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Brooks Composite High School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the first edition of the BCHS newsletter for the 2013 – 2014 school year. We are excited to be back and are looking forward to working with you and your children to ensure the best opportunity for success is offered.

Much of our enthusiasm about the upcoming school year is a result of some promising trends we have seen in the past couple of years at BCHS.

First, we have continued to be a school where students are successfully graduating and are then going on to some post-secondary training. More than 60% of our students are studying at the post-secondary level.

Secondly, we have a very good high school completion rate, well above the provincial average.

Finally, in our annual satisfaction surveys, we have seen a significant increase in the number of students and parents who feel that BCHS is a safe and caring school.

I would encourage all parents to become involved in the education of their children. One of the easiest ways to do this is to stay in touch with the school. You can do this in a number of ways:

1. By Phone:

We have a 24 hour answering machine. If someone isn't able to answer, please leave a message. Our number is [403-362-4814](tel:403-362-4814)

2. By E-mail:

If you have an e-mail address, please let the school know and our teachers can contact you about your child's progress through e-mail. We also can provide you with daily announcements if you would like to know what's happening at the school. If you would like us to contact you in this way, please contact us at patricia.renn@grasslands.ab.ca and we will add your contact information to our files.

3. The School Web Site:

Have a look at the Information available on our web site <http://bchs.grasslands.ab.ca/> We update the information quite regularly and there are links to other important sites and documents that you might find useful.

4. The Newsletter:

We regularly communicate with all our parents/guardians through the **Newsletter**. We will continue to mail out two newsletters each semester with general information that should be of interest to all parents/guardians. We also have a feature on our website that allows you to subscribe to our newsletters and they will be e-mailed to you directly. Please take time to read through the information and note important dates. If you have any questions or comments about the school, please feel free to contact us by phone.

I look forward to meeting you as we work together in providing a quality education for your children.

Sincerely,

G. Jensen, Principal

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Special points of interest:

- Make sure you check out the calendar of events on Page 9
- Don't forget to look for your son/daughters report cards on Oct 18th
- Make sure you book an interview with your son/daughter's teachers on Oct 24 and 29th.
- Next SAC meeting is Oct 9th at 7:00 pm

Meet the new Staff

Mr. Adam Craig



Adam has an undergraduate and Masters degree in Kinesiology and an undergraduate degree in Education, all from

The University of Western Ontario. Prior to moving to Alberta, he taught mathematics in London and Fort Frances, ON.

Outside of the classroom, he enjoys coaching soccer and hockey and runs the strength & conditioning program for Alberta Hockey. Adam is married and has one child and is expecting a 2nd any day now.

Mrs. Maureen Jennissen



Maureen has worked with many ages of children, through Day-care, Pre-school, family support

worker, and School settings as an assistant. She loves to spend time with family/friends and enjoys scrapbooking, teaching traditional and digital scrapbooking, photography, gardening and walking. Maureen will be working with our special Ed students this year.

Mrs. Colleen Johnson



Colleen was born and raised in Idaho. She is married and is the mother of 3 children. She moved to

Brooks about 11 years ago to start the new Tim Horton's franchise on the north end of town. She also drives a school bus. Colleen will be working in the Cafeteria on a part-time basis.

Mrs. Trina Taylor



Trina was raised in Brooks and graduated from BCHS. She and her husband have 2 boys that keep me busy with swimming, soccer and football. She also has 2 golden retrievers that I love to spend time with. This year I will be assisting Mrs. Veroba, Miss. Jensen and Mrs. Stroeder in their classrooms.

Nicole Lalonde



Nicole is originally from Edson then went to the University of Lethbridge where she completed a Fine Arts Degree.

Nicole has experience working with young people at the Galt Museum the U of L Art Galley, and the YWCA. Nicole will be working with some of ESL students.

Mrs. Ria Powney



Ria is a graduate of BCHS and has 3 children that have also graduated from BCHS. Ria worked with the "Parents as Teachers" program at Grass-

lands School Division from 2002-2012. Throughout the next few months she is looking forward to helping with the Levels Program.

Mr. Ashenafi Yirgu

Ashenafi was born in Ethiopia and came to Canada in 2004. He



became a proud Canadian citizen in 2009. Ashenafi is married but has no children. Ashenafi is very interested in

current affairs and watches the news every day. He very much enjoys soccer. Ashenafi will be working within our ESL program.

