visit the school every week, but right now because of the increase in Covid 19 numbers this is not a good idea as we are trying to limit our contact and lessen the spread. It is important to me that I stay connected to students and families, and I am going to do that the best that I can. I am working with the school to set up a space and time where your child and I can meet on the computer for their face to face session.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we work at lowering the spread of this virus. If you have any questions, please contact me at ldrever@brsd.ab.ca or Christie Badry, Coordinator of Division supports and services at cbadry@brsd.ab.ca.

For students 7-12:

Even though students will be at home, they can still receive FSLW support. I am just a computer screen away! I will be in contact with students on my caseload to arrange times to talk either on google meet or over the phone. If you have any concerns about your child, please feel free to contact me. You can also speak to Christie Badry, Coordinator of Division support and services for Battle River School Division if you have any questions. She can be reached at cbadry@brsd.ab.ca. I truly appreciate, and value, being part of Bawlf School and having the opportunity to work with the students, families and staff. Please reach out if you have any questions or need support/resources.

Stay safe, be kind and I hope to see everyone back at the school in the new year!!

Lyndell Drever
FSLW Bawlf School



School Council

School council met on November 18th. The minutes from that meeting can be found on the school website. We are looking for a few parent volunteers to help with the Christmas Lunch. For more details please contact Christee at bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com. We also discussed the most recent highlights from the BRSD Board of Trustees October meeting.

Highlights from BRSDs October meeting are as follows:

- Accountability Report Update: High quality teaching and optimal learning will be priority. Primary focus will be on literacy and numeracy development.
- Federal funding is being used to cover the costs of supporting teachers for at-home learning programs, increased custodial, educational assistant and bus driver time needed to manage extra cleaning duties.
- Enrollment decline in BRSD

If you would like more information please visit the BRSD website.

The next School Council meeting will be held on January 20th, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Thank You

Bawlf School Council

Check us out on our website!

<https://bawlf.brsd.ab.ca>

PLUS!

Find us on Twitter!

@BawlfSchool

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Fundscrip

A big thank-you goes out to parents and staff for your support of our Fundscrip campaign. So far this year we have raised \$1,560.46! The winner of the contest was the Bergstrom family! Congratulations! Remember you can order online at any time at fundscrip.com with code UDJ FXB.

Casino Fundraiser

The BEST Foundation casino fundraiser that was cancelled in June due to COVID-19, has been rescheduled for February 16 and 17, 2021. We still need a few volunteers to work various shifts on these days. If you are interested in working, please contact Everly Larson for more information at 780-679-8885 or everlylarson@gmail.com.

Next Meeting

January 19th, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

All parents are welcome! Please RSVP to bestfoundation91@gmail.com to receive the Zoom code.