

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

<i>March 29</i>	<i>Spring Break begins</i>
<i>April 6</i>	<i>Classes resume</i>
<i>April 7</i>	<i>Green Shirt Day</i>
<i>April 8</i>	<i>Subway hot lunch</i>
<i>April 21</i>	<i>First day of Quarter 4</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<i>Report cards for Gr 1-12</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<i>Mad Platter hot lunch</i>
<i>April 23</i>	<i>Staff Collaboration Day – School closed</i>
<i>April 23</i>	<i>Grade 12 Cap & Gown Pictures @ school</i>

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Notes From Administration

~ by Mr. Dimond & Mr. Chanasyk

Well, Spring Break is just this next week. It seems like this year has flown by. As we move closer to our transition to the fourth quarter (April 21), it truly is starting to feel that we are in the home stretch. With the weather giving us some more hours of sunlight, it is important for all of us to remember that a proper sleep is still very important to our overall health.

We did have limited skating at the end of the season here with the lifting of the province wide restrictions. All of our classes had an opportunity to skate and it was enjoyed by all of our students. A big thank you to the Bawlf Recreation Board for their continued support.

Our Grade 7's had a virtual presentation about scientists studying the American Kestrel and other birds of prey near Tofield. Students learned more about interactions and

ecosystems and learned that Mr. Chanasyk wasn't lying when he told them that people get paid to watch animals!

Another big thank you to all of our coaches and players who were dedicated to the basketball training that we had through March. Our senior girls will be continuing after the spring break as they did have a little later of a start than the other teams. Our Minidunkers will also be developing their skills after spring break with practice sessions in a controlled environment. Continuing in our team sports vein, our school has placed 2 teams in the Esports league which will be competing in, this will range against teams in our time zone and will be an international affair. Badminton will also be beginning after the break. Thanks to Mr. Munro, Mrs. Holm, and all our coaches for their coordinating and efforts.

The end of third quarter will be soon upon us as we return from the break on April 6th, so our Report Cards for grades 1-12 will be coming out on April 22nd. Stay tuned for announcements of our Parent-Teacher Interviews shortly after this.

Battle River School Division has opened the registration for Summer School and the registrations packages can be picked up at our office for any interested students. It will be running on an online platform from July 5-30th. There will be a \$45 non-refundable fee. The process will be an online course selection, a payment and then the paper package will need to be filled out and emailed to lhoff@brsd.ab.ca

As we move closer to the end of the year, we are looking into all the options that we have for our Grade 12 celebration of learning ceremony. At this point, we are looking at a virtual ceremony and we are investigating the many different streaming options that are available. We are trying to remain flexible with the hosting of a ceremony in person in hopes that an easing of the restrictions may allow this. On April 23rd will be the day for our Grade 12 celebration pictures and we will be doing them here in the school on that day. That day is a Staff Collaboration day so there will be more spacing for all of our Grade 12's.

In conjunction with our SAVY (Students advocating for the Voices of Youth) members, we have been polling students who have experienced the Quarter system this year. We are looking

for some feedback on next year's decision for our timetable around the usage of the quarter system and the semester system. Our students have been very involved and have brought up a number of great points for consideration. We brought this up at our Parent Council meeting on March 17th as well for discussion and there were again a lot of points brought up that need to be taken into consideration. The conversation will continue as we have many different components that need to be taken into consideration before we finalize this decision.

Thank you to all the parents, students, community members and staff who selflessly help promote and build our Wildcat culture. Our students work very hard as do all the stakeholders in their education. We are proud that they choose to be Wildcats and to further the legacy. Go, Wildcats!

School News

🐾 **Summer School** ~ Registration for summer school with Battle River School Division will be opening on Thursday, March 11th and will close on May 15th. This year, summer school will be an online platform that will run from July 5-30th. If you are interested, please come and get a package from the office to start your registration.