Information Night for Parents of Students with Special

Now that your child is in high school you are probably starting to think about what you should do to prepare for their life after graduation. Denea Parker from Newell Community Action Group will be coming in on **October 9th at 7pm** (room 1106) to discuss this matter. She will discuss information regarding AISH, guardianship, career opportunities, support available around the community, PDD funding, post secondary school, special-



ized support, and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to come and join us that night. It is never too early to start thinking about your child's future! This information evening is for any parent with a child who has a learning code.

Mrs. Veroba, Mrs. Stroeder and Miss. Jensen

Grad Class News

Grad Class Activities

On Thursday, September 18, 2013, all grade 12 students received information to take home to parents with respect to Grad Class activities for the 2013 – 2014 school term. If you did not receive this information, please ask your son or daughter to pick it up at the office and bring it home, or phone the school to have it mailed to you. We would like to develop a list of grade 12 parent volunteers of the various fund raising activities we undertake during the year. If you are interested in volunteering at the **Grey Cup Bottle Drive (Nov 26)** or the **Grad Turkey Dinner (Dec 13)**, please contact Ms. S. Laverty, (Grad Advisor) at the school. Throughout the school

year, grade 12 students will receive events bulletins. These bulletins contain important information regarding commencement and fund raising activities.

Approximate dates for these bulletins are November, January, March, and April. Please keep an eye out for these bulletins.

Grad Photos have been booked for **Nov 18 – Nov 22, 2013**. More information on grad photos will be included in the November events bulletin.

Important Note: Commencement criteria were included in the July newsletter and may be found on **page 12 of the school agenda**, which each student received on the

first day of school.

You can also find this information on the **school web page** by following the links under the **Documents tab** and then going to **School Documents** link then to the **School Agenda** link. It is recommended that all students review the criteria and see Mr. Cowan if you have any questions.

Please keep an eye open for announcements concerning Grad activities. Information is always available at the office!!

Interested in Organizing After Grad Activities?

The planning process for the after grad activities for the Class of 2014 will be starting soon. We are fortunate that **Kelly Rasmussen** has volunteered to organize the first Parent meeting. She has already taken on the responsibility of contacting parents to discuss post-grad

activities.

If you feel that you would like to help, the first Grad Parent organizational meeting was held at the Bonanza Drilling shop (Martin subdivision, west of the CRA) at 7 pm on Wednesday Sept 18 .

If you have any questions or would be willing to provide some

help with the work that needs to be done, please contact her. She can be reached or by e-mail at kasmuss@xplornet.com and she will let you know how you can help.

School Start- Up Information

1. School Agendas Released.

All students now have a copy of the 2013– 2014 School Agenda. Please review the printed information in the agendas with your child, and encourage them to use the agenda as a tool for personal organization. The agenda includes relevant school information including policies and procedures. The majority of the agenda is dedicated to assisting students in planning and time management.

2. School Fees are due!

Important Notice **RE: PowerSchool and Fees**

If you have access to the Parent Portal the correct fee balance will not be activated until later in the first semester. If you are unsure about what the actual fees might be, please contact Mrs. Berringer at the School

General school fees were due at the start of September. If these have not been paid, you must do so right away. If you are not sure of the school fees for your child, please call Mrs. Berringer at the office to confirm the amount. If finances are difficult and a longer-term payment schedule is required, please arrange one with Mrs. Berringer or Mr. Jensen as soon as possible.

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3. Student/Parent and Visitor Parking

There are usually enough stalls in the student parking lot to accommodate most of our students. If a student cannot find a parking stall in the school parking lot, they are asked to park on the street. **Students should not park in Purcell Place, McKittrick Place or in Visitor parking** at the front of the school. Also, please do not park in the fire or bus lanes.

We would also ask all parents to please avoid dropping you child off in the bus lanes in the morning and after school. The bus lane is located directly in front of the school and is reserved for bus traffic only. We would appreciate your cooperation in dropping students off at the road or in the parking lot and to stay clear of the bus lanes.

4. 2012 – 2013 Yearbook to arrive soon!!



Thanks to last year's Yearbook Class and the expert guidance of Ms. Sullivan, and Ms. Jensen, the 2012-13 yearbooks are set to arrive by Oct

18. They will be distributed at the school – please listen for announcements of times and pick up locations.

5. Announcements by E-mail

In an effort to keep you up to date on the happenings at B.C.H.S., you are welcome to register with Mrs. Renn at the office to receive

the daily announcements by email. A mass mailing is done each day, barring technical difficulties, of the daily announcements made to students.

6. Attendance

Attendance at school has a direct impact on students' achievement, and for this reason, it is closely monitored at B.C.H.S. We request the assistance of parents in this regard and **ask that you phone the school when your son or daughter will be absent.** This information will be recorded at the office and serves to inform the administration that there is no need to investigate the absence further. Under the Grasslands Public Schools' attendance policy, absences essentially fall into three categories as outlined below:

Unavoidable absences. These are absences which are considered excusable and are outlined in Section 8 of the School Act. They include such things as illness, bereavement, and other unavoidable causes.

Accompanying parent. These are absences where students are accompanying parents on trips, vacations, or other family outings. These absences are subject to certain conditions and require that students and parents follow specific procedures as outline on page 24 –25 of the School Agenda. Briefly, these state that:

Parents must notify the school before the absences occurs. Students must make arrangements with each of their teachers regarding work missed before the absence occurs. Teachers are only obligated to provide extra help to students in cases of unavoidable absence.

Failure to comply with the above

may result in disciplinary action and/or loss of marks.

Truancy: Truancy refers to all absences that do not fall into the categories listed above or any absence without an acceptable reason. The consequences of truancy are outlined on pages 26 – 27 of the School Agenda.

Note: The term "absence" is defined as missing any part of a scheduled class.

Our school considers truancy as a serious matter as it is one of the factors that most contributes to student success in school. As a result, BCHS has formulated the following interventions to curb truancy and improve attendance and learning.

- First Infraction – detention and / or time restitution
- Second infraction – Truancy letter issued and additional detention time.
- Third infraction – second truancy issued and an attendance contract is drawn up or attend alternate school
- Fourth infraction – suggestion to attend alternate school or suspension from school
- Saturday School - An Alternative to Suspension

In some instances, the vice-principal may offer alternatives to suspension from school. That alternative would be for a student to attend one or more three-hour sessions of Saturday school, dependant upon the nature of the student offence. This option would allow the school an opportunity to deal with discipline issues in such a way that further absences from school may be avoided. If this option is offered to a student, it will be discussed with the parent/guardian beforehand.

School Start-up information (continued from page 4)

7. School Advisory Council

A School Council Meeting was held on **September 11, 2013**. Unfortunately the attendance was low. The Council will hold its **next meeting October 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.** at the school. All parents are encouraged to attend any or all of the School Council meetings throughout the year. A few days before each meeting, an agenda is sent home with each student advising of the meeting and topics. If you feel you would like more information about the school, please plan on attending. Topics range from current programs, budget, and future programs.

School Council members to date include: **Lianna Nielsen, Dalene Dingwall, Deanna Kemp, Tammy Jamieson, Chetna Sharma, Charlotte Dyck and Tammy Vincent**

Parents from the School Council are critical to the decision making processes at B.C.H.S. We utilize a SBM (site based management) team approach that requires parental involvement in specific areas in the management of the school. Parent reps provide valuable insight for the following SBM teams:

- **Budget Team**
- **Policy Team**
- **Curriculum Development Team**
- **Student Affairs (extracurricular) Team**
- **School Discipline Committee**
- **Site Based Management School Team**

If you have an interest in one of the teams mentioned, or would like further information on our SBM model, please contact Mr. Jensen at the school.

8. Information from Alberta Education

Alberta Learning has a lot of information for parents about education available on their website at http://ednet.edc.gov.ab.ca/k_12/

a) There is information about any new curriculum available at: <http://ednet.edc.gov.ab.ca/parents/handbooks/>

If you have difficulty accessing the information, please call the school for assistance.

Academic Awards and Scholarships

Academic Awards Program

The academic awards program will be held on **October 11, 2013**, in the school gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. (Coffee and Dessert at 6:30) Parents of students who qualified for awards in 2012 – 2013 should be receiving an information letter shortly.

