

The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

<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>
<i>Jan 5 & 6</i>	<i>HS Bball tourney @ Daysland</i>
<i>Jan 5 & 6</i>	<i>JH Bball tourney @ Hay Lakes</i>
<i>Jan 8</i>	<i>JH Boys Bball @ Cornerstone Academy</i>
<i>Jan 9</i>	<i>HS Girls Bball exhibition game @ CCHS</i>
<i>Jan 9</i>	<i>Mad Platter Catering hot lunch</i>
<i>Jan 11</i>	<i>Early dismissal @ 11:47 – Staff Meeting</i>
<i>Jan 11</i>	<i>HS Bball hosts Forestburg</i>
<i>Jan 11</i>	<i>Social 30 diploma, Part A</i>
<i>Jan 12</i>	<i>MiniDunkers 3 X 3 clinic</i>
<i>Jan 15</i>	<i>JH Bball hosts Bashaw</i>
<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>BEST hot lunch (pre-ordered)</i>
<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>MiniDunkers host Daysland</i>
<i>Jan 17</i>	<i>Camrose Family Resource Centre presentation</i>
<i>Jan 18</i>	<i>JH Bball host CCHS</i>
<i>Jan 18</i>	<i>Panago Pizza hot lunch</i>
<i>Jan 22</i>	<i>JH Bball hosts Hay Lakes</i>
<i>Jan 22</i>	<i>Math 30 diploma</i>
<i>Jan 23</i>	<i>Chopped Leaf hot lunch</i>
<i>Jan 23</i>	<i>Last day of classes for High School students only</i>
<i>Jan 23-25</i>	<i>Public Health Dental visits K-3</i>
<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>Social 30 diploma, Part B</i>
<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>English 20 final exam</i>
<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>Science 10 final exam</i>
<i>Jan 24</i>	<i>Grade 9 Math PAT, Part A</i>
<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>Biology 20 final exam</i>
<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>English 10 final exam</i>
<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>Grade 9 Math PAT, Part B</i>
<i>Jan 26</i>	<i>MiniDunkers 3 X 3 clinic</i>
<i>Jan 26</i>	<i>Physics 20 final exam</i>
<i>Jan 29</i>	<i>JH Bball @ Charlie Killam</i>
<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>Literacy Night</i>
<i>Jan 30</i>	<i>Grade 9 Social PAT</i>
<i>Jan 31</i>	<i>Staff Collaboration – school closed</i>
<i>Feb 1</i>	<i>Day 1 of Semester 2</i>
<i>Feb 1-3</i>	<i>HS Bball – Quint tourney</i>

of course, dates are subject to change



Notes From Administration ~ from Ms. L'Heureux

On behalf of the staff and administration team of Bawlf School, we wish to extend a sincere appreciation for our Bawlf School parents and guardians' immense and continued generosity towards our students. December has been a special month for all of us who have been impacted by your involvement, your leadership, and, most importantly, your acts of kindness.

At this time of year, when we consider the word **community**, certain attributes immediately come to mind. We think of being in a place of security, a place where we can relax and be ourselves, and most of all, a place where we have people in our lives who understand us and look for the good in us. Bawlf School is a community with all these gifts. We continue to be impressed and inspired by the teachers, staff, and Parent Council who pitch in, give words of encouragement, and look for meaningful ways to advocate for Bawlf students.

This month, staff and our Bawlf School community members raised funds and donated to the food bank to ensure that Bawlf families facing difficult times receive the food and resources they need. In this, it is clear that Bawlf School is filled with people who take initiative and look for ways to bless and be a blessing to others. Our Parent Council has spent time engaging in important conversations and supporting our efforts to meet the challenging times we are in both constructively and courageously.

These are but a few of the highlights that resonated with us.

*The Lions Club donated \$1,000.00 to our Breakfast Program.

*BEST funded several field trips, including the Grades 10 and 11 trip to the Citadel's "A Christmas Carol" and the Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and JH Drama class trip to the Jeanne and Peter Lougheed Center to attend the Camrose Composite Playhouse production of "Clue: On Stage (School Edition)".

*We enjoyed an evening of festive singing with a "Christmas around the World" concert performed by our elementary students who showcased their talents as they sang, celebrated, and entertained parents, friends, and extended members. The decorations were beautifully designed by students and staff.

*Our Learning Commons Facilitator worked a lot of magic in the library to encourage reading and created exciting contests for elementary students.

*A few of our Grade 12 students organized a bake sale, raising funds dedicated to their graduation plans.

*Junior High students will enjoy an afternoon with their peers bowling.

