The Bulletin



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Upcoming Events:

Sept 29	Orange Shirt day
Sept 29	JH Volleyball hosts New Norway
Sept 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day – School Closed
Oct 1	JH Volleyball hosts Cornerstone
Oct 2	Minislammers @ Daysland
Oct 2	Cross Country race (a), Hardisty (JH/HS only)
Oct 3 & 4	JHB (one team) & G Volleyball @ New Catholic school in Camrose
Oct 3 & 4	JH B Volleyball (one team) @ Tofield
Oct 6	Minislammers @ Killam
Oct 7	Lifetouch school pictures
Oct 7	East Side Marios hot lunch
Oct 7	HS Volleyball hosts Hay Lakes
Oct 8	JH Volleyball @ Hay Lakes
Oct 8	Cross Country – Zones (HS only)
Oct 9	Cross Country race @ Camrose
Oct 13	School Closed – Thanksgiving Day
Oct 14	Minislammers hosts Forestburg
Oct 14	HS Volleyball @ Forestburg
Oct 15	JH Volleyball hosts STCA
Oct 16	Booster Juice hot lunch
Oct 16	HS Volleyball @ Viking
Oct 17 & 18	Cross Country Provincials @ Bragg Creek
Oct 17 & 18	HSB & G Volleyball tourney @ Wetaskiwin
Oct 17 & 18	JH Volleyball home tourney
Oct 20-23	Scholastic Book Fair
Oct 20	JH Volleyball hosts OLMP
Oct 21	Minislammers @ Viking
Oct 21	HS Volleyball @ Daysland
Oct 21	Panago hot lunch
Oct 22	JH Volleyball @ CCHS
Oct 23	HS Volleyball @ Holden
Oct 23	Parent Teacher Interviews
Oct 24	Staff PD Day – School Closed
Oct 29	Minislammers host Sedgewick
Oct 30	HS Volleyball @ Cornerstone
Oct 30	Wok Box hot lunch
Oct 31 & Nov 1	HS B & G Volleyball tourney @ Hay Lakes/New Norway
Oct 31 & Nov 1	JH B & G Volleyball tourney @ CK
Nov 6	Lifetouch picture retakes
Nov 13	JH/HS Academic Awards Night for 2024-2025 @ 7:00 in the gym
Dec 16	Christmas luncheon
Dec 18	Christmas concert
Dec 19	Last day of classes before Christmas break

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Notes From Administration ~

Dear Wildcat Families,

September has been a fantastic start to the 2025–2026 school year! The beautiful fall weather set the perfect stage for our Annual Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast, and what a morning it was. A huge thank-you goes out to Canada Malting Ltd. and Battle River Railway for sponsoring the event, to Battle River Implements for letting us use the grill, to Canada Malting Ltd. for cooking the pancakes, and to our Bawlf School staff for cooking the sausage. Your support and generosity made this tradition a wonderful celebration for our students.

We are also thrilled to share that our Community Volunteerism class is back and running as a full-year course! This program provides students with the opportunity to give back to the community while acquiring valuable skills. The class kicked off the year by building a brand-new gaga pit for our elementary students, a project made possible thanks to the Bawlf Recreation Board for financing the pit, and to Jhett, Owen, Wacey, and Kia for their hard work building it. Please help us spread the word, our students are excited and ready to serve the community all year long!

This year, we are revamping our whole school teams to build even more school spirit and connection across grades. Each team will be named after a unique Wildcat, and students will earn points through participation in school activities, competitions, and spirit events. Points will be tracked throughout the year and will contribute toward a special year-end prize for the winning team. Our first whole school team activity is scheduled for this Thursday, and we can't wait to see our students in action!

Last Thursday, our elementary assembly celebrating sportsmanship took place. Congratulations to our class winners for demonstrating kindness, teamwork, and respect on and off the field. It was inspiring to see so many students living our Wildcat values and supporting one another.

Parents, a reminder that we offer a daily High School Support Block during the Wildcat Block from 11:25 a.m. to 12:04 p.m. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the focus is on Humanities, while Tuesdays and Thursdays are dedicated to Math and Science. This block provides students with an opportunity to receive help with homework, work through any misunderstandings, and connect with a staff lead. We encourage all students to take full advantage of this valuable opportunity. It's a great way to stay on top of learning and build confidence in their classes.

We are so proud of how the year has started and are excited for all that lies ahead in 2025–2026. With the support of our wonderful community, dedicated staff, and engaged students, Bawlf School continues to be a place where learning, connection, and school spirit thrive. As we continue to encourage sportsmanship, teamwork, and community involvement, we are reminded of the words:

"Sportsmanship is not just about winning or losing, it's about how we play the game," Grantland Rice. At Bawlf School, we celebrate every student who demonstrates respect, effort, and kindness—both in the classroom and on the field.

Yours in education,

Ms. April L'Heureux

Mr. Adam Troitsky



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 ~ eprice@brsd.ab.ca and bszott@brsd.ab.ca.
- Re-enrollment/Verification forms ~ Division office emailed out to all families the 2025-2026 Schoolengage Re-Enrollment & Verification forms August 5th. These forms do need to be completed as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the office. These mandated forms must be completed by Tuesday, September 30th all forms not completed by then, the students' internet access will be disabled until they are completed.