Also being presented are recipients of the Rutherford Scholarship Awards for academic excellence. We are proud to recognize 36 grade 12 students registered in a post secondary program with Rutherford Scholarships totaling **\$65,900**.

The community support of our local scholarship program is simply outstanding, and continues to grow every year. The total value of these scholarships now exceed \$30,000 annually. The following scholarships are included in this program.

- Elks Leadership
- Conoco Phillips
- Kiwanis Armstrong Trust
- Premier's Citizenship Award
- Kinsmen Citizenship Award
- Alberta Summer Games Athletic
- Brooks Masonic Foundation
- Collister Memorial Scholarship
- Lions (Tim Ireland Memorial)
- Lions (Lloyd Colbens)
- Chinook Credit Union
- ATA
- Donna & Mickey Hajash
– 1 male and 1 female
- The "Spirit of B.C.H.S."
- Excellence Award for Improvement
– 1 male & 1 female
- Governor General's Medal
- Brooks & District Retired Teachers'
- Ellen E. Thompson S
- Rotary Scholarship
- The Tyler Hemsing Memorial
- InterPipeline Fund Discovery Award
- Knights of Columbus
- Kudu Industries Science and Petroleum Industry
- James Nesbitt Memorial
- The Ron and Doreen Brandt
- Chamber of Commerce
- Lifetouch

For more information about this



SCHOLARSHIPS

Counseling Services Available at BCHS

B.C.H.S. offers several counseling services to our students including:

Personal counseling:

We hope to have 2 Personal Counselors in our school providing service to BCHS again this year. Ms. Allyson Honig has returned and we are looking for a 2nd counsellor so that counselling services are available to students every day of the week.

Academic Counseling:

Mr. Cowan is responsible for all academic counseling.

Career Counseling:

Ms. Ferris is our part-time career counselor. She has provided an attachment about her program later in this newsletter.

Prevention and Education Counseling:

Mrs. Materi does alcohol/drug prevention and education counseling in addition to providing substance abuse education programs to all schools in Grasslands. To contact any one of our counselors, please call the school office.

1. Personal Counseling

Allyson Honig & Mike Heninger

Welcome to the 2013-14 school year. As Family School Liaison Counsellors our role within the school is to support students (and their families) who are experiencing difficulties at school, home or within the community. Whether a student is struggling with course work, or maybe they are having relationship issues, or perhaps they are feeling overwhelmed with everything going on in life, getting a referral to meet with the FSLC may be helpful. Students are provided with emotional support, information, and/or can be connected to further resources. All sessions are confidential.

Allyson's office is located in Room 1418 by the Career Pit and Mike's office is Room 1508 in the back hallway. One or both of the counsellors

will be available each day of the week.

2. Career Counseling

Myrna Ferris

What is a career?

Your career is the sum total of your life's experiences. It includes your paid and unpaid work, your community and volunteer activities, your family activities, your hobbies and interests. It also includes all of the work, leisure, community and family roles that you take on throughout your life. Your career changes as you change roles.

Your work and other aspects of your life are not separate; they are interconnected parts of your career. Your career journey is a journey, not a destination, on this journey, you will be making decisions regarding your work life, your lifestyle and your personal growth. To make the best decisions, you need to be well informed!

DID YOU KNOW?

Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor for lacking ideas. He also went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland.

Thomas Edison was told that he was too stupid to learn anything. When Edison undertook the development of the electric light, a body of distinguished experts agreed that his efforts were "unworthy of the attention of practical or scientific men."

Henry Ford went broke five times before he succeeded in building Ford.

Richard Hooker worked for seven years on his war novel, "M*A*S*H" only to have it rejected by 21 publishers before Morrow decided to publish it. It became a runaway bestseller, spawning a block-busting movie and a highly successful television series.

Students have many questions about their career, their career direction, how to find schools (technical schools, colleges, and universities). What about scholarships, work experience, job shadowing, along with school applications, admissions, grade point averages, and a wide range of other career related questions?

I am a career counselor and I love my work. I am available to talk with you and your child regarding life planning, career options, post-secondary or job search preparation. I enjoy helping your child in setting goals so that he or she can be excited about their future. I am also eager to be a resource for you, the parent, in assisting you with ideas and information on how best to prepare your child for life after high school. Feel free to stop by my office any time (room 1417); I'd love to talk with you.

