

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

Jan 27	End of Semester 1
Jan 26 & 27 & 28	HS basketball Quint Tourney
Jan 30	PD day for staff – school closed
Jan 30	Grade 12 Cap & Gown pictures
Jan 31	First day of Semester 2
Jan 31	Minidunkers @ Viking
Feb 2	Staff meeting – early dismissal @ 2:15 pm
Feb 2	HS B Basketball @ Cornerstone
Feb 2	Chopped Leaf hot lunch
Feb 6	JH basketball hosts Bashaw
Feb 7	Papa Johns Pizza hot lunch
Feb 7	Minidunkers to Daysland
Feb 8	JH basketball @ OLMP
Feb 9	HS basketball @ Bashaw
Feb 10-11	JH basketball tourney @ CK
Feb 10-11	HS G basketball tourney @ Edmonton
Feb 10-11	HS B basketball tourney @ Claresholm
Feb 14	HS B basketball host Daysland
Feb 14	JH basketball @ Charlie Killam
Feb 16 & 17	Teachers Convention – school closed
Feb 20	Family Day – school closed
Feb 21	Staff Collaboration Day – school closed
Feb 21	JH basketball hosting Donalds
Feb 23	Booster Juice hot lunch
Feb 23	HS basketball @ Hay Lakes
Feb 24 & 25	HS basketball tourney @ Hay Lakes
Feb 28	Panago Pizza hot lunch
Feb 28	February Bulletin goes out

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

IT'S TIME!!

**GET YOUR COPY OF THE
2022-2023**

**BAWLF SCHOOL YEARBOOK
ORDERED TODAY!**

**DELIVERY IS IN THE FALL,
COST IS \$30 EACH
(CHEQUE, CASH OR WE CAN PUT
IT ON YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNT –
JUST LET US KNOW!)**

DON'T DELAY!

**THEY ONLY PRINT A
CERTAIN NUMBER**

**AND ONCE WE SELL OUT,
THAT'S IT!**

**YOUR ORDER IS NOT ADDED
UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

**CALL THE OFFICE OR EMAIL
MRS. SZOTT AND/OR
MRS. LOESCH.**

Administration Notes ~ *from Mr. Bartlett*

February marks the halfway point in the school year and for some, this means starting new courses. Congratulations to the students and staff for all their hard work thus far. I encourage all to work even harder in the second half to ensure a successful year. The school year has been a successful one to date and we look forward to what the rest of the year brings.

January has come to an end with high school students writing final exams this week. Thank you to staff for your extra effort this month offering extra help to students in preparation for these exams.

Basketball seasons for all teams are in full swing with many teams hosting and participating in tournaments. Thank you to our coaches and to our parents for their continued support of our athletic programs. The HS teams are hosting a tournament this weekend. Fans are always welcome to cheer on the Wildcats and enjoy some great food at the concession.

Elementary students have been enjoying the nice weather while they participate in skating at the outdoor rink in PE class. The weather is supposed to get cold again next week, students are reminded to please dress appropriately for the weather.

Family Literacy Night

On January 24th, Bawlf School hosted a Family Literacy Night with the theme of *Camp Read-A-Lot*. Students had the opportunity to participate at a variety of literacy stations led by the Camrose Kodiaks. The event was a huge success with 50 families taking part. Thank you to the Kodiaks and Mrs Kroetsch, Ms. Ortman and Mrs. Borman for organizing such a fun evening.

Please take the opportunity during the semester break to recharge the batteries and begin February refreshed. Junior High students will have the chance to try out another option for the second semester and high school students will get new courses. This is an excellent time to rededicate our efforts and ensure that we are always striving to do our best at all times.

No Report Cards

Parents are reminded that as part of the *No Report Card* pilot program, students will not be getting a report card at the end of the semester. Marks will become final for Semester 1, by next week with new courses showing up now on PowerSchool.

School Council Meeting

A school council meeting was held on January 16th. Thank you to all parents who attended. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings with the next meeting scheduled for March.

