

# The Bulletin



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## Upcoming Events:

Dec 20	JH Bowling in Camrose
Dec 20	Last day of classes before Christmas break
Jan 6	Classes resume
Jan 6	JH Bball hosts Cornerstone
Jan 7	HS Bball @ Hay Lakes
Jan 9	East Side Marios hot lunch – pre-ordered
Jan 9	HS Bball hosts New Norway
Jan 10 & 11	JH Bball tourney @ Hay Lakes
Jan 10 & 11	HS Girls Bball @ Airdrie
Jan 10 & 11	HS Boys Bball @ Bentley
Jan 13	JH Bball @ Bashaw
Jan 14	Papa Johns hot lunch – pre-ordered
Jan 15	Social 30 Pt A Diploma exam
Jan 16	Theme day! Pajama day
Jan 16	JH Bball @ CCHS
Jan 17	Last day of full classes for High School only
Jan 17	Math 30 Diploma exam
Jan 17	Biology 20 final exam
Jan 20	JH Bball @ Hay Lakes
Jan 20	ELA 9 Part A PAT
Jan 20	Social 10 final exam
Jan 21	ELA 9 Part B PAT
Jan 21	English 20 final exam
Jan 21	Social 30 Pt B Diploma exam
Jan 22	Science 10/14 final exam
Jan 23	Chemistry 20 final exam
Jan 23	Chopped Leaf hot lunch – pre-ordered
Jan 24	Math 9 Part A PAT
Jan 24	Science 20/24 final exam
Jan 25	JH Boys Bball tourney in Round Hill
Jan 27	JH Bball hosts Charlie Killam
Jan 27	Math 9 Part B PAT
Jan 27	Last day of Semester 1
Jan 28	Mad Platter hot lunch – pre-ordered
Jan 28	First day of Semester 2
Jan 30	January Bulletin comes out
Jan 31	Staff Meeting/PD day – school closed
Jan 30-31-Feb 1	HS Quint Bball tournament



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

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## **Notes From Administration ~**

Dear Wildcat Families,

With the holiday season upon us, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the sense of connection and community that makes our school so special. Christmas reminds us to value those around us, show kindness, and count our blessings. This season, let's take pride in the togetherness and generosity that make Bawlf School such a vibrant and caring place to be.

This month, our K-6 essential characteristic is Generosity, and we've seen wonderful examples of this quality all around us. A heartfelt thank-you goes to the Lion's Club for their generous donation of elementary students' Christmas goodie bags, spreading holiday cheer to our students. We are also grateful to our staff and community coaches, who have volunteered countless hours to work with our basketball teams, fostering skill, teamwork, and school spirit.

A special thank you to Ember Resources and Canada Malting Company Bawlf for their generous contributions to our annual whole-school Christmas lunch. This beloved tradition wouldn't be possible without their support. Our gratitude extends to the parents and family members who baked delicious desserts and volunteered their time to serve lunch to our students and staff; your kindness and effort made the event truly special.

Last week, we celebrated the season with our annual Christmas concert, which was a resounding success! Families and community members filled the gym with joy and festive spirit. One attendee shared, "Christmas doesn't start until the school concert, and this was a wonderful way to begin!" Moments like this remind us how important our school is in creating cherished holiday memories.

On the academic front, our Student Blitz is halfway complete! So far, we've focused on two important skills:

1. **Create a Study Space** – Congratulations to our prize winners Danika and Haylee, who each received a mechanical pencil set and clipboard!
2. **Organization** – Congratulations to Nia and Terry, who won a binder and water bottle for their efforts!

When we return in January, we'll continue with the next two skills: **Review Course Work** and **Goal Setting**. We're excited to see the growth and enthusiasm of our students as they develop skills that will serve them well throughout their education.

As we wrap up 2024, I want to extend my deepest thanks to each of you—our students, staff, families, and community partners—for the ways you have enriched our school. You embody the spirit of generosity and care that makes Bawlf School such a special place.

From all of us at Bawlf School, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year. May your holiday season be filled with laughter, warmth, and cherished moments.