Upcoming Events

U of Lethbridge Open House

- Saturday October 5 @ 10 -3 pm

Bow Valley College Open House

- Saturday October 19 @ 10-3 pm

U of Alberta Open House

- October 19 @ 9 am - 4 pm

U of Calgary Open House

- November 2 (no time stated)

SAIT Open House

- October 18 & 19 @ 9 - 4 pm

3. Prevention and Education Counseling

Tracey Materi

My role in Grasslands is to provide prevention presentations, offer supports to students using substances and their family members. I am also the advisor for the SADD (Students Against Drinking and Driving) Chapter. My unique position also allows me to participate on other community committees such as the Brooks

Counseling Services at BCHS (Continued from page 6)

and District Resiliency Committee and the Brooks and District Drug Task Force.

The programs I teach are on Life Skills such as Self-Esteem, Peer Pressure and Assertiveness and education on substances like Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco for Grades 3-12.

All schools, students and families within Grasslands can access my service.

My main office is located at Brooks Composite High School and can be reached by phone 403-362-4814, or through e-mail:

tracey.materi@grasslands.ab.ca

You can also meet me at Parent Teacher Interview evenings with a table of information available to take home. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

SADD (Students Against Drinking and Driving)

SADD will be meeting weekly every **Wednesday** from 12:20-12:50! We are a group that works to promote safe and sober driving within our school and the community. We invite all students to come and attend the meetings, and get involved with the activities!

We are currently **in NEED of Grade 10's and 11's** to join our group!

This is a great way to meet new people, have fun, build your resume and make a difference in our school and community! We host several different events such as SADD Week with White Out Day, Mock Accidents and several more! We also have the opportunity to go to Edmonton for the SADD Conference, this is a big event where stu-

dents from across Alberta get to meet each other and share their ideas and passion for saving people from drinking and driving. **The Conference is Nov 15 & 16, 2013 so any students interested in attending should come speak with Mrs. Materi right away.**

Other SADD activities and events that we will be hosting will be posted in the schools as well as in the paper for the community activities! If you would like more information on SADD please contact Tracey Materi: 403-362-4814 or tracey.materi@grasslands.ab.ca



News from around the school

1. The Cafeteria

Elaine Shi and Siew Lai, along with Mrs. Johnson, would like to welcome all of the students at BCHS to drop by and see what we have to offer in the cafeteria.

The cafeteria is open from **8:00am to 1:30 pm** and offers a wide variety of healthy options. We serve breakfast sandwiches, muffins, yogurt, fruit and veggie baskets, wraps, soup, sandwiches and a hot lunch daily.

Our prices are very reasonable and for convenience, we sell a lunch card that gives you \$32.00 worth of food but is offered for only \$30.00. As you purchase items, their value is crossed off the card. This eliminates the need to keep cash on hand and there is no expiry date. Should you wish to purchase a lunch card, please see Elaine at the cafeteria. Please make cheques payable to B.C.H.S. Cafeteria.

See you at the cafeteria!

Note: For student convenience a cash machine is located at the front of the school.

2. Fine Arts

Drama: The Drama class/club will be busy preparing for some performances of **Arsenic and Old Lace**. Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals start at 3:30 in the Drama room. There is still room for more cast members, and if you are interested in being a crew member. We will be looking for stage hands, set designers, costume directors, and light technicians in the near future. Contact Mrs. Olsen for more details.

Stay tuned for more information about a performance later in the semester.

Art / Photography: The year is off to a fantastic start in the Visual Art department at BCHS! The students are showing

tremendous talent and initiative and are great to work with! BCHS will be bringing in professional art work from time to time over the course of the year. Watch for more information on these shows as information becomes available.

In photography class, students are learning some basics before going on one or two photography field trips to enhance their skills.

3. Music Department

The BCHS Concert and Stage band are once again back in "full swing" making music and creating memories! This year is a banner year for the school's band department as they have been invited to compete at "The Nationals - Musicfest Canada" in Vancouver during the week of May 13 - 17 of 2014. This is an honour to be invited and acknowledges the band's level of ability and talent as they square off against bands from all over the na-

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tion. More information will follow but parents are invited to let their names stand as chaperones. Please contact Mr. Stone if interested.

