

BCHS Newsletter Feb — March 2015



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

This is the third newsletter from Brooks Composite High School. Please take the time to read through the newsletter and note important dates and information as it pertains to you and your child. The first semester went very well. Keep in mind that the first day of the second semester was January 29, 2015.

Please remember to encourage your child to

take advantage of the **Flex Block every Friday**. Students can use this time to get help in any class in which they think appropriate. Many students are also using it as an opportunity to finish their homework.

One of the things to keep in mind is the opportunity to access your son or daughters' marks and attendance at your convenience via the internet or mobile phone app. We

know that many parents and students are making use of this feature. If you have not yet taken advantage of this piece of technology, please give us a call and we can help you set this up.

If you have any questions about information in this newsletter or school in general, please call me at 362-4814.

Sincerely
Grant Jensen,
Principal

SPIRIT COUNCIL NEWS

Although a short school month, December was filled with activity for the BCHS Spirit Council. The annual "**Reindeer Games**" was filled with fun and excitement.

We had a month long clothing drive where we collected winter clothing for the community.



The last week of school in December was filled with holiday themed activities, including an "**Ugly Christmas Sweater Day**", and a winter holiday awareness day.

On the final day of classes in January, we held a "**lazy day**" where students were encouraged to wear their most comfortable clothes, and we handed out candy to combat the stress that can come with exams. With the second semester upon us, more great spirit events are on their way!



JAPAN EXCHANGE IN APRIL

A group of up to 4 students will be selected to travel to our Sister School in Hiroo, Japan during the Easter Break. Students will spend a few days in Tokyo before going to our sister community of Hiroo where they will be billeted with local families.

If you are interested in participating in the future, please speak to Mr. Jensen.



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Special points of interest:

- Gr. 10 Parents!!! - please take the time to complete the survey that was mailed to your home. Our school values your feedback!!!
- Meet our new Staff!!! See page 7

REPORT CARDS AND INTERVIEW DATES SET

SEMESTER 1 FINAL MARKS STATEMENTS

Semester one final mark statements were made available to all students **January 29, 2015**. Students were expected to take this home to share with you. If this did not occur, please call the school and a copy will be sent home. The only reason a student may not receive their mark statement would be due to outstanding textbooks or school fees. For more information about fees please call Mrs. Berringer at the school office at 362-4814.

SEMESTER 2 COURSE OUTLINES

Course outlines will be given to each student for each course they are enrolled in. Please feel free to review these with your child and make any inquiries to the teacher or school administration.

SEMESTER 2 REPORT CARDS

The **first report card** will be issued to students on **March 20, 2015**. This will be a formal report card, which will provide you with a summary of progress in all subjects to date with the exception of work experience and related programs. Please review these results with your child.



The **second report card** will be issued **between April 27 and May 1, 2015**. Each teacher will schedule their own release dates based on the completion of a unit of work in each individual course. Although there will be no formal interviews with the second report card, interviews may be initiated at anytime of the semester by parents or teachers.

The **final report card** for this semester will be available for pick up in late June or early July. The date will be announced closer to the exact date. You are reminded that all Diploma Exam marks are mailed directly to the student from Alberta Learning.

I hope the process of communicating your child's progress provides you with the information you require. If you would like any further information at any time during the semester, please feel free to contact the school about your child's progress.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held on **March 26 and March 31** from **4:30 – 8:00 p.m.** A staff list is included to assist you with your planning. You are encouraged to bring your child to parent/teacher interviews. Please be reminded there will be **no school for students February 16 - 20, 2015**.

TEACHER		Room #
Mr. Jensen	- Principal	Office
Mr. Scholz	- VP	Office
Mrs. Gausman	- VP	Office
Mr. Angell		1530
Mrs. Baumgartner		2019
Mr. Cam Bernhard		1530
Ms. Chelsea Bernhard		2014
Mr. Cowan	counselors office	
Ms. Diep		1107
Mr. Fehr		2021
Mr. Friesen	(Shop)	1302
Ms. Gabert		1523
Mrs. Gilborn		2017
Ms. Hess		1115
Mr. Hiebert		1517
Ms. Iwaasa		1516
Mr. Jansen		1209
Ms. Laverty		1620
Mr. Mason		2016
Ms. Matson		1528
Mrs. Morris		2035
Mr. Muir		1518
Mr. Nelson		1501
Mrs. O'Farrell		2018
Mrs. Olsen		2014
Mrs. Skriver		1532
Mr. Stone	(Music)	1617
Mrs. Stroeder		1125
Mr. Vaage		2020
Mr. Vandervelde		1519
Ms. Veroba		1125
Mr. Watson	(Shop)	1308

GRAD NEWS UPDATES

Within the past month you should have received an events bulletin with information about fund raising events, grad photos, and Commencement.

With the arrival of the second semester, many of our Grade 12's thoughts are turning to **Commencement Ceremonies on May 23rd, 2015**. We thought it would be of interest to review the requirements/criteria that must be met to allow a student to participate in commencement **2015**.

Participation in the **Commencement Program** in May will be based on the following criteria:

a. The student is registered in a program leading to one of the following:

- An Alberta High School Diploma
- An Alberta High School Certificate of Achievement
- A three-year non-credit Certificate program in Special Education leading to a local school-leaving certificate

b. The student must be eligible to complete all of the requirements of **one of the above programs by June 26 of the current school year**.

c. Students using Distance Learning courses as part of their program requirements **must have 2/3 of their lesson completed and graded satisfactorily prior to inclusion on the final commencement list**.

d. Judgment for inclusion on the **first draft** of the commencement list will be made on the basis of Final Semester 1 marks, and 1st Report Card marks for second semester subjects.

Students who are failing Second Semester courses which are necessary for the criteria described in a) above, or who have not completed 2/3 of their required distance learning lessons satisfactorily, will receive a written warning (with a copy sent to parents) following the first report card marks indicating that they may not be included in the commencement program. If these courses are not improved to a passing level by the 2nd report card, the student will not be included on the final commencement list.

e. Judgment for inclusion on the **final** commencement list will be made on the basis of the Final Semester 1 marks and the **2nd report card marks** for the second semester subjects.

Students who are failing second semester courses which are necessary for the criteria described in a) above, or who have not completed 2/3 of their required distance learning satisfactorily will not be included in the final commencement list.

(NOTE: Distance Learning lessons needed to fulfill this requirement must be submitted for grading no later than April 17, 2015.)

Students who were passing subjects required to meet the criteria listed in a) above at the time of the first report card but are failing those subjects at the time of the 2nd report card will not be included in the final commencement list.

f. **Students must be in good standing with the school.** Students who are under suspension from school, or who are not extending reasonable efforts on their academic progress will not be permitted to participate.

Any student not on the **first** Draft of the commencement list, and feels that there are some extenuating circumstances which should be considered, may appeal in writing prior to **April 2, 2015** to the principal. **Students who have no extenuating circumstances are unlikely to have a successful appeal.** The Commencement Appeal Committee will hand down a binding decision by **May 8, 2015**.

Appeals will not be accepted following the determination of the final commencement list in the program.

Fundraising & Grad Fees

Besides meeting the criteria for commencement, grade 12 students still have the opportunity to earn grad hours (to lower grad fees). There are plans for a second bottle drive on **March 24**. **No other activities are being sponsored by the school and grad council.** Also, the program and decorating committees will begin meeting in the next couple of weeks as planning for commencement 2015 continues.

Notification of Participation

The grads will receive a commencement **letter on March 12, 2015**. This letter will contain important information about the week preceding Commencement as well as the day of Commencement. Watch for this letter and if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, or your son or daughter fails to bring home the **March 12th** letter, please call the grad advisor, Ms. S. Laverty.

Thank you for your support!

