

# The Bulletin



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*Achieving Excellence*

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## *Upcoming Events!*

Nov 21-23 – HS Girls Volleyball Provincials @ Bow Island

Nov 22 – Cereal morning for students

Nov 25 – East Side Marios' hot lunch

Nov 29 – Homemade hot lunch

Nov 29-30 – HS G Basketball tourney @ Breton

Nov 29-30 – HS B Basketball tourney @ Vermilion

Nov 28-30 – JH B Basketball tourney @ Ryley

Dec 1 – HSSU Annual Turkey Supper @ Rosalind

Dec 3 – Bagel breakfast for students

Dec 5 – Papa John's Pizza hot lunch

Dec 5 – Staff Meeting – early dismissal @ 1:50

Dec 6 – Staff Collaboration Day – School Closed

Dec 11 – Booster Juice hot lunch

Dec 13-14 – JH B & G Basketball – home tourney

Dec 13-14 – HS G Basketball tourney @ Millwoods

Dec 16 – Subway hot lunch

Dec 17 – Cereal morning for students

Dec 17 – Christmas Concert @ 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Dec 18 – Annual School Christmas Luncheon

Dec 19 – Last Day of Classes

Dec 20 – School Closed

Jan 6 – Classes Resume

## **Next Bulletin:**

*December 19<sup>th</sup>*

## **Notes From Administration – Mr. Gau**

As December approaches, we hope that students, staff and their families were able to enjoy the November break and know many of you will start preparing for a very busy December. The time before the Christmas holidays will go by very quickly as we prepare for many exciting events that will be offered at Bawlf School.

Thank you to all the parents who came out to parent-teacher conferences. These were very well attended and we hope that the conversations you were able to have with your children's teachers were informative and you were able to reflect upon

their successes, challenges, and strategies for improvement. If you were unable to make the interviews, and would still like to connect with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact them directly. I would also like to remind you that the Parent Portal is available to parents and is a great way for you to be aware of your children's progress. The link for the portal is located on our Bawlf Website and if you are having trouble with your username or passwords, please contact the school for assistance.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our Remembrance Day Service which was held just before the November break. We were very fortunate to have our local Legion members take part in our service again this year. As many of you are aware, our Bawlf Legion is closing. We would like to thank them for their support over the years and all they have done to help out in our community. Their presence in our community will be missed. Thank you to Mrs. Barber and Mr. Chanasyk for organizing this event and to all the students that took part in the reading of poems and special readings, in addition to our band students who played O Canada and another song of Remembrance.

Our scholastic book fair was a huge hit again this year. Thank you to all the students and parents that came out to support this event. The money raised will be used to purchase additional books and resources for our library (Learning Commons). Thank you Mrs. Kroetsch for your hard work, extra time and energy you gave in making this a huge success.

On Wednesday, November 20th, the High School Students Union led a pep rally to send our HS girls volleyball team off to Provincials. Best of luck this weekend and know that we will be cheering for you! Games are available on the ASAA website so if you are interested in watching, please login. We also took this opportunity at our rally to acknowledge the successes of all our volleyball athletes. Great job to all of our teams for a fantastic season. A special acknowledgement goes out to our JH girls team for winning the gold medal at Regionals. This is the second year in a row for this accomplishment and know that we are very proud of you. Thank you to all of our coaches and parents for your contributions to the teams and for your continued support during this volleyball season. Go, Wildcats!!

A reminder that Friday, December 6th, there will be no school for students, as staff will be attending a school-based collaboration day. Staff will spend the day analyzing student data, talking about student supports, and sharing best practices around teaching strategies. We are excited to have this time together, with the intention of supporting our staff and students around “Achieving Excellence” for all students.

November is also a time when much of our planning and goal setting for the current year has been completed. Our school’s Three Year Plan and Annual Report will be submitted to the Division this week. Staff worked collaboratively to determine strategies that would help reach our school division and school goals and they also determined what evidence will be used to ensure we have reached these goals. A draft copy of this plan was presented to school council this week and we look forward to any feedback that they provide to us. Our Administrative team will meet with Board and Division office members next month to present our plan and it will be available on our website in the near future for all stakeholders to see.

As we approach the holiday season, and amidst all the extra-curricular activities that are scheduled, it is important that we maintain our focus on student achievement. We are asking that all parents that arrive at the school to please check in at the office and if you arrive at the end of the day to pick up your child, to please wait in the front waiting room next to our office. This will help eliminate any unnecessary distractions and allow our teachers to complete their lessons. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. In addition, please keep checking our website for upcoming information.

Cold and Flu Season is upon us! If your child is sick, please do NOT send him/her to school. They should be kept home to avoid spreading germs to other students and staff. Please don’t forget to phone or email the school with any absences. 780-373-3784 or email [serickson@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:serickson@brsd.ab.ca) or [bszott@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:bszott@brsd.ab.ca).