October plans include a "Fall Yard Cleanup" fundraiser, so if you would like the kids to come over and clean up your yard, please contact me for more details and I will send you to the right people. January holds another great fundraising opportunity as we have scheduled our Casino for Jan 11 and 12. Please contact Harold Nielsen (403 362-4849) if you are willing to pull a shift or two to help raise money for the kids to attend Musicfest Canada. It's going to be a great year and we invite everybody to join us at our concerts, trips and fundraisers!

4. The Library

Watch for the upgraded Destiny Library Program and Library Catalog in October. The BCHS Library catalog will be available online and will include a variety of new features. These will include e-books (as we purchase them), the ability to search for titles in the catalog, and the Alberta Education On-Line Reference Center. Book reserves, e-books and research in magazines, books and encyclopedias will soon be done from your home computer, right from the new library program.

5. Cosmetology

The 2013-2014 BCHS Cosmetology class is back in business. They can provide new services to the community once again. With more skilled and experienced students, the class has a lot to offer from hairstyles, cuts, colors, perms as well as facials manicures, pedicures, and waxing.

Their work is very professional as for a great inexpensive price, ranging from \$3.00 - \$30.00. We welcome anyone to arrive between 11:00am - 2:00pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Also this year the cosmetology class would love to have a bottle drive, for they need to raise money to attend the ABA hair show.

At the ABA hair show the student's have the opportunity to gain further knowledge in cosmetology related skills. They also learn more advanced & new hairstyling techniques etc. All donations are welcome and to be given to the BCHS cosmetology students. Please help the Cosmetology students raise money, it would be greatly appreciated.

6. Athletics

Extracurricular athletics is in full swing. Active teams at this time include football, cross country running, cheerleading, golf, 2 senior volleyball and 1 J.V. volleyball team. Thank you to the coaches and parents for all their great support. Please come out and support our teams at home games and tournaments.



7. Students traveling with Extracurricular Programs

B.C.H.S. students are occasionally required to travel with teams, clubs, or physical education classes to a variety of activities during the school year. Some of this travel requires that students miss class time from other subjects. Please be reminded that ***it is the students' responsibility to make arrangements with their subject teachers before they travel***, and to pick up missed homework and assignments. This will ensure that no work is missed during the trip. If extra help is needed after the trip, students must make arrangements with the teachers for a mutually agreed upon time and/or attend the tutoring sessions.

Character Corner

1. Terry Fox run

On **Tuesday, Sept 24**, the entire student body and staff at BCHS will be walking to raise money for Cancer research. This year is the 33rd anniversary of the Marathon of Hope. Please help us raise money for Cancer Research. Pledge Sheets are available at the School Office. Donations of \$20 or more

are tax receiptable.

2. Shoebox Drive

The time has come again to start searching for some shoeboxes to fill to send abroad for Operation Christmas Child. Students of BCHS will be encouraged to participate in this great charity experience. Boxes will be collected **November 22** with ISCF organizing all the details for

collection. Start finding items now - anything from toiletry items to clothing articles, to small toys. It is truly a rewarding activity to bless a needy child with a Christmas gift! Our goal is to exceed **100 boxes** this year. Help us fulfill this goal by working with your child to put a box together. For more information check out www.samaritanpurse.ca/occ/

October 2013


Schedule of Events for October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 	5 Japanese Exchange students leave
6	7 Visit to Lethbridge College Career day	8	9 Parent Council 7:00pm	10	11 Lieu day—No School Awards night	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day—No School 	15	16	17	18 Report Card Release SAIT open house	19
20	21	22 Picture re-takes	23	24 Parent—Teacher Interviews	25	26
27	28	29 Parent—Teacher Interviews	30	31 Halloween 		

