

# The Bulletin



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*Achieving Excellence*

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## **Upcoming Events:**

<i>Sept 5</i>	<i>First day of Kindergarten &amp; BooHoo breakfast for Kindergarten parents</i>
<i>Sept 6</i>	<i>Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast for all students</i>
<i>Sept 6 &amp; 7</i>	<i>HS G Volleyball tourney @ Vermilion</i>
<i>Sept 12</i>	<i>Cross Country Race @ Hardisty</i>
<i>Sept 13 &amp; 14</i>	<i>JH Volleyball tourney @ CCHS</i>
<i>Sept 16</i>	<i>Parent Council meeting @ 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sept 17</i>	<i>Terry Fox run</i>
<i>Sept 20 &amp; 21</i>	<i>HS Volleyball tourney @ Wetaskwin</i>
<i>Sept 27</i>	<i>Orange Shirt day</i>
<i>Sept 27 &amp; 28</i>	<i>HS Volleyball tourney @ OLMP</i>
<i>Sept 30</i>	<i>Truth &amp; Reconciliation Day – School Closed</i>
<i>Oct 10</i>	<i>JH/HS Academic Awards for 2023-2024 school year @ 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Oct 15</i>	<i>Lifetouch school pictures</i>
<i>Oct 24</i>	<i>Parent Teacher interviews 4:00-8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Nov 11-15</i>	<i>Fall Break – no school</i>
<i>Nov 19</i>	<i>Lifetouch school picture retakes</i>
<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>Christmas concert</i>
<i>Dec 17</i>	<i>Christmas luncheon</i>
<i>Dec 20</i>	<i>Last day of classes for Christmas Break</i>

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

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## **Notes From Administration ~**

Welcome back Wildcats!

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I am thrilled to be returning for my second year as principal at Bawlf School. From the moment I joined this incredible community, I felt a sense of belonging and support, and I'm grateful for the warm welcome I received. It has been a joy getting to know our students, families, and staff, and I am eager to continue building on the strong relationships we have established.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our students, with a shout-out to our Grade 12 leaders who are embarking on their final year at Bawlf School, and our brand-new Kindergarten students who are just beginning their educational journey with us. We are so glad to have you all as part of our school community!

This year, we are excited to welcome some new faces to our team. Our Assistant Principal, Mr. Adam Troitsky, brings a wealth of experience in building relationships and supporting students. He is a fantastic leader, and I know he will be a great asset to our school. We also welcome Miss Elizabeth Gilchrist, our new Junior High and Senior High English Language Arts specialist, who is eager to share her passion for literature with our students. Mrs. Sharon Banack is changing her role within Bawlf School and will now be our Learning Commons Facilitator. With her vast experience and deep love for our school, she is excited to support our students in the Learning Commons (Library). Additionally, we are pleased to introduce two new Educational Assistants, Ms. Aisha Mahmud, and Ms. Michelle Pacheco, who will be supporting our students and are wonderful additions to our team.

We continue to strive for excellence this year, with the introduction of a new Junior High and Senior High bell schedule. Junior High students will have Block 5 dedicated to important skill development, including Health, French, and targeted literacy and math interventions. This block is designed to help students close any learning gaps or to delve deeper into subject matter through enrichment opportunities. For Senior High students, Block 5 will feature a range of physical education options, a leadership class, and high school support rooms where teachers will be available to assist students with their subject understanding and assignment completion. Grade 10 and 11 students are required to attend all Block 5 classes, while student support participation is optional for Grade 12 students.

Last year, we introduced a cell phone policy at Bawlf School. This year, with the new Ministerial Order (#014/2024) from the Government of Alberta, Department of Education, all schools in Alberta will implement updated cell phone and smart watch policies. For Bawlf School, this means that all Junior High and Senior High students must keep their devices in their lockers, similar to what we have already implemented for our K-6 students. Locks will be available for use, and students are welcome to access their devices during breaks and lunch. Many social media sites will also be blocked on BRSD Wi-Fi. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please do not hesitate to call the school, and we will promptly relay the message.

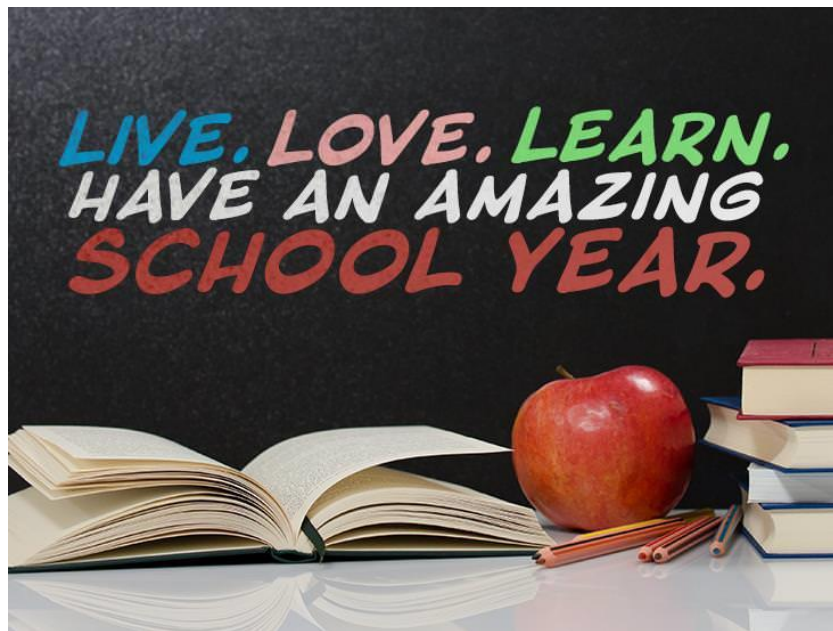
Additionally, we have updated our late assignment policy for Junior High and Senior High students. Parents, please look out for the policy that will be sent home this week. We ask that you review it, sign it, and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. Your support in helping us maintain high standards for learning is greatly appreciated.