GRAD 2015— GRAD CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Our parent committee has been working tirelessly organizing the best grad celebration for the graduates of 2015. Plans are underway for a Grand March & Prom/Concert immediately following the ceremonies. Busses will be transporting students who are interested in attending safe after-grad party that follows.

Please be made aware that the Grand March, Prom/Concert and after party are all done by the parent committee. School fundraising does not go towards any of the events after commencement. Grads will be paying a fee to participate.

Fundraising is approximately 1/3 done. If you can help out with any fundraising, please contact any of the committee members listed below. If we can't raise the rest of the money, some of the events (Grand March, Prom, After Party) may not be possible. Please get involved in

your child's Graduation fundraising. We still have 3 more events scheduled for **Operation Rednose**. They are January 31, March 7 and May 2. Please contact Barb Tymko or Crystal French if you can drive for any of these dates.

We are planning to start the New Year by requesting donations for as many items as possible. If you can help us out with this, please contact Crystal French by email at Crystal_French@hotmail.com Or Connie Smith at csmith@savannaenergy.com

The Prom committee is in the process of organizing and planning decorations, a grand march with photographer, a dance with the band "Smokepack", various activities including a photo booth, finger foods and non-alcoholic beverages.

If you or someone you know would like to make a donation, please contact:

Committee Chair:

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country.cupboard@hotmail.com

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Fundraising Committee:

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Prom Committee:

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cloppert@gmail.com

Grand March:

Karen Nagy 403-376-2252
bknagy@shaw.ca

After Party:

Connie Smith 403-633-2494
csmith@savannaenergy.com
Dela Wandler 403-363-1158
dela1967ab@telus.net

We'd like to thank all of the volunteers and graduates who have offered to help.

RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Alberta Government offers Alexander Rutherford Scholarships to recognize and reward academic achievement at the Sr. High level and to encourage students to pursue post-secondary studies.

There are two levels of Rutherford Scholarships available, one for students with averages between 75.0% and 79.9%, and another for students with an average over 80%. The Department of Education uses the following requirements for determining eligibility for Rutherford Scholarships:

It should be noted that applications for the Rutherford scholarships can only be made during the course of their grade 12 year when students have already applied for admission to post – secondary school.

GRADE 10

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects—\$300

Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects —\$500

One of English 10-1 or 10-2, Français 10, 13 or 10-2 and at least two of the following:

- Math 10 C
- Science 10
- Social 10-1 or 10-2
- a second language other than the one used above at the Grade 10 level
- Any two other courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 10 level (1000 or 4000 series) including those listed above and combined introductory CTS courses.

GRADE 11

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects —\$500

Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects —\$800

One of English 20-1 or 20-2, Français 20, 23 or 20-2 and At least two of the following:

- Math 20-1 or Math 20-2
- Science 20
- Biology 20
- Chemistry 20
- Physics 20
- Social 20-1 or 20-2
- a second language other than the one used above at the Grade 11 level
- Any two other courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 11 level (2000 or 5000 series) including those listed above and combined intermediate CTS courses.



SCHOLARSHIPS

RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION (continued)

GRADE 12

Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in 5 subjects—\$700

Average of 80.0% or higher in 5 subjects—\$1300

One of English 30-1 or 30-2, Français 30, 30-2 and at least two of the following:

- Math 30 Pure
- Math 20 Applied
- Math 31
- Science 30
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30
- Physics 30
- Social 30-1 or 30-2

•a second language other than the one used above at the Grade 11 level

•Any two other courses with a minimum five credit value at the Grade 12 level (3000 or 6000 series) including those listed above and combined advanced CTS courses.

NOTE: *Averages are not rounded up for Scholarship purposes.

C.T.S. COURSES:

Three one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 10 and/or Grade 11 level. Five one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 12 level.

To be combined:

• all courses must be from the same level i.e. Introductory, Intermediate or Advanced,

•courses can be from different streams or subject area, i.e. computer courses with welding courses, and

•marks will be averaged

Note: Applications are due May 1st, and are available through the counseling department.



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

GRASSLANDS POLICY DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we continue into the cold winter months, it might be helpful to try clear up any confusion there might be about whether or not the school would continue to operate.

In general terms, the school will always be considered open under all weather circumstances. We do this because not everyone will hear the announcement on the local radio station and may arrive at the school. For this reason the school is to be open.

Bus drivers from the county will determine whether it is safe to run busses to the school and will endeavor to phone the riders on their busses to inform them.

If you ride a bus in town, the bus drivers operate in conjunction with the Superintendent to decide whether or not the in-town busses will run.

Ultimately, the decision on whether or not your child should attend school during inclement weather rests with the parents. If you decide that traveling to school poses a risk then you should keep your child at home. However, if you decide to send your child to school, the school will be open to accommodate your child and we are able to spend some quality time with the students reviewing and providing individual assistance.



STUDENT DRESS

The staff would like to remind parents and students to remain mindful of the way students dress to come to school. Please remember that the school is a public place and as such the dress should conform to that standard. Clothing that advertises alcohol and other drugs or uses profanity is not appropriate. Female students are asked to dress in a manner that covers the majority of their body parts. Bare shoulders, cleavage, midsections and back-sides should be covered during school hours. For our male students, we would ask that you wear clothing in such a way that it sufficiently covers your undergarments. If you have questions about appropriate dress, please call the school.



NEWS FROM THE COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

CAREER COUNSELLING NEWS

It's time to apply for post-secondary! Most Alberta Colleges and Universities began accepting applications October 1st and now that students have their 1st semester report cards it is important to submit their applications.

Apply for College or University TODAY!

ApplyAlberta is a secure online application system that students will use to apply to one or more post-secondary institutions, and send their Alberta high school transcripts directly to different participating institutions. To start visit www.applyalberta.ca

Should you have additional questions, or concerns just drop by the Career Counsellor's office, my door is open and I'm happy to help.

ATTENTION GRADE 11 STUDENTS:

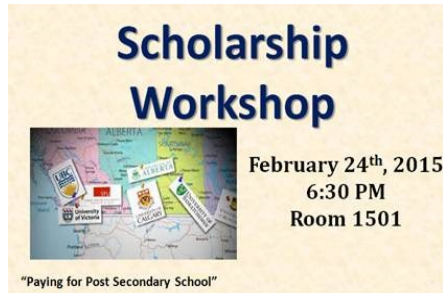
Now is the time for you to be making some decisions, being sure that you are taking the right courses for your designated career, exploring your options at different universities and colleges and looking at what scholarships you may want to apply for.

Here are some upcoming events happening in the Guidance Department that you might want to mark in your calendar:

SAIT OPEN HOUSE is February 6th. Students interested in attending must contact Ms Ferris and have permission slips returned by February 1st.

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP:

Feb 24th, 2015 @ 6:30 PM at BCHS in room 1501. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to come out and see what scholarships are available



FROM OUR PERSONAL COUNSELLORS

Allyson Honig – FSLC Room 1418
Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8:30 am – 3:30 pm .

Mike Heninger – FSLC Room 1508
Office Hours: Mon – Afternoon, Tues – Morning, Wed. – All day, Thurs. – afternoon, Fri. – All day

Takia Angus—FSLC Room 1441
Office Hours: Tues & Wed 8:30 am – 3:30 pm .

Speak Out

We are half way through the school year & it's time to start thinking about the 7th Annual Speak Out Alberta Conference in Edmonton, April 17 – 19, 2015. Through interactive workshops, keynote addresses, and fun activities students (ages 14 – 19) & their chaperones will have an opportunity to provide meaningful feedback on key issues and initiatives to help shape the province's education system and to connect with Alberta Education representatives and other students. Space is limited. If interested in attending contact Allyson Honig, FSLC.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stand up against bullying & celebrate kindness with SMYLE during the month of February with **"No-Name Calling Week"** February 2 – 6, **"Random Acts of Kindness" Week** February 9 – 15 & **"Pink Shirt Day"** February 25. Bullying is often a key contributing factor in many suicides. Bullying should never be accepted as normal behaviour... By speaking out and standing up against bullying, including homophobic bullying, we can actively make our schools and communities safer for everyone. It's time we change the conversation and begin to celebrate diversity and difference in our society, rather than continuing to fear or attack it"

For advice or support on bullying, please call 1-888-456-2323.

