

# The Bulletin



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## *Upcoming Events:*

<i>March 1</i>	<i>HSSU Hot dog sale</i>
<i>March 1</i>	<i>Minidunkers to Killam</i>
<i>March 2</i>	<i>Staff Meeting – dismissal at 2:15 p.m.</i>
<i>March 3</i>	<i>HS to Oilers game</i>
<i>March 3 &amp; 4</i>	<i>Hosting BRSD JH Girls basketball Regionals</i>
<i>March 6-9, 12-16</i>	<i>Bawlf Rec Assoc Swim Lessons – Gr 1-6</i>
<i>March 7</i>	<i>East Side Marios hot lunch</i>
<i>March 9</i>	<i>Subway hot lunch</i>
<i>March 9</i>	<i>JH ski/snowboarding and swimming/bowling field trips</i>
<i>March 10 &amp; 11</i>	<i>HS basketball Zones</i>
<i>March 13-17</i>	<i>Ranch Camp bottle drive – see attachments</i>
<i>March 14</i>	<i>Chopped Leaf hot lunch</i>
<i>March 14</i>	<i>Minidunkers host Sedgewick</i>
<i>March 16</i>	<i>BEST Ham &amp; Egger lunch</i>
<i>March 16-18</i>	<i>HS basketball provincials</i>
<i>March 20</i>	<i>Staff Collaboration day – school closed</i>
<i>March 23</i>	<i>Papa Johns pizza hot lunch</i>
<i>March 23</i>	<i>Minidunkers final tournament @ Daysland</i>
<i>March 24</i>	<i>March Bulletin goes out</i>
<i>March 27</i>	<i>Spring break begins</i>
<i>April 3</i>	<i>Classes resume</i>
<i>April 3</i>	<i>Welcome back breakfast for all students</i>

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

## Administration Notes ~ from Mr. Bartlett

After a brief bitter cold spell, the weather seems to be warming up as Spring nears.

Grade 9 and High School students have settled into the changes of a new semester. Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exam results are in and several students have done very well. However, not all of our students have done as well as they or their teachers expected. For those students who did not do as well as they wanted, this semester provides an opportunity to make the changes necessary to be more successful. Failure is a natural part of success, but we must learn from it and not repeat the same mistakes as previously. Whether it be working harder in class, attending class more regularly, or seeing the teacher for extra help; students are encouraged to set a plan which will allow them to be more successful.

Basketball seasons are coming to an end. The Mini Dunkers finished their season with a couple of big wins in the final tournament. Thank you to Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Matthew for coaching our youngest basketball players this year. Congratulations and good luck to the Jr High Girls who, having finished first in league play, will be hosting the BRSD Regional Championships this weekend. Unfortunately, the Jr High Boys lost to New Norway in the final playoff game missing out on a chance to go to Regionals. The high school teams have finished league and tournament play, with both teams finishing 1st and earning a trip to Zones on March 10-11. The HS Boys will be hosting the Zone Tournament while the HS Girls will be travelling to Consort. We wish both teams the best of luck as they attempt to advance to the Provincial Championships. Thank you to Leah Rasmuson, Jody Watson, and Mr. Munro for all their time and effort in coaching our high school athletes this season.

Bawlf School recently acknowledged Pink Shirt Day with various classroom activities. Students and staff were encouraged to wear their pink proudly and helped recognize the importance of being kind. Bawlf School remains committed to creating a culture where bullying is not tolerated.

### Staffing Changes

We wish Miss Marusak a speedy recovery and look forward to her return from leave in April. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Lindahl to Bawlf School to cover this leave. Mrs. Lindahl brings several years of experience successfully teaching French at Ecole Charlie Killam School. We continue to advertise for a part time Educational Assistant to work with elementary classes.

### Student Field Trips

Unfortunately the Jr. High Ski and Bowling/Swimming trip had to be rescheduled last week due to the frigid temperatures. The new date will be **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to Mr. Chanasyk for organizing this fun opportunity for our students to participate in a few different activities. Our Grade 9-12 students are also looking forward to attending an Edmonton Oilers game on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to Mrs. Szott for planning this fun evening and to all those supervisors participating.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews are scheduled on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-8:30 pm. Parents will have the choice between in person or by phone. We encourage all of our parents to book interviews as it is a great chance for parents to hear first hand how their child is doing and ask any questions they may have.



## 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](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.

🐾 **Oilers game** ~ We are excited to be able to take some High School students to the Oilers vs. Winnipeg Jets game on Friday! 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!

🐾 **2023/2024 Kindergarten Online Registration** – now open! Please go to the school website and click on “Bawlf School Kindergarten Registration” link. This is for all children born in 2018.

🐾 **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. Please contact Mr. Munro if you have any questions about this. [bmunro@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:bmunro@brsd.ab.ca)

🐾 **BRSD International Program** ~ Students from across the world want to join us in Battle River School Division. Are you able to help welcome them? We are seeking caring families to host students in their home during the 2023-2024 school year. International Student placements can range from one month to the full school year in duration, so you can choose an option that works for your family. Right now, we have students who will be joining us from Germany, Belgium, Spain and other European countries, as well as from Asia and South America. Hosting an International Student can change their life for the better and will give your family the chance to learn more about other cultures and countries as well. Lifelong connections and friendships can be made. There is a \$700 per month stipend provided to help offset costs. To find out more about the International Student Homestay Program, please contact Gail Rombough by email at [homestay@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:homestay@brsd.ab.ca) or by phone at 780-781-0615. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

## Athletics



🐾 **Junior High Boys Basketball** ~ by *Mr. Bartlett* ~ The Jr High Boys basketball team has just completed a successful season. The team finished the season with 12 wins and 11 losses and placed 3rd in league standings. The team were victorious over Bashaw in the first playoff game but lost a hard fought game to New Norway in the final qualifying game. Although the boys were disappointed with the result, they should be proud of their efforts and achievements. It was a pleasure to coach such a good group of athletes and they improved a great deal over the course of the season. Thank you to our parents for driving us to the games and for their support throughout the season. I wish our grade 9 players: Evan, Mattix, Carson, Blayze, Kaelen, Darren and Scott all the best next year in high school.

🐾 **Grade 5 & 6 Minidunkers** ~ by **Mrs. Barber** ~ The Mini Dunkers are halfway through their season and have the following games remaining:

March 1 @ Killam

March 14 hosting Sedgewick

March 23 in Daysland for the final tournament

Details for the final tournament will be sent with the players when we receive the schedule. Students will be divided into 2 teams for this day. Thank you to everyone who has cheered our teams!

## Community Events

**Bawlf Recreation Association:** There was a lot of interest in the after school swim program and some kids had to be turned away unfortunately from this set of lessons. Another set of lessons will be running in the fall.

**Rosalind Spring Soccer:** information in attachments

**Bawlf Recreation Association Baseball registration:** information in attachments

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