## School News

**🐾 Annual HSSU Turkey Supper ~ Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Rosalind Hall** – it’s that time of year again! This long-standing tradition of this supper proudly continues (serving 4-6 pm). Here is the scoop:

- 1) All high school students and one of their parents are asked to work one shift that Sunday and donate a food item. Slips will be distributed after the November break.
- 2) This is the major fundraiser for our HSSU. The funds raised help pay for the various spirit-building activities throughout the year (Halloween activities, Christmas Luncheon, potential provincial banquets, a possible high school ski trip contribution, Show’n’Shine, activities and prizes for elementary events).
- 3) If you or your child cannot make your shift, please switch with another family or find a replacement, and ensure that your requested food is sent. We serve approximately 300+ people that day, so all the help and food is very much needed and appreciated.

I sincerely appreciate every student and parent that is able to work their shift and donate food. The continuation of this event is uncertain at this time, as Mrs. Bridger's last child is graduating this year, and food regulations are becoming stricter. Thank you again for your support this year. ~ Mrs. Kruchten

**🐾 School fees** ~ The first reminder of school fee invoices have been emailed or mailed the last few days. Remember, you can pay online (on our school website, near the bottom is the icon), cheque (payable to Bawlf School) or cash. Sorry, we can not accept e-transfers.

**🐾 Scholastic Book Fair** ~ A very big thank you to everyone who supported our school Book Fair! We were able to raise \$2,954.90 in free books and book fair credit for our school. We look forward to lots of good reading.

**🐾 Annual Christmas Luncheon is soon here!** We are planning for the Annual Christmas Luncheon at Bawlf School. This is the most anticipated day of the year for many students not only for the meal, but the school spirit that fills the gym! Students and staff will celebrate the coming of Christmas by getting together for lunch on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at lunch time in the gym. This meal is made possible through the generous donations of Ember Resources and an anonymous donor. In addition, each family with students in elementary and junior high will be asked to donate certain food items.

**For families whose youngest child is in ECS, grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, please consider donating a tray of baking (with a minimum of one dozen pieces – remember, we are a nut-free school). If you are sending gluten free items, please mark them as such.**

**For families whose youngest child is in Grade 7, 8 or 9, please consider donating a tray of veggies with dip.**

**For families whose youngest child is in Grade 10, 11 or 12, please consider donating a tray of fruit.**

\*Please send your items on disposable plates/containers or CLEARLY mark them if you want them returned.

Just a reminder, the Office will be closed that day from 11:00-1:00 p.m.

**🐾 Christmas Concert** ~ Again this year, we are presenting two performances for our Christmas Concert; an open dress rehearsal at 1:00 pm and our evening performance at 7:00 pm. We ask that all students attend both performances to share their performances with both audiences. This way, they have the opportunity to see the other performances, too. There will be a collection box for the Camrose Food Bank. Please consider contributing non-perishable items such as Kraft Dinner, peanut butter, cereals and canned goods to this worthy cause. Please choose which performance will suit your schedule and plan to attend!



**🐾 November is IBD Awareness Month!** ~ In recognition of the impact this disease has on so many lives and to raise awareness in our students, Mrs. Lyster is presenting a slideshow to the Grade 10 Social class this Friday to inform students what these diseases are, how to recognize symptoms, and how they can affect those diagnosed. Since most diagnoses are in people under the age of 30, the likelihood of them knowing someone with Crohn's or Colitis is great. With awareness comes understanding.

The second annual Cam Lyster Memorial Guts and Glory Dodgeball Tournaments is being held next week, beginning Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and running at lunchtimes until the winner is decided on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. High School students are encouraged to choose team names that politely deal with bathroom humour, wear team costumes, and come out to try to defeat last year's victors. The Kings and Queens of the Throne (staff team). Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams and there will be a door prize for all who take part.



Crohn's and  
Colitis Canada  
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**🐾 Christmas Tree going up soon!** Our big, beautiful Christmas tree will be going up soon in the Main Commons to kickstart the Christmas spirit in our school. Again, all students are welcome to bring a special ornament to hang on the tree. No glass or breakable ornaments please. Please make sure names are written on them so they can be returned before the Christmas break.



**🐾 Green Certificate** ~ Mr. Clayton Roe is the new Off-Campus Coordinator for BRSD. He will be coordinating the parent-student meetings this fall for new trainees of the Green Certificate program as well.

Here are the testing dates for those enrolled:

November 20, 21, 22

February 25, 26, 27

May 27, 28, 29

Permission forms will be sent home closer to those dates.