This helpline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

There are several good resources available to both kids and adults about how to deal with bullying which are available at:

www.bullyfreealberta.ca.

Also on the *bully free Alberta* site is a link to **b-free**, which is a video intended for young people that provides tips on how to deal with bullying.



MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Jenna Gabert

Jenna is a former student at BCHS. She received her B. Ed degree in Lethbridge and she has been living and substitute teaching in the area ever since. She is looking forward to teaching English and ESL. She enjoys reading, writing articles, knitting and swimming with my husband and two year old daughter.



Marina Matson

Marina grew up on a farm near Rimbeey, Alberta. After high school she attended the U of L, where she completed her B. Ed majoring in Biological Sciences. Last year she lived in England and taught science there. Her interests include spending time outside, being active, reading, baking and travelling.



Carol Iwaasa

Carol was born & raised in Brooks and Graduated from BCHS in 1987 where she had a verrrry young Mr. Jensen as a teacher (the only year I enjoyed Social Studies). I have a B. PE & B. Ed from the University of Calgary. When I am not creating I enjoy being outside hanging with my dog or doing pull-ups with Mrs. Veroba & her mom.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

PI DAY COMING SOON

Pi, the Greek letter π , is the symbol that represents the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. It is approximately equal to 3.14, but it is not an exact decimal (it is an irrational number) and its accurate calculation has intrigued mathematicians for centuries. In 2014 a supercomputer running for 208 days computed pi to 13.3 trillion decimal places. If that were ever printed, the stack of paper would be over 350 km high.

Did you know that a Chinese college student memorized 67,890 digits of pi?

It took him 24 hours and 4 minutes to recite to the 67,890th decimal place without an error.

He stated he had memorized 100,000 digits but at the 67,891st digit, he said the next digit was a "5", when it was actually a "0".

Pi Day – March 14th (3/14) – promotes not only the fascination with pi and the calculative nature of mathematics but also its artistic and creative side. As in previous years, Pi Day will be celebrated at BCHS with free pie in the cafeteria at lunch. In

order to receive their pie, however, students must recite the first 20 decimal places of pi. Pi shirts will, of course, also be welcomed warmly.



IEP NEWS

Hello Everybody! We can't believe that it is already the beginning of the 2nd semester! The students in the levels program have been busy working, studying, swimming, creating art projects, cooking, and learning the ins and outs of cosmetology. In the spring we will be going to Heritage Park in Calgary with some students from the Jr. High. Many of our students have never been there, so it should be very interesting.

We have a handful of student graduating from our program this year, so we are encouraging parents to start planning for their child's future. We have a lot of information to share from our parent information night. Please feel free to come in with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to another great semester!

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Our cafeteria is open most of the day beginning at 8:00 AM. We have a policy to not sell candy or chips prior to the morning classes but will have on hand a breakfast bun which is a tasty combination of bacon, egg and cheese on a toasted bun. This is sold for only \$2.50. There are also varieties of muffins, milk, juice, and fruit to start the day. We prepare a different lunch special each day, assorted sandwiches, fresh vegetable and fruit baskets, cookies, and other sweet items. A variety of beverages are also available. Menus and prices are posted in the cafeteria. Every lunch special costs \$4.00 on Mondays and \$5.00 from Tuesday to Friday.

A lunch card is available if you wish to purchase one. The value of the card is \$32.00 but it is sold for \$30.00. As you purchase items, their value is crossed off the card. This eliminates the need to keep cash on hand but you are responsible for keeping your card in a safe place. If you wish to purchase a lunch card, please make cheques payable to the **B.C.H.S. Cafeteria**.

