

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Gr 3-4-5-6 & JH Drama to "Clue" performance</i>
<i>Dec 1 & 2</i>	<i>HS Boys basketball @ Forestburg tourney</i>
<i>Dec 1 & 2</i>	<i>HS Girls basketball @ Camrose tourney</i>
<i>Dec 4-8</i>	<i>HSSU Christmas door decorating contest</i>
<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Subway hot lunch</i>
<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Guest speaker Coy Robbins here @ 1:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Theme Day: Dress Western</i>
<i>Dec 7</i>	<i>Staff meeting – dismissal at 11:47</i>
<i>Dec 8</i>	<i>HS Girls basketball @ Stettler tourney</i>
<i>Dec 11</i>	<i>Staff Collaboration day – no school</i>
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Christmas Concert (1:30 & 6:30)</i>
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>HS basketball @ Viking</i>
<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Booster Juice hot lunch</i>
<i>Dec 15 & 16</i>	<i>JH basketball home tourney</i>
<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Christmas Luncheon</i>
<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Red or Green or Ugly Christmas Sweater Day</i>
<i>Dec 20</i>	<i>JH to Camrose for Bowling</i>
<i>Dec 20</i>	<i>Last day of classes before Christmas break</i>
<i>Jan 4</i>	<i>First day back from Christmas break</i>

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Notes From Administration ~ from Ms. L'Heureux

As we reflect on the busy events that happened in the month of November, I wanted to share some highlights and important updates.

Our volleyball teams have wrapped up another exciting season, showcasing their sportsmanship through their dedication and hard work. Thanks to our senior high coaches Mr. Munro and Mrs. Gjesdal, and our junior high coaches, Ms. Ortman and Ms. Stifter. We are now on the cusp of a new senior high basketball season. Keep looking at the school calendar for games and times. We are excited that Bawlf School will be hosting a Junior High girls and boys basketball tournament on December 15th and 16th. It promises to be a great school event, and we look forward to your support and involvement. Go, Wildcats!

Thanks to our elementary coach Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Matthews for all their involvement in organizing the mini-slamers program. On Thursday, November 7th, Grades 5 and 6 students at Bawlf hosted a tournament for guests from Daysland, Sedgewick, Viking, Forestburg, and Killam. The school was busy! Thanks also to the student volunteers who helped the event to run smoothly. A great time was had by all.

On Friday, November 10th, Bawlf School had a Remembrance Day ceremony that was MC'd by our Grade 11 students Audrey S. and Jaiden B. Grade 3 and 6 students presented poems, readings, and choir music. We are also very proud of our student cadets who completed the march of the colors. A thank you goes out to Ms. Young, the members of the Daysland Legion, and our staff and students for their work to coordinate and present this meaningful tribute. Our MLA, Jackie Lovely, was also in attendance.

On November 23rd, we hosted a guest speaker for our Grade K-9 students entitled, "The Magic of Motivation." The speaker mixed the theme of magic with the importance of staying inspired and determined to meet personal goals. Students enjoyed participating in the event and the message that was shared.

We want to thank BEST (Bawlf Educational Support Team) for all their donations for school field trips. With BEST's involvement, Grade 10 and 11 students were able to attend "A Christmas Carol" at the Citadel Theatre Wednesday, November 29th. The play was filled with special effects, music, and some stunning choreography. It certainly set the stage for the upcoming holidays. On Friday, December 1st, grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and Drama classes will be heading to Camrose Composite High School to watch the play "Clue." This performance and bussing are also sponsored by BEST - 125 students will be attending.

Students need to check out the library this week for several activities Mrs. Kroetsch has organized, including the candy cane grow operation, the Elf on Shelf coloring contest, and have a look at recent new books that make the holiday time special. We encourage all of our students, regardless of grade, to consider doing some recreational reading over the holidays. It was great to see reading buddies with the Grade 8's and 1's sharing stories today.

The Bawlf School Christmas concert is set to be an enjoyable celebration of student talents. The show is scheduled for December 12th, 1:30 p.m. (dress rehearsal performance) and the evening performance begins at 6:30 p.m. We want to extend an invitation to all family, friends, and community members who can join us for this festive occasion. In traditional fashion, we will be accepting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank at that time.

