

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE NEWSLETTER

September

School Days are Here Again... Welcome Back!!

Welcome students and parents to another great year at BCHS. We have few changes this year to our staff. A new teacher at the school this year is Mr. Colin Erickson. Mr. Erickson is teaching Mathematics in the senior high and Math and Physical Education in the junior high. Mrs. Bondarchuk and Mrs. Hiemstra have become AISI coaches and will be assisting PHRD staff as well as teaching in our school.

Our School Priorities for this year are:

- Increased Academic Achievement
- Increased High School Completion
- Increased Involvement of Our Parents and Community In Our School

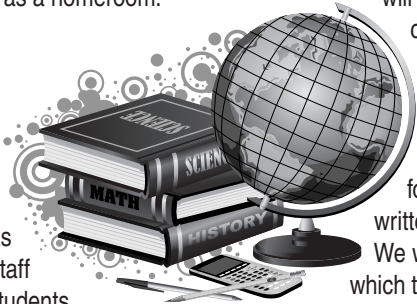
If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns regarding these, please call the office and talk to Mrs. Renkema, the Principal, or Mrs. Fischer, the Associate Principal.

Homerooms...

To begin the school year, students were asked to attend their homerooms. Every student in grades 7 - 12 has been assigned a homeroom. The junior high students will attend their homeroom weekly and senior high students will generally have monthly scheduled homerooms. It is very important that students attend these sessions as they will be given information regarding student affairs and activities. Students will also participate in many activities as a homeroom.

School Website...

Check out our school website. It has all of the latest information regarding school activities and the teachers' daily homework assignments. The school calendar has all of the school events posted and staff may post messages to parents and students. www.barrheadcomposite.ca



Fundraising

BCHS recognizes that fundraising is necessary if we want to provide additional opportunities for all students. We fundraise to subsidize excursions, athletic events, cultural events, and cover the cost of special events such as Awards Nights, COOL Camp, guest speakers and presentations. We appreciate the support that parents and the community have given us. So...Junior High Magazine campaign will begin September 28, the BAND Chocolate Fundraiser is Sept 9th to Sept 23rd.

Say Cheese... School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Thursday morning, September 9. We would remind students that even if they are not purchasing photos we need you to have a picture taken for school identification.

Questions about Driver's Education

Parents have asked if a Driver's Education Program may be used for senior high students to receive high school credits. Alberta Education does not recognize any driver's ed program for school credits. The Driver's Education program is delivered by private operators to students and students pay a fee for those services. Driver's Education information is available at the general office.



Fee Collection

The school fee structure was created by PHRD to provide students with the opportunity of renting textbooks instead of having to purchase them. By the end of September your child will have received an invoice itemizing their fees. Your child can drop off their school fees in the school office at your convenience. Please make cheques payable to PHRD. Our intent is to not apply pressure for the fees to be paid but to provide a service. If you are unable to accumulate the monies for the fee payment please inform us through a written note how you would like to manage this billing. We will collect in the office until the end of October after which the accounts are sent to Regional Office for invoicing.

After School Activities

At BCHS we try to offer a wide range of activities. The clubs and teams are listed in the school handbook and information is posted on the school website. If you would like more details of these activities please contact the office. On behalf of the students who access these activities, we would like to thank the staff and community members for volunteering their time as coaches and supervisors. Senior High volleyball, cross country and golf are active in the first week of school. The junior high volleyball tryouts begin Sept 7.

Awards Nights... Change this year

Usually the junior high awards night and the senior high awards night are held in the week prior to the Thanksgiving weekend. However, this year the junior high awards night and the senior high awards nights will be held one week later...on October 14 - Junior High Awards and on October 15- Senior High Awards. Parents will be contacted before those dates if their child is receiving an award.

Senior High Travel Club

Want to travel to the South Pacific? Join the senior high travel club for their 14 day tour of Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji during Spring Break 2011. Contact Mr. