



Brooks Composite High School

Striving to achieve, while daring to dream...

Date: November 14, 2017

BROOKS COMPOSITE STUDENT SERVICES

The Brooks Composite Student Services Team have been working hard to make sure our students are well informed of their graduation requirements, post secondary options, increased awareness of accommodations for assessments, and the overall well being for all!

All of the Grade Twelve Advisor classes have had an informative session about the uses of myBlueprint as a way to inquire about post secondary opportunities. In addition to this information, students are encouraged to inquire about what they need to obtain a High School Diploma. An ESL Post-Secondary and Scholarship session was delivered to 15 students during a noon hour and a school wide Scholarship Night is being planned for the last week of November.

Please call the school (362-4814) if you need more information about this evening. At this meeting you will obtain information about possible scholarships and ask any post secondary questions you might have. Some students travelled to a SAIT Open House and a trip to Medicine Hat is being planned before our Christmas break. If your son or daughter is interested in any career job shadowing, please contact our Career Counsellor (Myrna Ferris) for more information.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone at BCHS. It is hard to believe that we are in the second quarter already. Where has the time gone? I have had a chance to meet many new faces these past few months, some at various volleyball and football games while others have been in the hallways. I am very happy to see all the hard work and dedication that has been demonstrated so far this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by the school or call or email.

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CONGRATULATIONS

At this time, we would like to extend a huge congratulations to two members of the BCHS Football Team. Coach Braedon Cameron for winning Coach of the Year in the Rangeland Conference; and player, Matthew Peterson for winning Rangeland MVP. Well done to all the Buffaloes Football Players. What a tremendous season it was.



KEY DATES

November 24 - BCHS Band is playing at Festival of Tress

November 27 - Grad Bottle Drive

December 4 - 8 - Grad Photos

December 7 - BCSH Band at Griffin Park Theatre

December 8 - Grad Turkey Dinner

BUFFS ATHLETICS

Our Buffaloes Football team concluded a successful season finishing 2nd in the Rangeland League. They lost to Cochrane in a hard fought game that was played on Saturday, November 11 in the provincial quarterfinal.

Our Sr Boys and JV Boys Volleyball teams will be competing in Zones this coming weekend in Strathmore and Airdrie respectfully. The Sr Girls and JV girls will also be competing in zones this coming weekend in Canmore and Strathmore.

The Senior Girls B Volleyball team concluded a successful season by taking the Grasslands league title defeating Bassano for the first time all year in three sets. What a way to finish the season. A huge thank you to all the coaches and parents, and of course the players, for a successful season.



WELCOME NEW STAFF



Laurel Beaton - VP

Vanessa Bonora - Science

Dave Brown - Science

Justin Graham - Foods

**Vanessa Kissoon-Singh -
Math/Science**

Kasey Murphy - Counseling

Kamylle Jutras - SRO

Tyler Powell - VP

We have had a number of staffing changes for the 2017-18 school year here at BCHS. The entire administrative team is new. Geoff Petley-Jones moves into the principal's office after spending the previous seven years as principal at Bill Woodward School in Anzac, AB. Tyler Powell moves over from Rosemary School to take over one of the vice-principal positions. Laurel Beaton comes to BCHS from Grasslands Public Schools district office where she was the Learning Innovations Co-Ordinator last year. In addition to our new administrative team, we have Justin Graham moving over from BJHS taking over in the foods lab, Vanessa Bonora and Dave Brown have moved into the Science department coming from Bassano and Saskatchewan, respectively. Vanessa Kissoon-Singh has come to us from Dawson Creek and teaching Math and Science. Matthew Hammel has recently joined us after a year teaching in England and will be working in the Math department as well. Welcome to BCHS everyone. We are excited to have you all here to support our students in achieving their goals.

**Intelligence plus
character - that is
the goal of true
education.**

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Graduation Page

GRADUATION

Update of Events

- Grad clothing orders were taken the week of October 10. We have since forwarded the orders to our local business for processing. Grads will receive their order once the clothing has been delivered to us.
- Josten's Grad Rings have come and gone. Grads will continue to have the opportunity to order their ring online. Brochures and contact information are available at the office.
- The first Grad Pizza Sale was held at the end of October. Although this is not one of our major fundraisers, it was overall, a success. We will continue this fundraiser on a monthly basis, the next being scheduled for the end of November.
- Partylite candle sales forms were distributed October 23; all orders along with payment, are due November 3. We appreciate the help of the Grads who had chosen to contribute to this major fundraiser.

1. Grad Bottle Drive (Monday, November 27, 4:30-9:00)

The success of this major fundraiser is completely based on volunteers from both students as well as from parents. In order to cover all areas of the city, we will require a minimum of 75 Grads along with 25 trucks driven by parents. Also needed will be students and parents to volunteer on the school end. The sign up poster will be on the Grad Information bulletin board outside room 1532.

*Parent Driver paperwork includes:

1. Criminal Check - I have also emailed home a copy in September.
2. Driver's Abstract (\$25) - Obtain from Grasslands Registry; return to Mrs. B/Mrs. S
3. Authorization and Vehicle Information - Fill out and return to Mrs. B/Mrs. S

2. Grad Photos (Monday, December 4 - Friday, December 8) (8:00 - 4:00)

Full sittings for Grad Photos are not a requirement, however, all Grads must have a mugshot taken for our yearbook (no cost).

Booking times are 30 minutes in length. You will be provided 8-10 photos in cap & gown and 8-10 casual photos. Props are welcomed (sports equipment, musical instruments, artwork, dance shoes, jerseys, etc...)

A sitting fee of \$30 is required at the time of the photo appointment.

GUYS: Wear a dress shirt and tie for the formal portion of your sitting

GIRLS: Wear a v-neck or scoop neck top for the formal portion of your sitting

*A note on booking appointments: Please arrive 15 minutes before your sitting time. Book your appointment on line at lifetouch.ca/southeralberta

*Please make prior arrangements with your teachers if you are planning to schedule hair, etc... types of appointments, AS WELL as for missing class time for your photo appointment.

3. Grad Turkey Dinner (Friday, December 8, 11:30-1:00)

With the support from Grads, parents, staff, and the community, this may continue to be one of the most successful fundraisers for the Grad class.

Grads, you may help by providing food or by helping in the gym. Also, parents, we would appreciate help in the Foods lab run by Mr. Graham.

GRAD 2018 Current and Upcoming Events

- CANDLE SALES began October 23 and will finish November 3. Please return all forms and payment to Room 2019.
- PIZZA & POP/WATER FUNDRAISER will continue to take place monthly. Pre-orders will first be taken, then pizza will be distributed on Thursday, November 30, during lunch.
- GRAD BOTTLE DRIVE is on Monday, November 27 (4:30-9:00) We are in need of student and parent helpers. Parents who are willing to drive are reminded to fill out and return all paperwork to Mrs. Baumgartner/Mrs. Stroeder.
- GRAD PHOTOS begin December 4 - 8. Sign up information and details will be provided at the Grade 12 meeting, Nov. 1.
- GRAD TURKEY DINNER will be held Friday, December 8. (11:30-1:00) More details to follow.

Grad Fees Reminder

At the beginning of the year, a base amount of \$120 for Commencement fees had been set. Students may have an opportunity to reduce or eliminate the fees by participating in fundraising activities.

We continue to look forward to working with you all as we move towards Grad 2018.

Thank you for your time and support; please let either of us know if you have any questions.

Mrs. Baumgartner & Mrs. Stroeder (Grad Advisors)

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it
if you can dream it, you can become it.

by William Arthur Ward

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