

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE *April* NEWSLETTER

Music Notes... a one and a two

The Barrhead School Bands have enjoyed great success in their performances. Plans are underway for the Barrhead Wind Ensemble to attend a band festival in Anaheim, California from April 16 to April 21. Our students will have the opportunity to hear and to perform for some of the finest high school bands from the United States and Canada. This trip would not have been possible without the tremendous work and effort of the band boosters association in all of their fundraising activities. Thank you to all the parents and community members who have contributed to the band program.

On another note...

With the cooperation of FCSS, a cyberbullying musical production has been booked for the junior high students on the afternoon of April 15th. Multi Youth Productions from Stony Plain will be presenting a one hour musical directed at the topic of cyberbullying. They will be presenting an important message regarding the inappropriate messages and bullying that occur via the internet. This will take place at 2:15 in the center gym.

Junior and Senior High Progress Reports

Teachers will be preparing progress reports for grades 7 - 12 students. A report package will be sealed and sent home with your child on April 19th. The password and website for Powerschool access for each student will be included in the package so that you are able to view your child's attendance and assessment at any time. If you wish to talk to any teacher please call the office and a meeting will be arranged for you.

April is Registration Month

During the month of April we have students select the courses they wish to take the following year and to collect data upon which to create the school year master timetable. During the week of April 19th the students currently in grades seven, eight, ten, and eleven will be taking home a registration package and they will be asked to choose their courses. Teachers will be discussing with students the various course requirements for the high school courses. If you have any questions please call the office and we will assist you and your child with their course selections.

Students going into grades seven and ten have a more extensive orientation. The current grade nine students will have the opportunity to :

1. Complete a career inventory. On April 14, the grade nine students will take part in a Learning Clicks presentation in preparation for their course selection. Also

during the week of April 26th to April 30th they will be working with Mrs. Gammel through the DISCOVERY inventory for the same purpose.

2. Take a tour of the high school labs and talk to the teachers.

3. Take a preplanning session with Mrs. Renkema, Mrs. Fischer and Mr. Ferguson.

4. Attend an information evening with their parents on April 19th at 7:15 pm in the Drama Theatre.

In the same month, the current grade six students who will be attending our school next year will be visited by Mrs. Renkema, Mrs. Fischer and Mr. Ferguson. They will also have a tour of the school and talk to the teachers. The grade six students and their parents are invited to an information evening on April 26 at 7:15 pm in the Drama Theatre. It is an exciting and busy month.....

Senior Travel Club

The BCHS Senior High Travel Club is planning for their next tour at Spring Break 2011. Their destination is "The South Pacific". Highlights will include: Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. There will be a parent/student informational meeting on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the BCHS Library.

Tutors

Math tutoring is available every Wednesday with Mrs. Bessette (room 51) and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 pm with Mr. Tansowny (room 60). Drop in when you need extra help or go regularly—Make Math Sense! Other tutoring is available, give Ms. Miller or Mr. Ferguson a call.

Spectator Policy

Spring usually brings out unusual behaviors in some teenagers, so much so that some teens resort to the use of aggression to solve problems. Because we want a safe and caring school, we will be suspending students who are participants and spectators at these student confrontations. It is our belief that if there are no spectators, confrontations (physical fights) between teens would not escalate. Those who are participants will be referred to the RCMP where potential charges could be laid for disturbing the peace or assault. We regret having to take these steps but it is imperative that we ensure the safety of our students.

Practice...

A school lockdown and a fire drill will be held in April and May. The intent of these activities is to practice drills that will protect students and staff in different situations.

Visitors

It is imperative that all visitors to the school check in at the office. For the safety of all, knowing who is in the building is very important. Visitors are reminded that they must use the main doors to enter the school and exit by the same doors so we know who has entered and left the building.

Skateboards, In-line Skates and Bikes

Just a reminder to parents and students regarding the guidelines established by our school for the use of this equipment:

1. Approved helmets must be worn on school property during school hours (8:30 am - 4:00 pm).

2. Skating and boarding are limited to the front (south side) lane sidewalk between the Junior High gymnasium and the High School main entrance.

3. Skaters, boarders and bikers are not to use the patio in front of the school at any time.

4. Skaters, boarders and bikers are to stop moving when vehicles enter the practice zone.

When these guidelines are not followed, the administrative team will warn the student on the first infraction, remove the item for a day on the second infraction, and have the parent pick up the item on the third infraction (the item is never to return to school). Although these activities are healthy recreational activities we are concerned about safety and showing respect to pedestrians and drivers.

Don't Forget

Professional Development Day April 16th - No School
Early Dismissal Day April 28th

We will see you at the Parent Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 27 at 4:45 pm in the School Library— Please join us for information and discussion regarding the operation of the school.

Questions? Give us a call. We have a great school resource and administrative team to help you with school and student related questions and issues. Principal Mrs. Renkema, Associate Principal Mrs. Fischer, Student Coordinator Mr. Ferguson, and Counsellors Ms. Miller and Mrs. Ladan, are available to answer your questions and to assist you with student issues. Call us at (780) 674-8522.



Check out the school website:

www.barrheadcomposite.ca

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE APRIL CALENDAR ... 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
			1	GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL	2	3	4
EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	Classes Resume	Sr Travel Club Returns from Europe				Edmonton Regional Skills Competition Jr. High Sr. Jags Badminton @ Fort Saskatchewan	11 Apr 10 & 11 Edmonton Regional Science Fair @ NAIT Campus
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	1	2	1	5		
Student Grad Fees \$70 payable from Apr. 12 to 26		Learning Clicks Presentation for Gr. 9's	Cyberbullying Presentation for Grs 7-9 @ 2:15 pm Grad Bake Sale @ Co-op	PD DAY NO SCHOOL	16	17	18
2	6	1	1	2	2	BCHS HOSTS JAGS BADMINTON TOURNAMENT	
Parent/Student Information Meeting for Current Gr 9 students, 7:15 pm in the Drama Theatre			Sr High Conference Badminton in Whitecourt	Jr High PHRD Badminton Divisionals at RFS	23	24	25
2	4	1	1	2	2	APR. 24 - MAY 1 GR. 9 FRENCH STUDENTS TO DEGELIS, QUEBEC	
Parent/Student Information Meeting for Current Gr 6 students, 7:15 pm in the Drama Theatre	Mechanics Field Trip to Pro-Stock & Campbell Automotive Performance PAC Meeting @ BCHS Library 4:45 p.m.	Early Dismissal	Sr. High Zone Badminton @ BCHS	Apr 26 - 30 Gr. 9 students will work through the DISCOVERY inventory in preparation for course selection for Gr. 10	30	APR. 29, 30 & MAY 1 DRAMA FESTIVAL IN SPRUCE GROVE - JR AND SR HIGH	
1	3	2	2	1	1		