BAND NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The BCHS Concert band is travelling to Anaheim California from May 13 to 19th. This incredible trip marks the first time our concert band has been invited to perform inside Disneyland Park. After successfully completing the audition process back in 2014, our group will perform for an audience in Big Thunder Ranch Theater. This awesome experience will be remembered for a very long time and it is made even better in knowing that the band earned that privilege by gaining a much-coveted invitation from Disney's adjudicators!

The band is also going to compete in a music festival called **"Music in the Parks"**. This competitive festival will give our Canadian students a real education on what American music competitions are like.

On top of that, our band has also arranged to attend something called **"The Soundtrack Session"** whereby the band will provide the musical score and background for a classic Disney movie and will be professionally recorded by Disney sound engineers! An incredible experience to say the least!

Students coming on the trip are reminded that they must submit all required forms and documents to Mr. Stone ASAP, including passport number, health information and permission forms. Students are also required to have personal health insurance for the duration of the trip. A deposit of \$500 is due February 9th. Final trip cost will be calculated once all of the donations and fundraisers are complete. See the school website for further details!

Band Jackets

To commemorate our trip to Disneyland, the BCHS Band Department is placing an order for personalized warm-up style band jackets. The jackets feature a full zipper design with full length sleeve, wind insulating/water resistant shell, cuffs and waterproof zippered high-rise collar. Jackets are available in navy with gold embroidery and will be personalized with your name or instrument and the BCHS Band logo. A full range of adult sizes suitable for senior high students are available. Cost is \$66. The jackets are of high quality and in limited supply so act soon to guarantee your order. Jacket orders must be placed by February 12th. Cheques can be payable to BCHS.



NEWS FROM OUR PREVENTION AND EDUCATION COUNSELLOR

SADD: Students Against Drinking & Distracted Driving

In December, Brooks and County students of all ages decorated and wrote anti-drinking and driving messages on about 5000 bags which were then used to bag purchased items from local liquor stores. SADD also participated in the Santa Parade who provided bags of treats and drug awareness swag items for the students to hand out.



One of the upcoming community events includes a Check Stop managed by the RCMP where SADD students have the opportunity to remind to drivers about the hazards of distracted and impaired

driving.

School based activities are done monthly as well so planning for various events such as BYOB (Bring Your Own Banana) ice cream day.

The annual SADD Conference in Edmonton will be sometime this spring which provides SADD students the opportunity to meet, share, and network with other SADD chapters around the province. Sessions on topics such as leadership, recruiting, fundraising, and activity ideas are attended throughout the weekend. In addition, guest speakers and social events are highlights of the weekend.

Prevention & Education Program

We have been busy five days a week, travelling and presenting Life Skills Training to Grassland Schools in Brooks & County. Each semester we teach about 700 students. In

addition to the Life Skills program, we are involved in various other committees such as the Brooks & District Drug Task Force and the Resiliency Committee who are organizing the Resiliency Celebration on March 24th.

As time permits, we also provide addictions counselling for students and/or substance abuse information for students and their families. We welcome students and parents to stop by our office, room 1512 or call anytime for material, information, or if you have questions and/or concerns.



February Calendar of Events

- Feb 2—District PD Day—No School
- Feb 6—SAIT Open house
- Feb 6 & 7 — Sr. Boys and Girls BB at WR Meyers
- Feb 11—SAC meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb 13 & 14—Sr. Boys BB at Strathmore
- Feb 16-20—Family week holiday—no school
- Feb 24—Paying for Post Secondary workshop—6:30 pm in room 1501
- Feb 27 & 28—Sr Boys and Jr. Boys BB at Rundle College, Sr. Girls BB at Chestermere.

FEBRUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2 PD Day for all Staff No School for Students	3 Open Badminton 7:30—9:30	4	5	6 SAIT open house and tour	7
8	9	10 Open Badminton 7:30—9:30	11 SAC meeting 7:00 pm	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Family Day Holiday	17 Lieu day—no school	18 Lieu day—no school	19 teacher convention	20 teacher convention	21
Family Week Holiday—No School						
22	23	24 Scholarship workshop	25	26	27	28

Schedule of Events

- Mar 11—SAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- March 13—Lieu day—no school
- Mar 13 & 14—Basketball Zones (all teams)
- Mar 20 —First Report Cards are released to students
- Mar 21—Home Badminton Tournament
- Mar 26 —Parent -Teacher interviews 4:30—8:00
- Mar 31—Parent-Teacher interviews 4:30—8:00

MARCH 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Open Badminton 7:30—9:30	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Open Badminton 7:30—9:30	11 SAC meeting 7:00 pm	12	13 Lieu Day—no School	14
15	16	17 Open Badminton 7:30—9:30	18	19	20 First Report Card Released	21 Home Badminton Tournament
22	23	24 Open Badminton 7:30—9:30	25	26 Parent — Teacher Interviews	27	28
29	30	31 Parent — Teacher interviews	26			

Note from Lifetouch: It's not too late to order pictures! If the due date has past and you haven't ordered you 2014-15 school photos....it's not too late. Order online at mylifetouch.ca or phone 1-866-457-8212.

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LEARNING...
ACHIEVING...
SUCCEEDING

We're on the Web
<http://www.grasslands.ab.ca/>



FEBRUARY BOARD BITS

- Grasslands School Trustees are looking at the school calendar for next year. With Labour Day later than usual, students will return to class on Monday, August 31st. Teachers will be in school the week prior.
- With Family day and Teacher's Convention falling in the same week, along with the two lieu days in the middle of the week, students in the Grasslands School District receive a nice mid-winter week off, something many other students in the province do not receive.
- Trustees met with officials from Infrastructure and Alberta Education about the proposed modernization plans for Eastbrook School. Trustees hope to hear back in the next few weeks as to when the renovations and project can go ahead. While Eastbrook School recently added new portables, the main part of the building has not changed in 40 years.
- The School Board and Administration continue to work on the Strategic Plan. After talking with teachers, parents, students, and members of the business community, the plan will move along to its next step.
- With the increased usage of the Internet for classroom learning, Grasslands School Division is aware of some issues regarding band width. They have come up with some solutions to the problem and will address them.
- As the new semester begins, this will be the final months for many Grade 12 students, who will graduate this spring.

LEARNING...ACHIEVING...SUCCEEDING

ITEMS FOR THE COMMUNITY

REMINDER TO USE THE WEB PAGE

Please remember to make use of the BCHS website. This site includes some additional interactive features that students and parents should appreciate. Many parents who have used these interactive features are extremely pleased with the ability to stay in touch with what is happening at the school.

Some features will include:

- A place to check for homework
- A new and improved calendar
- An easy way to contact teachers

Access to more school information than was previously possible

Keep checking our website at <http://bchs.grasslands.ab.ca/> to see the changes

WALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The BCHS courtyard area is home to a respected part of our school called the Wall of Fame. This wall is adorned with 19 former graduates from BCHS that have gone above and beyond what would be classified as normal careers and have succeeded in areas such as music, athletics, literature and others.

Our last addition to the Wall of Fame was in 2012 when Kim Burns was inducted for her work in Biology.

If you are aware of an individual that has special qualities and deserves to be added to our collection, or if you have any questions about the Wall of Fame, **please contact Bert Scholz** at the school.

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WANTED: Businesses to employ possible apprentices

The Off-Campus Education Program is currently seeking employers for the Work Experience Program and the Registered Apprenticeship Program for the second semester and the summer of 2015. If you have a desire to work with young people to assist them with their job skills development and have a business or trade contact **Wendell Nelson**, Off-Campus Education Coordinator at wendell.nelson@grasslands.ab.ca or call (403) 793-0640 or (403) 362-4814. You could make a difference in a young person's life!