Staff Changes

We want to wish Mrs. Lyster all the best in her retirement from Bawlf School. She will be sadly missed, but we wish her safe travels and encourage her to come back and visit. Mrs. Coggins will be taking on this role and we are excited to welcome her to Bawlf School. Mrs. Lyons is also leaving us as her due date looms near. We are excited for her and her family as they welcome another member to the Lyon's family. We are happy to have Miss Ardiel take over for the 2nd semester. Miss Ardiel has several years of experience teaching English Language Arts and has recently moved to the area from Arviat, Nunavut.

School News

🐾 *****IMPORTANT***** Reminder to parents to please complete the Student Verification forms if you have not done so already. These were emailed out in the fall to all parents. If you are having any issues logging into PowerSchool to do so, please do not hesitate to contact Carey Loesch (cloesh@brsd.ab.ca). *****If not completed by February 21st, internet access for students will be disabled*****

🐾 **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.

🐾 **Thank you** to Gas Alberta Inc. and Ankerton Gas (Bawlf) for the donation we received. This money will be put towards our breakfast program. We greatly appreciate your support!

🐾 **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 3rd! 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!

🐾 **2023/2024 Kindergarten Online Registration** – this opens on February 1st.

🐾 **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



🐾 Junior High Girls Basketball ~ by Ms. Marusak ~ The Junior Girls have been working hard and have continued to improve as the season progresses. In January, the girls attended the Hay Lakes Doug Lyseng Classic Tournament and won the gold medal match against the home team. The girls also attended The Comp's Boston Pizza Classic Tournament where they got to play some teams from outside of our Division and faced some tough competition. The Junior Girls also came out on top in this tournament and won first place in the final against Glen Avon from St. Paul. There is still lots of league play left and another tournament on February 10th and 11th at Charlie Killam. Mrs. Lyons and myself have greatly admired and appreciated our girls' work ethic and attitude this season. It's been a blast so far, and we can't wait to see what else is in store for the Wildcats!

🐾 Junior High Girls Basketball ~ by Mr. Bartlett ~ The team has had a busy start to the season competing in 4 tournaments with mixed results. However, the team has played its best basketball in our two league games to date winning against New Norway and Camrose Composite High School. Both teams that we had suffered losses to in earlier tournament play. They currently sit undefeated in league play with 2 wins. The team will have some challenging league games in February with the hope of qualifying for the Regional Tournament. Thank you to the parents for their continuous support with driving to games and cheering on the team.

🐾 Minidunkers ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ After a successful season of Mini Slammers volleyball, we are excited to start our Mini Dunkers' basketball season. Below is the game schedule for the Grade 5 & 6 Mini Dunkers. Hopefully these will not change, but in the event that a game needs to be canceled (inclement weather, team cancellation), parents will be notified as soon as possible. All home games will end promptly at 5:00 pm. Our teams will have students matched evenly in groups that will play for 3 minutes per shift. If, for any reason, your child needs to leave by 4:30, let Mrs. Barber or Mrs. Matthew know ahead of time to make sure they play first.

Tues., Jan. 31 - Bawlf @Viking (Should return by 5:45)

Tues., Feb. 7 - Bawlf @ Daysland (Should return by 5:15)

Wed., Feb. 22 - Forestburg @ Bawlf

Wed., Mar. 1 - Bawlf @ Killam (Should return by 5:30)

Tues., Mar. 14 - Sedgewick @ Bawlf

March 23 - Final tournament hosted by Daysland School during the day. We will be playing against Daysland and Viking School teams. The remaining teams will be in Forestburg.

BEST

Ham and Eggers

Our first ham and egger went off without a hitch! Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped prepare - Tana Munro, Tanya Welch, Juliana Morris, Trudi Duheme, Melissa Ronsko and Crystal Kelland. Thank you also to those who made donations - Shannon Barber, Colleen MacDonald, Janice Steil, Terry-Lynn Sereda, Samara Schmidt, Amber Todd and the Szott family.

Wipf's Greenhouse

Thank you to all those who ordered plants from Rosa's amazing greenhouse. Watch for an email in the spring to let you know when orders will be available for pick up!

Parent Advisory Council

Just a reminder that the Parent Advisory Council is planning a staff appreciation lunch on February 15th. Lunch and classroom supervision will be provided by Wildcat families. If you are interested in donating items (crockpot of soup, dessert, etc), cash/gift cards to contribute to lunch, or in volunteering your time to help supervise, please text Emily at 7806080351. Thanks!

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