

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE NEWSLETTER

March

Welcome to our Visitors

The Barrhead and District Twinning Committee has informed us that students from our twin town of Tokoro, Japan will be visiting us in March. They will be joining us during the week of March 15 and visiting our classes to share their experiences.

The students in our French program will be hosting the Quebec exchange students from March 6 to 13 for a week filled with activities. Mme Valerie Bessette and Mme Ainsley de Champlain have organized the exchange as a cultural learning experience for our students.

Thank you to our students and their families for making our guests' experiences memorable.

The senior high travel club is leaving on March 26 for Switzerland, Italy and France, returning on April 7. They intend to have a great educational tour. Bon voyage!

Graduation

All grade twelve students should have received a grad handbook with their Semester I final report cards. If you have not received your copy, please call the school office at (780) 674-8522. The BCHS student graduation council elections have taken place. The results are in and congratulations to:



President Kim Rossman
 Vice President Tessa Vriend
 Secretary Janna Ehrenholz
 Treasurer Valerie Ehrenholz
 Decorating Dehla Widdup & Kaylee Cole
 DVD Editor Geminie Kelly
 Grad Book Kaitlyn Adams with Kyrie Bauer and Rebecca Rogerson

Students organize and present the afternoon graduation ceremony while the parents organize and present an evening social function called "Celebrations". Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Coulter are the grad council staff advisors.



Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our teachers are very concerned about your child's progress. At BCHS, teachers will contact you throughout each semester to make you aware of your child's progress. But in addition to those meetings, the school has scheduled student-parent-teacher interviews in the evenings of March 16, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, and March 17, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, for both junior and senior high. Please call the office at (780)674-8522 for appointment times. If you cannot attend on either of those evenings, a mutually convenient alternate date will be arranged for you.



Grade Nine Ski Trip

Just a reminder that the grade nine students have gone to Tawatinaw to practice their skiing for their trip to Jasper which takes place from March 7 to 9. Please ensure your signed fieldtrip consent forms have been handed in. We also want to remind students to complete their volunteer hours.

Parent Council

The BCHS parent council will meet at 4:45 pm in the BCHS Library on March 25. Please join us as there will be a presentation regarding useage of cellphones in the school. Students and staff will talk about the pros and cons of allowing cellphones in the school and classrooms. Join us-we need you!

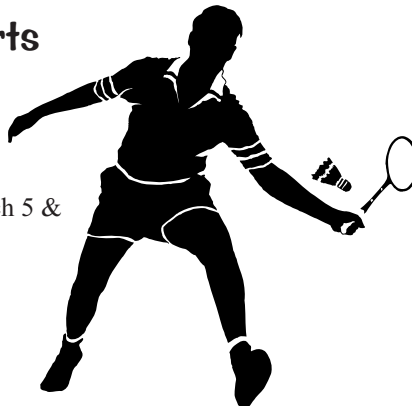


Doors

Our school has an automated security system in place to ensure that our school is secure. All of the outside doors will automatically lock at 4:00 pm on school days with the exception of the main door by the office which is open until 8:00 pm on school days. If you wish to enter the school after hours, please use the main doors by the office. If you visit the school during the day, please use the main entrance as well and check in at the office so that we are aware who is in the school in case of an emergency.

Spring Sports

Basketball is ending in March and BCHS is hosting the junior high divisional championships on March 5 & 6. You can watch our students display their basketball talents at this event. On the same weekend, the JV Gryphon basketball teams will be playing in zone competition, the boys at St. Thomas Aquinas in Spruce Grove and the girls in Athabasca. On March 12 and 13, the Sr Gryphon basketball teams will play in the zone championships, the girls will travel to Morinville and the boys will be at St. Thomas Aquinas in Spruce Grove. The end of the basketball season signifies the beginning of the badminton season. In the junior high school, students are asked to tryout for the school team according to the schedule that will be posted on the gymnasium wall. Competition at this level is based upon the grade the students are registered in. The eliminations usually start after school according to the grade level. Senior high badminton tryouts are based upon the students' age rather than the grade. Gymnasiums are open at noon on a rotational basis for the students. Although we supply racquets, students often want to own a racquet and can contact the Physical Education Department for further information.



Dates to Remember

March 5	PD Day - No School
March 16 and March 17	Evening Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews
March 19	PD Day - No School
March 24	Early Dismissal - 2:30 pm
March 25	Parent Council Meeting
March 29 to April 5	Spring Break - No School
April 6	Classes Resume

Any questions? Call us at the school, (780)674-8522, Mrs. P. Renkema, Principal, and Mrs. K. Fischer, Associate Principal.

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE MARCH CALENDAR ... 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 9-4 Party Program	3	4 MARCH MADNESS	5 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	6 Jr Gryphon BB Zones, Boys @ STA in Spruce Grove, Girls @ Athabasca	7
1	2	3	4	MAR. 5 & 6 - BCHS HOSTING JR HIGH BB DIVISIONALS		
MARCH 7, 8, 9 Grade 9 Ski Trip to Jasper	8	9	10	11 Westlock Local Science Fair	12	13
1	5	6	1	2	MAR. 12 & 13 - SR. GRYPHON BB ZONES, BOYS @ STA IN SPRUCE GROVE, GIRLS @ MORINVILLE	
15	16 S/P/T Interviews for Jr and Sr, 5:00 - 8:00 pm	17 Band Fruit Pickup @ Agrena Multi-purpose Room, Noon to 9:00 pm.	18	19 PD DAY NO SCHOOL	20	21
2	4	5	1	MAR. 19 & 20 - JR HIGH ZONE BB, SR HIGH PROVINCIAL BB		
22	23	24 Early Dismissal	25 PAC Meeting @ BCHS Library 4:45 pm	26 Sr. Travel Club departs for Switzerland, Italy and France - Returning April 7	27	28
1	3	4	2	6	1	
29	30	31	SPRING BREAK			