- Oct 1—League volleyball
- Oct 3—Cross country running zones
- Oct 4—Career Fair at BCHS—parents welcome
- Oct 4 & 5- V-Ball @ Canmore (sr. Girls)
- Oct 7 visit to Lethbridge College
- Oct 8—League Volleyball
- Oct 9—SAC meeting—7:00 in the office
- Oct 11—Lieu Day no School
—Academic Awards 6:30 pm in the gym
— Football vs Drumheller (home)
- Oct 11 & 12—Sr. Girls V-ball @ Vauxhall
- Oct 14—Thanksgiving Monday—No School
- Oct 15—Football- Rangeland Quarter-final (TBA)
- Oct 18- Report Cards are issued to students
- Football League Semi-final (TBA)
- Oct 18 & 19—Sr boys & Girls V-Ball at CHHS
-JV girls tournament (home)
- Oct 22— Picture Re-takes
- Oct 23—League Volleyball
- Oct 24—Parent-Teacher interviews 4:30—8:00 pm
- Oct 25— Rangeland football finals (TBA)
- Oct 25 & 26— Sr. Boys at MHHS
— Sr. Girls @ Olds
- Jv Girls in Eagle Butte
- Oct 29 & 30—Oct 29—Parent—Teacher interviews 4:30—8:00 pm

November 2013

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3	4	5	6	7 Remembrance day ceremony at school	8 Lieu Day—No School	9
10 	11 Remembrance Day Holiday	12 PD—Day No School	13 Parent Council 7:00pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 shoeboxes are due	23
24	25 Report card release week	26	27	28	29	30

- Nov 1 & 2 — Sr. Boys & Girls @ Strathmore
- JV girls in Med. Hat
- Nov 2—Provincial football—TBA
- Nov 6/7 — Grasslands League Volleyball playoffs
- Nov 7—School Wide Remembrance Day ceremony— Dress Formal day
- Nov 8— Lieu Day—no School
- Nov 9— Provincial football Semis —TBA
- Nov 11—Remembrance day—no school
- Nov 12- Grasslands District wide PD Day—No School
- Nov 13 —SAC Meeting 7:00 pm in school Office
- Nov 15 & 16—Sr. Girls Zones (Cochrane)
- Sr. Boys Zones (Strathmore)
- JV. Girls zones (Airdrie)
- Nov 16—Football provincial Finals
- Nov 22—Christmas shoeboxes due.
- Nov 28-30 Volleyball Provincials
- Nov 25—29 Report Card 2 issued by individual teachers.

GRASSLANDS SCHOOL DIVISION

Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555

Your business tag line
▶ here.

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



OCTOBER BOARD BITS

The Grasslands Board of Education would like to welcome our students, staff and parents back to school for what we hope will be an exciting year full of "learning...achieving...succeeding". A very special welcome goes out to those of you who are new to our jurisdiction.

We would like to remind everyone that school trustee elections take place on October 21st, 2013. Advance polls are open on Oct 12, 18 and 19 from 11:00—6:00. As a community, ensuring our young people become well-educated and well-rounded citizens is one of the most important things we can do. Because school board policies and decisions directly impact the education and development of the children in our communities, having good trustee candidates in this upcoming election is critical.

The date to file nomination papers is September 23, 2013. Nomination packages are available at our central office and on our website at www.grasslands.ab.ca. Trustees are also available to speak about trusteeship. Please call our central office at 403-793-6700 if you need more information.

Best wishes for a successful 2013-2014 school year!

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Opportunities for Parents and Students

1. B.C.H.S./ Japan Exchange

B.C.H.S. will once again play host to 4 students and a teacher from our sister school in Hokkaido, Japan. The delegation will be here from **Sept 28 – Oct 5th** and will be billeted to homes of our students. BCHS will send a delegation of students and a teacher to Japan in April 2014. Students will be billeted with a Japanese family and learn about Japanese Culture. Please listen for announcements regarding this opportunity in February.



2. Remembrance Day Ceremony at BCHS

On Nov 7, the students and staff will be holding a Remembrance Day ceremony in the Gym. This is an opportunity for BCHS to pay tribute to the men and women who have served this country with such courage and dedication.

The students organize and conduct the service and it features the performances by the school band and speeches and readings by our Student Body. We also have the Legion Colour guard participate in the ceremony as well.

Parents are invited to attend this solemn and special occasion with us. The ceremony will get under way at 11:10 on Thursday, Nov 7, 2013 in the gym



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

3. Career Fair

On October 5, 2013 approximately 20 post-secondary schools from across western Canada will be at BCHS to promote their schools and their programs. Students will be provided an opportunity to visit with representatives from these schools to ask about their programs.

These representatives will be here from 9:00—11:00 am only so if you would like to find out about what some of these schools have to offer, you are more than welcome to attend with your son or daughter.