*Bawlf hosted a weekend basketball tournament for our Junior High students who pitched in to clean up afterward.

*The Lions Club ensured that every single student had the gift of a Christmas candy bag.

*Staff raised funds and collected food bank items for families in need.

*The traditional school Christmas luncheon was an enormous success.

In this season of celebration, we hope that Bawlf School parents and the community enjoy a wonderful break. Much happiness to you all and in the new year.

Yours in education,
Ms. April L'Heureux
Ms. Caroline Simonson

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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.: eprice@brsd.ab.ca and bszott@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://bawlfschool.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.

🐾 **Christmas Luncheon** ~ The entire student body and staff celebrated our annual Christmas Luncheon with a shared meal in the gym. This event is a favourite for many of our students and staff and is something we look forward to year after year. It is such a privilege to be able to share a meal together in the gym and bask in the Christmas spirit as a school community. Bawlf School extends our sincerest thank you to Canada Malt, Ember Resources and the Lions Club for their donations and sponsorship for this event. Without them, none of this would be made possible. THANK YOU! A special thanks to Lucas Banack as well for volunteering his time as Santa for the younger students also. Merry Christmas everyone!

🐾 **High School Career Counsellor newsletter** ~ <https://www.smores.com/z0tjw>

PARENT COUNCIL

A big thank you to all of the volunteers that continue to make the hot lunch program a success! Last month we launched the "Wildcat Clothing Closet" and are grateful for all of the donations and the support of BEST. We would especially like to recognize 2E Builders for their very generous donation of Wildcat embroidered gear to add to the program. Check out the attached poster for more information on the program and how you can donate items. January 17 we will be hosting the Camrose Family Resource Centre for a presentation on anxiety in children - stay tuned for more details. 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. Council would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the staff for making December such a magical season for the school community - Merry Christmas!

Athletics



🐾 **JH Boys & Girls Basketball** ~ by Ms. Marusak ~ The Junior High basketball teams hosted their home tournament on December 15 & 16. Both teams played well with the girls losing tight games and finishing third. The boys battled all the way to the finals but ended up finishing second against Forestburg in a very well played game. Ms. Marusak and Josh Burnstad would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who helped run the concession for the weekend and to those who came out to cheer our teams on. It means a lot to both teams and is what helps make out tournaments always such a great success. After the break, both teams will be back in action at the Hay Lakes tournament on January 5/6th. League starts for the boys on January 8th in Cornerstone and on January 15th both teams will play a home game in league against Bashaw. Go, Cats!

🐾 **HS Girls Basketball** ~ by Mrs. Rasmuson ~ The high school season started at the end of November and the team has jumped right in -competing in 2 tournaments and one exhibition game already! We warmed up with an exhibition game against Sedgewick on Nov 30th and worked hard for our first W of the season. December 1/2 was the Boston Pizza Classic in Camrose where we were up against some tough 3A teams from Central Alberta. We came up short in the 3 games but the girls battled hard with a shortened roster and gained some excellent game experience against hard pressure defense and learned a lot about protecting the ball and making crisp passes! Dec 8/9 the girls dominated in the Stettler JV invitational where we came up against 2 teams from our 1A league and eventually defeated a scrappy HJ Cody JV team in the final. The team will continue to work hard in the week leading up to Christmas break and will be practicing over Christmas in effort to keep the progress we've gained with our endurance! We are happy to have Kirstyn Rau join the coaching team this season and look forward to the coming months on the court. Merry Christmas to all the Wildcat Families!

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Thank You!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Lions Club for their generous \$1000 donation to support the Bawlf School Breakfast program. Their commitment to the well-being of our students is truly commendable. Additionally, we appreciate the thoughtful gesture of providing Christmas treat bags, bringing joy and warmth to all the students during this festive season.



THANK YOU!

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Thue family for their recent donation of numerous WildCat wear items to the Bawlf School clothing closet. These additions will serve as a compassionate resource, ensuring that students facing unexpected spills or tears have access to quality clothing. The Thue family's thoughtful contribution exemplifies the spirit of community support that enriches Bawlf School.



December Question Continued



Ruby, grade 4-
Elf



Tiffany, grade 8-
Home Alone



Ms. Price, Admin.
Assistant- The
Polar Express



Izabella, grade 11-
Arthur Christmas

December Question

What is your favourite Christmas movie?



Brett, grade
Kindergarten- The
Santa Clause



Jasmine grade 8-
Home Alone



Ryley, grade 8-
Elf



Mrs. Matthew,
teacher- The
Grinch, the original