

The Bulletin



BAWLF SCHOOL
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Upcoming Events:

October 27	<i>JH Volleyball hosts OLMP</i>
October 28	<i>East Side Marios hot lunch</i>
October 27	<i>School wide Halloween activities</i>
October 29	<i>Staff Collaboration – School closed</i>
November 1	<i>Lifetouch School picture retakes – A.M. only</i>
November 2	<i>JH JV Girls Volleyball host CK</i>
November 3	<i>Take Our Kids to Work – Gr 9 class</i>
November 4	<i>JH Volleyball Divisionals</i>
November 4	<i>Panago Pizza hot lunch</i>
November 4	<i>Math 30 Diploma</i>
November 4	<i>Staff Meeting – early dismissal @ 1:50 pm</i>
November 5 & 6	<i>HS Boys volleyball tourney @ Bashaw</i>
November 5 & 6	<i>HS Girls volleyball tourney @ CCHS</i>
November 9	<i>Mad Platter Catering hot lunch</i>
November 9	<i>JH Volleyball Regionals</i>
November 10	<i>Remembrance Day service</i>
November 11	<i>Remembrance Day – School Closed</i>
November 12	<i>Day in Lieu – School Closed</i>
November 15	<i>Day in Lieu – School Closed</i>
November 16	<i>Staff Collaboration – School Closed</i>
November 18	<i>Papa John’s Pizza hot lunch</i>
November 19	<i>Reports Cards go home – Gr 1-12</i>
November 23	<i>Subway hot lunch</i>

Next Bulletin: November 24th

Notes From Administration ~

This week will be Halloween! What a beautiful fall we have had and hope everyone involved in harvest had a good and safe harvest season!

We have had a great and very busy start to the year. Students are in the building, staff are working hard, sports are going, and so many good supports for students are in place. We are thankful for a great school - great students, great staff, and a great community!

We are thankful for our mental health capacity building team and our family school liaison worker, Chantal, for supporting

our students. Our Parent Council and BEST have had their first meetings and we are so thankful for their work and their willingness to support the students!

We are still working the bugs out of our new student information system - PowerSchool. We hope that parents and students will have access to the system on November 17th. We will be sending information and videos your way to support you in accessing your accounts through our school website and the cellphone app.

Report cards for Grades 1-12 are set to go home on Friday, November 19th. Please keep in mind that the purpose of a report card is to provide effective communication of student learning as a means of improving student learning. We will be holding our first round of Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday, November 25th with a focus on student wellness and re-connecting with students and families. If you are not able to attend or if you have questions or concerns, please let your child’s teacher know.

As you read in correspondence shared from the Division last week, at the request of Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services, BRSD has temporarily introduced “COVID-19 Hazard Control” measures. The intent is to help protect the health and safety of students and staff in schools while Alberta works to get through yet another wave of COVID 19.

Effective Friday, October 29th, all staff, parents/guardians, facility user groups, visiting sports teams, officials, spectators, and anyone else that wishes to enter the school will be required to provide either proof of vaccination or a negative rapid test result dated within 72 hours, prior to entering the school building or interacting with students. You can read the entire Administrative Procedure 451 - Covid 19 Hazard Control on the website: <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/download/369275>.

Specifically, sporting events will be continuing, and we will be sending more information about spectators next week. We are currently exploring all the possibilities of having our community have access to our school events through alternative platforms as well.

Also please remind your children of appropriate dress for the cold weather in addition to our procedure of removal of wet or dirty shoes/boots upon entering the school. Students may be refused entry onto the bus if they are not dressed for the weather. Thank you in advance for your help around these issues. Also if you are requiring immediate assistance around transportation, the "after hours emergency number" is 1-844-773-2773 (1-844-773-BRSD).

Thank you to our coaches (both staff and community!), staff, bus drivers, and parents! To Wildcat Country - everyone supporting our school community - thank you!

School News

🌸 **JH/HS Academic Awards for 2020-2021 school year** ~ Our Awards presentation for last year's Secondary Academic Awards was held last Thursday, October 21st in the gym with the Grades 8-12 in attendance. Please find in the attachments the program with all the award recipients. We are very proud of all our Wildcats and their academic accomplishments!

🌸 **Yearbooks** - The yearbook crew is back at it again this year! They've been diligently taking pictures of school events and have been choosing colours and fonts to create your 2022 yearbook! Just a reminder if you have not yet purchased a yearbook for the 2021 school year, there are still some available in the office! \$30 each!

🌸 **We will be calling!** If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school in the morning to let us know (780-373-3784). We also have voicemail so you can call anytime at night or early morning to leave a message if that works as well. In addition, you can also email BOTH of our Administrative Assistants (cloesch@brsd.ab.ca and bszott@brsd.ab.ca) as well as your child's homeroom teacher. If we don't hear from you, we will be calling!

