

# The Bulletin



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## ***Upcoming Events:***

<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Last day of classes before Christmas break</i>
<i>De 22-Jan 4</i>	<i>Christmas break</i>
<i>Jan 5</i>	<i>Classes resume</i>
<i>Jan 6 &amp; 7</i>	<i>JH basketball tourney @ Hay Lakes</i>
<i>Jan 6 &amp; 7</i>	<i>HS Boys basketball tourney @ Daysland</i>
<i>Jan 10</i>	<i>Booster Juice hot lunch</i>
<i>Jan 10</i>	<i>HS basketball hosts New Norway - league</i>
<i>Jan 12</i>	<i>BEST Ham &amp; Egger lunch – pre-ordered</i>
<i>Jan 13</i>	<i>Social 30 Diploma Part A</i>
<i>Jan 13 &amp; 14</i>	<i>JH basketball tourney @ Camrose</i>
<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>School Parent Advisory meeting @ 7:00</i>
<i>Jan 19</i>	<i>Subway hot lunch</i>
<i>Jan 19</i>	<i>Math 30 Diploma</i>
<i>Jan 20</i>	<i>Last full day of classes for Grades 10-12</i>
<i>Jan 23</i>	<i>Social 30 Diploma Part B</i>
<i>Jan 23</i>	<i>English 20 final exam Part A</i>
<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>Panago Pizza hot lunch</i>
<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>Bio 20/Science 20/Science 24 final exam</i>
<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>English 10 final exam Part A</i>
<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>Math 9 PAT Part A</i>
<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>Chem 20 final exam</i>
<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>English 10 final exam Part B</i>
<i>Jan 26</i>	<i>Math 9 PAT Part B</i>
<i>Jan 26</i>	<i>English 20 final exam Part B</i>
<i>Jan 26</i>	<i>Science 10 final exam</i>
<i>Jan 26</i>	<i>January Bulletin comes out</i>
<i>Jan 27</i>	<i>Social 9 PAT</i>
<i>Jan 27</i>	<i>End of Semester 1</i>
<i>Jan 27 &amp; 28</i>	<i>HS basketball Quint Tourney</i>
<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>PD day for staff – school closed</i>
<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>Grade 12 Cap &amp; Gown pictures</i>
<i>Jan 31</i>	<i>First day of Semester 2</i>

***\*\*of course, dates are subject to change\*\****

***A huge thank you to the following for making our annual Christmas luncheon possible:  
Ember Resources  
Canada Malting Ltd.  
Mr. Mike's Steakhouse –  
Camrose***

***Also to Willow Way Clydesdales for bringing Santa to us in style last Friday***



## Administration Notes ~ from Mr. Bartlett

It is hard to believe the holidays are upon us. Once again, Bawlf School has been very busy and involved in many school wide activities to celebrate the Christmas season.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, our staff participated in a Professional Learning Day looking at literacy and numeracy data collected to identify some trends and some areas for growth. In addition, staff met to discuss interventions needed to support struggling students and best ways to support them. These conversations are really important in making sure that all Bawlf students are *Achieving Excellence!*

December has also been a busy month for our sports teams as both our JH and SH teams have kicked off their basketball seasons. The HS teams have won their first few league games and have competed well in a few tournaments. Our JH Wildcats successfully hosted their annual JH Invitational tournament this past weekend with 6 boys and 6 girls teams competing. Thank you to all the parents that donated food items and for running the concession. All money raised at the concession goes to help offset the cost of running our various athletic programs at the school. This helps to keep the fees charged for extracurricular programs as low as possible. Go, Wildcats!

As part of an annual Christmas tradition, Bawlf School Community and special guests were treated to a school-wide Christmas luncheon on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the staff and parents that helped make this happen. This activity could not have been possible without our generous sponsors and donations. Thank you to Ember Resources, Canada Malting Limited and Mr. Mikes Steakhouse - Camrose for their sponsorship of the luncheon, parents that brought items for this event, parents who helped on the day of, and the staff for organizing and getting everything lined up! Special thanks to the Bawlf Lions for their sponsorship of Christmas goody bags for each of our Wildcats. This is just another great example of what it means to be a supportive and caring school community! Santa and his elf helper would also like to thank Willow Way Clydesdales for helping him make a visit to Bawlf School. Students and staff enjoyed getting to see these truly beautiful and massive horses up close.