In the spirit of togetherness, we have our Christmas Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, December 19th. Thank you to Ember Resources and Canada Malting Limited for their sponsorship, making this gathering possible, as well as the parents who have volunteered. From what I've been told, this is one the most favourite days of the school year! Can't wait!

At a busy time of year where we reflect on the gifts we get from the company and support of others around us, we want to express our gratitude to the Bawlf community for its Parent Council, programs like BEST and all the contributions small and great that make Bawlf School a remarkable place for students to learn and grow. As the holiday season approaches, let's continue to celebrate our successes and the wonderful sense of community that defines Bawlf School. Thank you for being an integral part of our school family.

Yours in Education,
April L'Heureux

School News

🐾 **Reminder ~ POWERSCHOOL** – Please be advised that the Re-Enrollment and Verification forms that the Division emailed about in August are **overdue**. This email was sent to all families in mid-August by BRSD. If you are needing any assistance, please contact us at the office. The acceptable use of technology and FOIP agreements are connected to these forms. **Those forms that are not completed by the return to school after Christmas break, student internet access will be disabled until this is complete.** This is a yearly requirement by Alberta Education, and this is the second year completing forms like this. Thank you to those that have already completed their forms!

🐾 **Reminder** ~ Every school day, the doors open at 8:20 a.m. Please don't arrive prior to that. There is no supervision for students before this time.



🐾 **Reminder** ~ Please email **both** our Administrative Assistants, as well as your homeroom teacher, if your child is going to be absent, late or if you have any questions. They both do not work every day so we don't want to miss any of these emails. You can also leave a voicemail on the main phone if you'd like. Please update your records as Carey Loesch has left us, and Emma Price has joined us in the office. Emma's email is: eprice@brsd.ab.ca.

🐾 **Are you techy?** ~ We are looking for students and/or parents who are interested in running our live feed system during our school events such as sporting events and school ceremonies. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering to run the live feed, please contact the school.

🐾 **WILDCAT SPIRITWEAR!** ~ Interested in Wildcat Spirit Wear? Check out our new online store at <https://bawlschool.entripyshops.com/>. Hoodies, pants, shorts, hats, water bottles, bags, so many choices and a lot of it is customizable! See the poster attached!

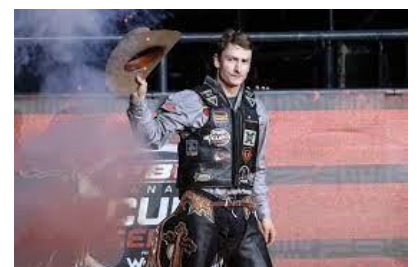


🐾 **YEARBOOKS!** It's time to order your copy of the 2023-2024 yearbook. Last year, we ran out! Yes, some families didn't receive a copy as they didn't preorder, and the factory didn't ship out as many overruns as previous years. So what this means is: make sure you pre-order! Cost is \$30 each. Your name is not on the list until payment is received (this includes putting them on student online accounts). You can send a cheque (Bawlf School) or cash, or email Mrs. Szott to have her put it online. Don't miss out! Our yearbooks includes every student in the school from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

🐾 **Lifetouch pictures** ~ Those that got retakes done last week, the proofs are in and were handed out on Tuesday. Orders are due by next Friday, December 8th if you want to mail them in. You can order online as well.

🐾 **Breakfast Program** ~ We are running the breakfast program where all students have access to breakfast items in the morning if they wish, they just need to ask their homeroom teacher. Plus, we have chocolate milk days as well as fresh fruit days. However, the cost of food these days is stretching our limited budget, as it is for everyone. If any families would like to donate to our breakfast program, that would be greatly appreciated! A donation of \$25 per family is what has been asked for in the past, but feel free to make a donation of whatever works!

🐾 **Guest Speaker here on Tuesday, December 5th** ~ Professional Bull Rider, entrepreneur, and former Wildcat, Coy Robbins, will be here at our school to speak with all our Wildcats in gym, starting at 1:00 p.m. Coy has achieved many goals and has acquired many accolades since graduating from here in 2016, but it wasn't without the trials and tribulations of life. He will be here to tell his story and speak to us on what it took to overcome challenges and achieve his goals. And also what it takes to get back on those bulls! Should be a very interesting visit. Parents and community members are welcome to attend!