🌸 **Lifetouch School pictures** ~ Lifetouch will be here on Monday, November 1st for retakes. They will start right after morning announcements and will only be here for approximately 1-2 hours, so please plan accordingly.

🌸 **Snack Shack** ~ Our Snack Shack/Concession opened at the beginning of October. If students are looking for lunch ideas please feel free to stop by as we have the following items for sale; Pizza, Pizza Pops, Kraft Dinner, Corn Dogs, Pasta Dinners, Mr. Noodles, Chocolate Milk-to-Go, Juice Boxes, a variety of chips, microwave popcorn, cookies, as well as a variety of small snack items.

Thank you to our volunteers for running the Snack Shack during their lunch hours!!!

🌸 **Scholastic Book Fair** ~ Exciting news! We will be planning to have our Book Fair this year in school from November 22-25th. Please check out the attached flyer for all the great details! Let's read!

🌸 **Class Farewell** ~ Important Class Farewell meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9th via Google Meet at 7:00 p.m. All Grade 12 parents will receive a meeting invite.

🌸 **High School Students Union** ~ Get your Wildcat gear, just in time for Christmas!! Order through SportFactor until November 2nd. See the link in the attached advertisement or head to the Bawlf School homepage.

Athletics

🌸 **HS Girls Volleyball** ~ by Mrs. Gjesdal ~ The season has been a whirlwind of fun! The girls have won three tournaments so far but the highlight of our season would have to be the tournament we did not win. We went up to Morinville to play in the Western Canadian Volleyball Championships a week or two ago and had an absolute blast. Every team in our pool was extremely talented and our girls had to work hard for every point. Our pool ended up having many two way ties between teams which made it a major headache for the tournament organizers to decipher. Eventually we sorted out that we finished third in our pool. We won our cross over game then went to the semis against a Cochrane team who definitely wanted to beat us. They took the first set, but our girls are very tenacious and they won the second set. Taking all that positive energy, they went on to win the third! This just left them very tired for the finals against SPA. The girls looked tired in the first set, but again, you cannot underestimate these girls. With a score of 22-24 we sent Bryn back to serve and somehow, they pulled out a win! The third set went back and forth, but by the end, we just didn't have enough fuel left in the tank. Regardless, it was so great seeing these girls fight hard! Keep up the great work ladies and again, if you're bored and need some entertainment in your life, you should watch these girls! They are top notch.

🌸 **HS Boys Volleyball** ~ by Coach Tara ~ The boys senior volleyball team has had a ton of games and tournaments this year and we are elated that the season was a go! The team competed in the OLMP tourney and matched up with some very talented teams. They had some shining moments and some games that showed us areas to improve on. We also attended the Lacombe CACHS tournament and learned a few more lessons during some of the matches. The boys finished 4th overall and played hard in their final match to end the weekend on a pretty good note. League play we finished 1st overall and they were undefeated, which means they will be off to the Zone tournament on November 19/20th. The boys will be working hard at practice and preparing for one more tournament in Bashaw on November 5th and 6th.

🌸 **Junior High Girls Volleyball** ~ The Jr High Girls team has been busy with tournaments in OLMP, New Norway, CKS, and of course our home tournament here in Bawlf. We even battled hard and won gold in New Norway against the home team! League games have been successful with many wins as well. We are looking forward to Divisionals and Regionals! Our JV girls team is made up of some fantastic grade 7s, 8s, and 9s has been in action and working really hard! We made it to

the semifinals in the Charlie Killam Developmental tournament and went to OLMP for a great game. Well done, keep up the good work, and Go, Wildcats!

🐾 Junior High Boys Volleyball ~ We have had a busy October with league games and tournaments at New Norway and Charlie Killam school. The boys have continued to learn and improve as the season went on and we are excited as we move into our last league game and Divisionals. Go, Wildcats!



School Council

Hello from School Council~

We held our AGM on September 29th via Zoom and held our annual elections. Your school council for 2021-2022 school year: Welcome back to our returning members and to our new members. We look forward to a successful year.

Chair: *Christee Langkamp*

Secretary: *Trudi Duheme*

Non-Officer Parent Reps: *Michelle Van Petten, Chelsea Bergstrom, Erin Reimer, Colleen Konowalyk, Terry-Lynn Sereda, Julianna Morris, and Emily Herder*

Hot Lunch Coordinator: *Christee Langkamp*

Meetings for this year will be held: November 17th @ 7pm; February 23rd @ 7pm; April 20th @ 7pm and the AGM, June 15th @ 7pm. We would like to try to meet in person, and are still working on a process for that, otherwise we will meet virtually via google meets.

Also if you would be willing to come in and help sort and distribute Hot Lunches please email bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com

BEST

The BEST Foundation AGM was held on September 30th. This year's members are Everly Larson, Corina Thue, Angela Meyer, Samara Schmidt, Leah Thue and Tana Munro. We are looking forward to planning some awesome fundraisers this year! Stay tuned for more details!

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