Thank you to Mrs. Shirley Lyster for all her years of service to students and staff at Bawlf School. Mrs. Lyster has decided that it is time for a new adventure and will be retiring at the end of January. Shirley and her husband will be moving to the Maritimes to begin a new adventure. We wish them all the best and will miss them dearly. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Jackie Coggins to Bawlf School to take over Shirley's position. Jackie has worked the last few years in Killam Public School and brings with her lots of experience supporting students.

We are also sad to say goodbye to Mr. Rob Longhurst. Mr. Longhurst has decided to end his leave from the Division and resign his position at the school. The last few years, Mr. Longhurst has been teaching in Abu Dhabi and we wish him well as he continues to work overseas.

We are also very excited to have several new students and families joining our school community in January. We look forward to welcoming these students into our school.

On behalf of all the staff at Bawlf School, please accept our very best wishes for the holidays and enjoy the break. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas!!



## School News

\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*

🐾 **Reminder to parents to please complete the Student Verification forms if you have not done so already.** If you are having any issues logging into PowerSchool to do so, please do not hesitate to contact Carey Loesch ([cloesh@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:cloesh@brsd.ab.ca)).

🐾 **Reminder – POWERSCHOOL** – please always be checking your email for school emails from teachers and Admin. If you still need to sign up, here are the instructions. Remember, there will be no printed report cards this year so you need to sign in to PowerSchool to look at your child's marks, comments and attendance.

### PowerSchool Sign Up

1. Go to <https://brsd.powerschool.com/public/home.html>
2. Click on "Forgot Username or Password".
3. Your username will be Firstname.Lastname
4. An email will be sent to the email we have on file.
5. PowerSchool Mobile app is available for download (free), enter code: NTPH.

Please contact the school if you have any difficulties.

🐾 **WILDCAT SPIRITWEAR!** ~ Interested in Wildcat Spirit Wear? Check out our new online store at <https://bawlfschool.entripyshops.com/>.

Hoodies, pants, shorts, hats, water bottles, bags, so many choices and a lot of it is customizable! You can order whenever you'd like and it is mailed directly to your home address.

🐾 **Christmas Concert** ~ *That's Christmas to Me* was the theme of our annual Christmas concert this year. We were happy to host an in person concert once again. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our students and donated to the food bank.

🐾 **Christmas Luncheon** ~ Our annual Christmas Luncheon took place on December 13th. For the first time in two years we were all able to gather in the gym again as a community to share a meal with all the fixings and enjoy each other's company. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping to serve and do prep work for the meal and thank you to all those who donated food items for our students to enjoy. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps make all of this possible. Lastly, a very HUGE thank you to Canada Malting Ltd, Ember Resources and Mr. Mike's Camrose for sponsoring our luncheon as we could not host such a great even without your donations. This day is an absolute favourite of ours to host at Bawlf School and is something our students and staff look forward to year after year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a wonderful holiday!

🐾 **Oilers game** ~ We are excited to be able to take some HS/Grade 9 students to the Oilers vs. Winnipeg Jets game on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>! We thought we'd try to pick up the tradition of the HSSU going to a CFL or NHL game and it's been a success! Thank you very much to BEST for agreeing to partially pay for the bus to transport everyone attending. It'll be a great time! Any HS students, as well as Grade 9 students, that are still interested in going, please see Mrs. Szott in the office. There is an extra ticket so if you are interested, come and ask!

🐾 **Cam Lyster Memorial Dodgeball Tournament** ~ *by Mrs. Lyster* ~ Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month in Canada is held every November. The prevalence of these Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD) is increasing annually, especially in people under the age of 18 and over the age of 65. Canada has the highest incidence of IBD in the world with Alberta second in the country (after Nova Scotia) for having the highest rates of new diagnoses every year. This scary statistic makes me try to bring these invisible diseases out of the closet and into the awareness of our students and community. As usual, I presented information about these diseases to the grade 10 class to make them aware of the many symptoms of each disease for themselves and to have compassion and understanding for anyone they may know diagnosed with these illnesses. To make it memorable and add some fun to a heavy topic, every year the HSSU and I put on the Cam Lyster Memorial Dodgeball Tournament. This year, the fifth annual, took place from Tuesday, November 28 to Friday, December 9, because in a fun first, it was in a round robin format which gave everyone the opportunity to play more than once to face several competitors.