🐾 **Grade 3 Virtual Field Trip** ~ On Wednesday, March 24th, the Grade 3 class, along with the Grade 3 class in Ryley School, got to go on a (virtual) African Safari put on by the Calgary Zoo! They were especially excited to see the western lowland gorillas after studying the novel, *The One and Only Ivan*, a true story about a gorilla who lived in a shopping mall. They got to participate in a google meet with a zookeeper from Calgary who took them on a tour of many animal exhibits at the zoo. They were eager to learn more about zoo conservation efforts and their work to make sure the animals are given the best care and habitats as possible!

🐾 **Grade 5 Science** ~ The Grade 5 class has been building mechanisms that use electricity in their Science class. Some of the items they have made are: circuit boards, traffic lights, burglar alarms and finished off with electric cars. Congratulations to Ryley Giesbrecht who is our electric car champion!



🐾 **Junior High Girls Basketball** ~ The JH girls have been working hard during some after school practices to develop their basketball skills. The girls have enjoyed getting out to shoot the ball around and are hopeful for a season with league games next year. Fingers crossed! Practices have been running since late February and wrapped up this week. Go, Cats!

🐾 **Drama 8** ~ Class has been studying some elements of theatre including special effects in movies, as well as special effects makeup. The class is working towards creating their own realistic wounds and cuts using liquid latex and their own fake blood in the coming weeks.

🐾 **Art 8** ~ The Grade Eight class has been experimenting with colour and design using different mediums. Recently, they designed and dyed their own white shirts using fabric dye and spray bottles. The shirts turned out great and were all one of a kind!

🐾 **Green Shirt Day** – On Wednesday, April 7th, we will support Green Shirt Day, in honour of the Logan Boulet Effect, so wear your green attire! This day supports organ donor awareness and registration across Canada. Check it out at <https://greenshirtday.ca/>



🐾 **Kindergarten Registrations now accepted for 2021-2022** ~ Kindergarten is designed for children who will be five years of age on or before December 31, 2021. Mrs. Thomsen, our Kindergarten teacher, will hopefully be having an orientation class for all pre-registered Kindergarten students, but it will be dependent on Covid protocols. This is designed to help new Kindergarten students become familiar with the school prior to the beginning of the school year. Orientation day for new ECS students will be held prior to the end of the school year. If we are unable to hold this event, pre-recorded videos of all items will be sent via email to all parents.

We are also accepting registrations for any students that will be new to Bawlf School for the 2020-2021 school year, Grades One-Twelve.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Bawlf School office (please call ahead) or found either on the Bawlf School or Battle River School Division websites.

Birth certificates are required as part of the registration package, as well as legal land description and your 9-1-1 address. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Bawlf School at (780) 373-3784.

🌸 **Class Farewell info for Grade 12's** ~ Class Farewell is scheduled for **Friday, May 28, 2021**. Moving into 2021, the administration will be organizing a few scenarios over the coming months for this celebration. AHS Restrictions and safety will be the determining factor.

The Grade 12 pictures that are on **Friday, April 23rd**. This is a Staff Collaboration Day so there are no classes that day. In addition, the pictures will be taken at the school now, not at the Hall as previously stated.

Cost for each student will be \$20 for the sitting fee. This is payable to the school. Please do not send payment until we are certain this is going ahead. Any reordering of pictures will be done through Smart Photography by each student. Black gowns will be provided through Smart Photography. They will be laundered and pre-packaged for each student.

No flowers will be provided.

No caps will be provided. If you would like a cap, you will have to purchase your own and bring it with you. If ordering, it is recommended to order right away. Here is a Canadian website that carries them: <https://www.gradcanada.ca/>

A schedule will be sent out for students to sign up online right after spring break. Available appointments will begin at 10:00 and end at 2:00, as they will have two cameras going.



🌸 **Yearbooks** for the 2020-2021 school year are available for ordering. Delivery will be in the fall. Cost is \$30 per book, payable to Bawlf School. Let the office know if you wish to pay for it online. The sooner the better as once they are all spoken for, that is all there is!

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