As we embark on this new school year, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the learning, growth, and achievements that lie ahead. I am confident that, together, we will make this a fantastic year for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's make 2024-2025 our best year yet!

Yours in education,

Ms. April L'Heureux



## School News

🐾 **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 or late. Both Ms. Price and Mrs. Szott do not work every day so we don't want to miss any of these emails ~ [epprice@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:epprice@brsd.ab.ca) and [bszott@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:bszott@brsd.ab.ca).

🐾 **Re-enrollment/Verification forms** ~ Division office has emailed out the 2024-2025 Schoolengage Re-Enrollment & Verification forms early in August. These forms do need to be completed as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the office. **These forms must be completed by Tuesday, October 1 – all forms not completed by then, the students' internet access will be disabled until they are completed.**

🐾 **Bussing** ~ Welcome back Wildcats! An important part of having a safe return to school involves being on your best behaviour while riding the bus. We are thankful and appreciative of our Bawlf Bus Drivers' efforts to brave all kinds of weather and driving conditions to ensure we can participate in field trips, athletics, and off campus events. If you are riding the bus, you need to remember the safety of yourself (and others) depends on the following.

- You should arrive at your stop at least 5 minutes before the bus comes.
- You should walk, not run, to the bus.
- It's a good idea for your parents to walk the bus route with you until you know how to get to the bus stop safely.
- It's a good idea for parents to teach you about pedestrian safety and safe behaviour while you're on and off the bus.
- Be careful to not cause any distractions by using poor language or by being disrespectful to others while on the bus.

Thank you, Bus Drivers, for all you are doing to keep Bawlf students safe!

🐾 **Terry Fox Run** – Bawlf School will once again be participating in a school wide Terry Fox run on Tuesday, September 17th. Pledge forms and consent forms will be going home with students next week. Pledges can also be done on-line and information on how to do this is on the pledge forms. Traditionally Bawlf School has done a fantastic job of supporting this event so consider making a pledge and talking to your child about this event and what it means.

🐾 **JH/HS Academic Awards Night** ~ It is soon that time of year again to acknowledge our academic successes in Junior and Senior High from last school year! Celebration will be on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the gym. Those that are receiving awards will be given an invitation letter in the near future.

🐾 **Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast** ~ A huge thank you to Canada Malting Ltd. (Bawlf) for sponsoring the Student Pancake Breakfast that will be held on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>! We very much appreciated their commitment to our school community! When students arrive to school, they will be served pancakes, sausages and juice ~ a great way to kickstart the day! Thank you as well to Battle River Implements for the use of their huge portable grill to cook the pancakes.

🐾 **Yearbooks** ~ Yearbook have arrived! Please be patient as the yearbook girls and Miss Marusak sort and distribute them to the oldest in the family in the next week or so. After sorting, there may be some extras available for purchase so please check back with the office in about a week!

🐾 **Career Counselling News** ~ [September 2024](#)

## Parent Council

Welcome back! Our first School Council meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the school – all are welcome! For those that cannot attend in person, we will be sending out a virtual option as well. We will once again be running our hot lunch program and a letter will be sent out with more information in the next couple of weeks. If you have questions before that, feel free to send us an email: [bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bawlfschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

## Athletics



🐾 **Junior High Girls Volleyball** ~ by Mrs. Arndt ~ Volleyball season starts right with the new school year! Jr High Boys tryouts are Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Mrs. Gjesdal and Andrea Stifter will be coaching the boys this year. Jr High Girls tryouts will be Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and Mrs. Arndt will be coaching them again. We are looking forward to getting our year underway!

🐾 **Cross Country Running** ~ by Mrs. MacDonald & Mrs. Precscesky ~ Do you want to get in shape and meet some amazing people? The Bawlf School Cross Country Team will be starting up for the 2024 season on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> after school. All students in Grades 4-12 are welcome to join! The information letter will be sent home with students on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. To help cover the costs of the race entry fees and bussing there is a \$60.00 registration fee for Elementary students and an \$75.00 fee for Junior High and High School students. **All fees and the online permission forms need to be submitted by September 6<sup>th</sup>.** Practices will be Monday before school starting at 8:00 and Tuesday after school until 4:00. There will also be an optional practice for High School students Mondays after school in Camrose. Students will be required to find their own transportation to this practice or ride with Mrs. MacDonald, if there is room. We would like to see all runners join us for 1 practice a week! **Due to the short week this week we will practice Wednesday and Thursday after school until 4:00.** The race schedule is as follows:

### **Elementary Runs:**

September 12th- Hardisty  
September 26th- Camrose  
October 10th- New Norway

### **Junior High Runs:**

September 12th- Hardisty  
September 26th- Camrose  
October 3rd- Burma Hills (Near Brownfield)  
October 10th- New Norway

### **Senior High Runs:**

September 12th- Hardisty  
September 26th- Camrose at the Nordic Centre  
October 3rd- Burma Hills (Near Brownfield)  
October 9th- Zones in Camrose at the Nordic Centre  
October 10th- New Norway  
October 19th- Provincials in Grand Prairie (if they qualify)