🐾 **Christmas Luncheon** ~ by Ms. Ortman ~ Our annual Christmas Luncheon will take place on December 19th. Students and honoured guests will gather in the gym where we will share in a delicious meal. Thank you to Ember Resources and Canada Malting for sponsoring this event, Mr. Mikes Camrose for donating the buns, parents and guardians who are coming to volunteer, and all of those involved with planning and organizing for this event. We can't think of a better way to share in the joy of the season!
PS - If you are a parent/guardian and are interested in volunteering for this event, please get in touch with Ms. Ortman via email. (hortman@brsd.ab.ca). And don't forget, it is Red or Green or Ugly Christmas Sweater day that day!

🐾 **Christmas Concert** ~ by Mrs. Konrad ~ Our annual Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The afternoon performance, our dress rehearsal, will be at 1:30 p.m. and the evening performance will be at 6:30p.m. this year. Please come and enjoy "Christmas Around The World". We will have our large, decorated box out and ready to accept any food bank donations for those wanting to donate. In addition, there will be Bake Sale at the evening performance, done by a few Grade 12 students who are raising some funds for Class Farewell so there'll be some sweet treats available to purchase.

🐾 **Travel Club** ~ by Mr. Munro ~ This is a "travel year" and it's not too late to sign up. We are traveling to Portugal and Spain which will very likely be an incredible, maybe life changing, experience for you! These trips typically change a students' perspective of the world. Check out the link below for more information or contact Mr. Munro at bmunro@brsd.ab.ca. Check out the attachment!

🐾 **High School Career Counsellor newsletter** ~ <https://www.smore.com/endjz>

BEST

Thank you to all those who ordered the hot dog lunch! Special thanks to those who came and helped prepare- Tara Wenstob, Tanya Welch, Devin Meakins, and Jessika Moore. Many thanks to those who donated-Whitney Huseby, Karla Wolbeck, Tara Wenstob and Everly Larson.

Our Fundscrip fundraiser wrapped up at the end of last week. Thank you to everyone who ordered and supported this fundraiser! The \$50 gift card winner was Amy Borman! Congratulations!

PARENT COUNCIL

Thank you to all who attended our meeting on November 20th - our next meeting will take place on Feb. 5 and be offered both in person and virtually. Hot lunch also continues to be delivered each week. A big thank you to everyone who has helped to organize and volunteer with the program. If you would like to order for future dates, please head to www.healthyhunger.ca to register. We will be launching a new program called the "Wildcat Clothing Closet" – please take a look at the attached poster for more details. If you would like to donate items or help organize, feel free to reach out to the contact information on the poster. Be sure to take a look at our "Get to Know the Staff" PDF attached to learn a bit more about our wonderful staff! To keep up with our programs and opportunities to be involved, please follow us on Facebook at Bawlf School Council and sign up on the Remind App (class code @bawlf). As always, feel free to contact us at bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Merry Christmas!

Athletics



🐾 **Upcoming basketball season** ~ Just a reminder to all spectators for this basketball season: Junior and Senior High basketball season is upon us. We love having fans come out to watch us and really appreciate the support. With this, we wanted to inform spectators that the 5 minute half time during period 2 and 3 of a basketball game is not spectators' free time to grab equipment from the equipment room and play/ shoot around on the gym court floor while teams have rests and team meetings during halftime. The court is reserved for players involved in the game at hand, refs, and coaches only.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support. Go, Wildcats!

🐾 **Minislammers Volleyball** ~ by *Mrs. Barber* ~ Congratulations to all of the teams participating in the Year-end Mini-slammers Volleyball Tournament that was held on Thursday, November 9th in Bawlf. There were 8 teams present, representing schools from Forestburg, Daysland, Viking, Sedgewick, Killam, and Bawlf, with each team having 7 games. Thank you to everyone who assisted in any part to the success of this tournament. Many positive comments were received from coaches and parents alike.

On behalf of the staff at Bawlf School, we would like to thank all of the parents who volunteered time to work at our concession, and all of the parents who donated items. It was a great time and we would like to thank Mrs. Wenstob, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Stang and their crew of fantastic volunteers who provided the hot lunch and ran the concession for the day. All proceeds are going towards offsetting expenses for the Grades 5 and 6 classes to attend Ranch Camp this spring. It was truly amazing and we really appreciate your contribution.