**🐾 JH/HS Halloween Awards** ~ Here are the Awards for the Costumes from our Halloween parade: *Scariest*: Destinee Holmberg; *Best Group/Duo*: Darian Adloff/Ashley Keown; *Funniest*: Tyler Nikiforuk, Brock Sware, Michael Dingman; *Best Overall*: Casara Holm

**🐾 Writers Group** ~ We have had a fun kick off to our writers group this year. We participated in the Tree Hugger community project and painted a beautiful inspirational painting to be a part of Alberta Culture Days. We added the inspirational quote "Shine your light" to the canvas and each student painted their own creation in separate beams. You will see it up hugging a tree on main street Camrose soon.

We worked on some spooky ghost stories to embrace the Halloween spirit, we have had a ton of fun playing our impromptu word family games, and continue to journal and develop our vocabulary. We are proud to share that we have created an inspirations wall in the school (across from the grade 7 home room). We read through an inspirational story written by Malala and the students brainstormed on how we could spread kindness through the power of words. We invite you to visit the wall and grab an inspirational message for yourself or leave one for someone else. Let's spread kindness like confetti!!!

Here are some beautiful pieces submitted by our writers:

### **What My Mirror Doesn't Know About Me**

By Izabella Kelland

My mirror does not know what is inside me. It only sees what is on the outside – but not in.

Mirrors do not understand what is going on inside me.

It doesn't care if you are sad, angry, nervous, or scared.

It only matters what you look like and if you are popular or not.

It flips the world around.

It doesn't have memories sealed inside, but you do.

Memories are sealed inside of you, but not inside the mirror.

### **FALL**

By Brook Schacher

When the leaves Fall.

When you can just stall looking at them drop.

The colors they possess, for how they blow off the trees,

And how the wind breezes past my face.

How it's a season of shorter days, and longer coats,

How nothing beats putting on that yellow vest and

Falling in the leaves.

\*\*\*\*Also a very special thanks to Dennis Adams (our bus driver) for donating hot chocolate for the writers to enjoy!!!!

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If you would like your child to join us please contact Jaclyn 780-608-9786 – all inspired writers welcome

## **School Council**

A huge thank you to all of our amazing volunteers for the Breakfast Program and the Hot Lunch Program ~ thank you for all you do for our students!

I wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know that effective March 1, 2020 the Hot Lunch program will no longer be taking paper orders. This decision was not made lightly but because of volunteers and the time commitment we feel it is better to use one system to order. If you need assistance setting

up an account with Healthy Hunger please let us know or feel free to reach out to help center with Healthy Hunger.

If you are sending in paper orders please ensure that the orders and payment are sent **separately** from other school documents and payments and that the envelope is clearly labelled hot lunch orders.

Also please note that late orders will no longer be accepted.

Thank you  
Christee Langkamp  
School Council Chair

## BEST

We are excited to be holding our Fundscrip Contest once again this year! The more Fundscrip orders you get the more entries you earn towards the prize of a \$50 gift card! Information, including order forms, were emailed to all families on Monday. Deadline for orders is Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The next BEST Foundation Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

This will be the Wishlist meeting, where the school requests funding for school trips, presentations and bussing costs. All parents are welcome to attend.

Requests such as these are largely funded through volunteering at a casino every 3 years. BEST's next casino dates are May 12 & 13 at the Cash Casino in Red Deer. **It is imperative we have enough volunteers for these events to ensure our group can continue to have this opportunity.** To volunteer for a shift, please contact Everly Larson at 780-679-8885.

## Athletic News

**🐾 High School Girls Volleyball** ~ Congratulations to our HS Wildcats as they dug deep at Zones last weekend in Provost and won Gold! They are currently at Bow Island where the ASAA 1A High School Girls Volleyball Provincials are at, and we are all cheering them on! Yesterday, we had a pep rally in the gym to send them on their way with lots of cheers and well wishes. Good luck, girls!!

**🐾 Junior High Girls Varsity Volleyball** ~ The Junior High Girls B Volleyball team had a successful skill building year! They participated in 3 exhibition games and 2 tournaments. At the Killam tournament, the girls made it to the final, coming in second in a hard fought match. At our final tournament at Charlie Killam, the girls played well, focusing on making serves and not letting the ball hit the floor, as well as staying positive. Our goal for the year was to develop skills and focusing on enjoying the game of Volleyball, and I think we accomplished both!

~Coach Shariss Piro

**🐾 Grade 5 & 6 Minislammers** ~ Mini-Slammers finished the season with an action-packed final tournament here at Bawlf on November 7. We played against Killam, Daysland, Sedgewick, Forestburg, and Viking. The games were very close and a lot of fun! Our concession fundraiser for Ranch Camp was very successful. The Grade 5s and 6s are now looking forward to Mini-Dunkers with anticipation! ~ Ms. Ortman

**🐾 Junior High Basketball** ~ The busy basketball season has already begun with Junior High tryouts for both the boys and girls. The two teams will be hosting their home tournament on December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, so head on out to cheer on and support your Wildcats!

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

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***@BawlfSchool ~ we tweet out almost daily of what's happening in our classrooms with exciting experiments, projects and planned events!  
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