Yours in education,

Ms. April L'Heureux



## School News

🐾 **Reminder ~ Doors open at 8:20 every morning – please do not arrive before that.** 🐾

🐾 **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 ~ [eprice@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:eprice@brsd.ab.ca) and [bszott@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:bszott@brsd.ab.ca).

🐾 **High School Students Union** ~ by Mrs. Enright ~ Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> is Pajama day!

🐾 **Junior High Christmas Bowling** ~ by Ms. Marusak ~ Grades 7, 8 and 9 are participating in our annual Christmas bowling before the break on December 20<sup>th</sup> in Camrose in the afternoon! This is a junior high tradition for Bawlf School and is a great opportunity for our student body to get together and have some fun before beginning the winter break. It is something we look forward to year after year. Happy holidays, everyone!

🐾 **Pet Portraits** ~ by Mrs. Arndt ~ The Grade 4/5 class has been working hard drawing pet portraits to fundraise for Fostering Hope Animal Rescue. They did so in the spirit of empathy of generosity and they raised a total of \$583.00 to help animals in need, surpassing their goal of \$350! Way to go students!

🐾 **After School Swim Program** ~ by Tanya Welch ~ I am stepping down as the after school swim program coordinator so please reach out to myself at 780-678-7686 if you or someone you know is interested in taking on this volunteer position. The swim program runs twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring for elementary students in Grades 1-6. It is a great program for kids to have fun and to improve their swimming skills.

🐾 **Christmas luncheon** ~ by *Mrs. Arndt* ~ The Christmas Luncheon was a smashing success - as it always is! Thank you so much to Ember Resources and Canada Malting Co. for all of their support, as well as the parents and guardians for serving and helping out with setup/cleanup. Also, thank you to Megan Herder, Madelyn Herder, Rachelle Comeau and Jordyn Yurkoski who helped prepare all the hams on Monday afternoon with Ms. Marusak! Thank you to our school community members for joining us - even the big guy with the red coat made an appearance! This day is a great way to celebrate the holidays altogether and remind us of how lucky we are to all be a part of the Bawlf School community!

🐾 **Career Counselling News** ~ [January Newsletter](#)

## Parent Council

A big thank you to all of the volunteers that continue to make the hot lunch program a success! Our next meeting will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the school. 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](mailto: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



🐾 **Junior High Boys Basketball** ~ by *Mr. Troitsky* ~ The Junior High boys basketball teams are off to a flying start! The "A" boys team finished first at their home tournament on December 13/14th. The players have been very appreciative to be provided the privilege to play for and represent their school on the basketball court. They were excellent hosts during the tournament by helping keep the school/gym tidy and spending time scorekeeping when they weren't playing. Both teams are headed to Crestomere/Lacombe to play games before the break. We are looking forward to continuing to build and grow our team and our values during a busy January which has 3 tournaments (2 for the "A" team and 1 for the "B") as well as 6 games!

🐾 **Junior High Girls Basketball** ~ by *Mrs. Matthew* ~ The JH Girls Basketball team has been diligently practicing three times a week. Over the weekend, we participated in our first tournament. Although we didn't secure a win, we had a great time and learned a lot! We're excited for our first game of the season on Monday, January 6th. It's a home game, so please come out and cheer us on! A big thank you to Coach Doug for his invaluable expertise and to our parents for all your support, including organizing and running concessions.

🐾 **Minidunker Basketball** ~ by *Mrs. Barber* ~ Mini Dunkers will be starting after Christmas break. Any Grade 5 or 6 students interested in playing basketball will have the opportunity to join. Games will start the last week of January with the final tournament in March.

🐾 **High School Basketball** ~ by *Ms. Marusak* ~ The Sr Girls basketball team are off to a very good start. They played in the Bashaw tournament on Dec 13th/14th and finished first overall! League starts up for them after the break with their first game against Hay Lakes in January 7<sup>th</sup>. The Sr Boys have been busy this season! Most recently they played an exhibition game against St. Mary's Vegreville. It was a good game and close all the way through but the boys came up just short. They too will host Hay Lakes in League after Christmas on the 7th.