This year, the victors of a hard-fought game for the Guts and Glory Cup were the Grade 12 boys, the Purple Coilers, consisting of: Griffin, Finley, Owen, Tyler, and Ian. In second place were Grade 11 girls, The Supremes: Jaiden, Madison, Makenzie, Erik B, and Grace. Last place was claimed by the Kings and Queens of the Throne made up of staff and alumni: Greg Lyster, Adam Enright, Mark Gjesdal, Mr. Munro, Ms. Marusak, Mr. Bartlett, and Mr. Chanasyk with some substitutions of students for when the staff and alumni were unavailable. All teams received great poop-related prizes and door prizes for spectators (also poop-related) were handed out each day of the tourney.

A \$1.00 Candy Jar Guess for C&C was added for some extra fun for the entire school and although there were many great guesses, it was Joel Konowolyk in grade 4 who was the winner with a guess of 368, just one number off the total! Congratulations, Joel!

To sweeten the pot and involve the elementary students, they could participate in 'Hats on for Crohn's and colitis.' Every day of the tournament, Grades ECS to six could pay a loonie to wear their hats in school. Mrs. Borman's grade one's won a free candy jar guess for everyone in their class by having the most 'Hats On' participants every day of the tournament. What amazing participation by our newest Wildcats!

Because of Bawlf School's generous Wildcat spirit, \$271 was donated with all funds raised going to Crohn's and Colitis Canada in memory of Cam. Thank you, Bawlf School, for making my last tourney a very successful and memorable one! I know that Mrs. Gjesdal and Mrs. Enright will keep raising awareness for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases and that they will do a wonderful job of upholding the Cam Lyster Memorial Dodgeball tournament tradition! Happy Holidays!


### **Travel Club** ~ by Mr. Munro ~ Portugal and Spain 2024

Our next international travel club trip has been approved, in principle, by our Board of trustees. We will be headed to **Portugal and Spain in April of 2024**. Those students that have taken part in past trips can attest to how rewarding and eye-opening these experiences are. Not only do the students experience new cultures and gain a more global perspective, but the trip also helps them appreciate the things that many of us may unknowingly take for granted each day. Taking part in these trips, students start to become more confident, independent and open minded.


Info packages have been sent home with all students that were interested.


## Athletics



 **High School Boys Basketball** ~ by Mr. Munro ~ Our HS boys Wildcats have seen a lot of action this past week. On Thursday we played our first league game against Forestburg. While our conditioning was not 100% yet, we shot/defended well and defeated the Falcons 65-55.

On Friday, we headed to Drumheller to participate in the Drumheller Valley Secondary School 2A tournament. After easily defeating Three Hills, we faced Oyen in the semi-finals Saturday morning. Oyen had just edged out the home team, Drumheller, in a hard fought battle the day before. Our boys were down early but stuck to the game plan, played smart, and held on to beat Oyen 77-67. Oyen is also a 1A team whom we may see again later in the season. In the final our guys faced Strathcona Tweedsmuir, a private 2A school from Okotoks. While our guys battled hard and were tied 49-49 at the half, we had a few injuries during the game and ended up losing 81-71. Overall, it was a great experience and we are very much looking forward to the upcoming season of competition and working towards our team goals.

 **Junior High Girls Basketball** ~ by Ms. Marusak ~ The Junior High girls had an exciting weekend of basketball just before the Christmas break. They worked hard and ended up winning our home tournament in the finals against Sedgewick. Congrats, girls! Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help make our tournament a success, especially our parent volunteers in the concession. Thank you also to our fans for coming out to watch and cheer on our Wildcats. We are back in action after the break and the girls will be headed to Hay Lakes on January 6th and 7th to play in a tournament. We will also be playing our first league game on January 16th in New Norway. Have a restful and wonderful Christmas and we hope to see you all cheering on our girls after the break!

 **Junior High Boys Basketball** ~ by Mr. Bartlett ~ The season is off to a great start with finishing 2nd in our JH Invitational Tournament this past weekend. The team was able to defeat Forestburg in a close first game and went on to defeat Daysland in a more one sided affair. The team lost to New Norway in the final but played hard and showed improvement throughout the tournament. The team will be back at it after the break with tournaments in Hay Lakes and Camrose Composite in the New Year before league play begins January 16<sup>th</sup>.

# BEST

## **Fundscrip**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Fundscrip fundraiser! We raised over \$950! The winner of the contest was Addison Weinkauff! Congratulations!

## **Ham and Egger**

The deadline for handing in ham and egger order forms is today!

We hope everyone has a healthy and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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