We would like to thank the staff for their patience while the tournament engulfed our school, as well as the junior high school students who volunteered to referee and keep score. Lastly, we would like to thank all of the students from our school for their participation and great sportsmanship. It was great to see such enthusiasm and effort. Great job!

🐾 **JH Boys Volleyball** ~ by *Ms. Stifter* ~ The JH boys volleyball team had a great season! They were a very fun and hard working group that always aspired to improve and learn. The boys earned their spot at Regionals winning Bronze at Divisionals. They ended up placing 4th, losing a hard fought battle against OLMP 16-14 in the 3rd set. These boys all improved tremendously throughout the season and definitely came together as a team. Well done boys! Thank you to the amazing parents and teachers for all their support. It is greatly appreciated!

🐾 **JH Girls & Boys Basketball** ~ by *Ms. Marusak* ~ Junior High Girls and Boys Basketball is in full swing! Mrs. Lyons and Miss Marusak are so excited to be back coaching another season of Junior Girls and the school also welcomes Reece Thue who has taken on the role of the Jr. Boys coach this year. Our home tournament is scheduled for December 15th & 16th so we hope to see everybody out cheering on our Wildcats!

🐾 **HS Girls Volleyball** ~ by *Mrs. Gjesdal* ~ This year has been a great learning experience for our girls. We went to many tournaments and the girls showed growth throughout the whole season. We would battle against schools much bigger than ours and often would show great tenacity! We ended up being third in our league play which allowed us to advance to the Zone tournament in Provost. We played strong and ended up first in our pool! That gave us a long gap until the semi finals against the hometown team. It was a very exciting game in a very loud gym. Unfortunately, the girls were not able to defeat Provost, which meant we would not be advancing to Provincials. We were all quite sad about that, but the girls were able to come together as a team and beat Daysland for the bronze medal. Overall, it was a great season! Thank you to the players, the parents and all the fans. The support is greatly appreciated.

🐾 **HS Boys Volleyball** ~ by *Austin C, Austin H and Cory* ~ Our 2023 volleyball season was one to remember. We won all but two league games to finish third overall. We had to, however, play Hay Lakes in an elimination game, to qualify for Zones. We beat them 2 straight sets. At Zones, we played some tough games and found ourselves in a difficult, must-win, situation on the Saturday morning. Our boys came together, played hard, and beat Consort creating a 3-way tie for second. After winning a sudden death tie-breaker game against Alix, we would go on to get edged out by Castor in the cross-overs. We also competed in some high-level tournaments including the Morinville 3A tournament and the Camrose Composite High School 3A tournament. These tournaments brought some really tough competition that forced us to play our best. Overall, we had a fun season and are happy with how it went.

🐾 **HS Girls Basketball** ~ are at the Boston Pizza Classic tournament at the Camrose Comp this weekend. Here is the link for the livestream that was sent to us: <https://cchs.brsd.ab.ca/athletics/live-events>

November Question

What is your favourite Christmas tradition?



Xanny, grade 1-
Play in the snow.



Mrs. Kroetsch, LCF-
Going to Church on
Christmas Eve with
family.



Kenzie, grade 9-
Going to Mexico!



Emerson, grade 3-
Sitting down and eating
Christmas dinner with
my family.

Bawlf School Staff email list

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Acting Assistant Principal

Kindergarten

Grade 1 homeroom

Grade 1/2 homeroom

Grade 2 homeroom

Grade 3 homeroom

Grade 4 homeroom

Grade 4/5 homeroom

Grade 4/5 homeroom

Grade 5 homeroom

Grade 6 homeroom

Grade 6/JH

Grade 7 homeroom

Grade 8 homeroom

Grade 9 homeroom

Grade 10 homeroom

Grade 11 homeroom

Grade 12 homeroom

Educational Assistant

Educational Assistant

Educational Assistant

Educational Assistant

Learning Commons

Administrative Assistant

Administrative Assistant

FSLW

Mental Health Wellness

April L'Heureux

Caroline Simsonson

Janet Thomsen

Sandra Borman

Anna Price

Chantal Johnson

Nicole Konrad

Hailey Ortman

Colleen MacDonald

Janessa Matthews

Brenda Holm

Shannon Barber

Mary Prescesky

Melisa Marusak

Stephanie Enright

Brad Munro

Emma Gjesdal

Caroline Simsonson

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