- **Terry Fox Run** ~ update will be in October's bulletin
- ** High School Students Union ~ by Mrs. Enright ~ The Students' Union would like to thank everyone that participated in our Spirit Week. Students' Union members will be selling Cowboy Caviar (beef jerky) over Thanksgiving to fundraise for the year. If you are interested in buying some, please let Mrs. Enright know. October will see a costume parade and a new Trunk or Treat event for our students. We are encouraging all high school students with vehicles to decorate the trunks of their vehicles for Halloween and our elementary kids will be by to collect candy. The treats will be provided by the HSSU. We will also be asking each class to donate items towards the Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign in early November.
- Learning Commons ~ by Mrs. Banack ~ Mark your calendar for our upcoming Book Fair running October $20^{th} 23^{rd}$ with extended hours on Thursday the 23^{rd} to correspond to our Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00pm 8:00pm. Profits from this event help purchase books, games and materials for activities in our Learning Commons. We are looking for to seeing you there.
- ** Hero Wall Project ~ by Ms. Young ~ As a school wide project for Remembrance Day, I would like to continue to build our Hero Wall to be put up in the school for the month of November. If you have any relatives that have served, or are currently serving in the military, and would like to have that person honoured, please send a picture, name and possibly rank if known, how they are related to the student, and the student's name. Any other information you would like to share is also welcome.

Example: Lieutenant Colonel Steven Smith Great Grandfather to Jane and John Smith

Served during WWII

Photos and information can be emailed to <u>tyoung@brsd.ab.ca</u>. Any hard copies of photos will photocopied and returned to the student. If you have already contributed to the Hero Wall, your contributions have been saved and you do not need to resubmit anything. Any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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- **⇒ 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, November 13th at 7:00 in the gym. Those that are receiving awards will be given an invitation letter shortly.
- School fees ~ all fees, up to date, have been assigned on your online account. Please log in and check them out. Invoices were emailed out to everyone with a balance owing as of last Thursday. Fees can be paid online preferably, but also a cheque or cash can be sent to the office. Remember, fees for field trips, sports, other courses can be added on at any time throughout the school year when those events come up. To pay online, log in to Powerschool, along the left sidebar, scroll down to School fees and forms and that will get you to where you need to be.
- **Career Counselling News ~ October 2025 Newsletter**

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We had our first meeting on September 22nd, and we have lots planned for the year! Hot lunch order forms will be coming out shortly! Stay tuned!

Athletics



** Cross Country Running ~ by Mrs. Prescesky ~ The Cross Country Running team has been busy practicing twice a week with an early morning run on Mondays and an after school run on Tuesdays. Our school has attended two meets together in Burma Hills and New Norway. In New Norway, our elementary students were awarded Top Elementary School! Our Junior and Senior High students have attended an extra race in Bashaw and will also be attending a race in Hardisty this week. Students have done an amazing job practicing and pushing themselves to become better athletes! We are looking forward to the rest of our running season.

- **❖ Junior High Boys Volleyball** ~ will be in October's Bulletin
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- ** High School Volleyball ~ by Mrs. Gjesdal ~ Our senior teams have had a whirlwind of a season so far! Both teams started right away in September at the Augustana tournament. It was a great tournament of learning and getting the opportunity to see lots of variety in teams. Next up, we were able to host a tournament at our very own school! It was a great experience and was amazing to see our community come together to make an event like that happen! Our teams did an excellent job at playing hard and were able to get lots of touches in. Both teams were able to get in 6 games, which ended up being a very tiring weekend for the athletes. A huge thank you to the parents for all the work they did in the concession, the scorekeepers and the athletes for helping to keep things on time and for cleaning up after! Finally, our teams had another tournament this past weekend. The girls went to Olds and had a great showing, losing out in the semi-finals to some tough competition. Our boys were at the new school in Camrose, STCA, and got to experience what it's like to play against teams with some huge offence. The highlight of the weekend was our scrappy play leading to a game going to three sets against the host team. Unfortunately, it resulted in a loss, but it was amazing seeing the boys hold their own against a team of club players. Volleyball continues into October, and we are hopeful for some more great action for our teams!
- ** High School Golf ~ by Mrs. Gjesdal ~ This year our Senior Girls Golf team had the opportunity to attend the Provincial Championship in Lethbridge. The girls took a road trip down on the Sunday in order to prepare for their busy two days on the golf course. The first day they got to golf at Paradise Canyon in Lethbridge. It was a beautiful course with many challenging holes. Addy was able to shoot one of her best games on this first day! The next day, we went out to McGrath. It was a very hot day and each girl was seeded from the previous day, so they all were golfing with new players. Each girl put in a great amount of effort and Alexis was able to showcase one of her best golf games on this second day! Overall, it was a great experience and we were able to secure 11th overall for team score in the province. All four of the girls commented on how they enjoyed their time and hope to continue to improve in their game. Great work to Addy, Alexis, Madelyn and Danika! We are very proud of you!
- ** Minislammer Volleyball ~ by Mrs. Barber ~ The Grade 5 & 6 mini slammers will be starting their games soon. They will have one practice during lunch time per week and one more after school practice on Oct. 8 from 3:30 4:45. Our games include:

Away	October 2	Daysland
Away	October 6	Killam
Home	October 14	Forestburg
Away	October 21	Viking
Home	October 29	Sedgewick

We will be hosting our final tournament at Bawlf School on November 5th.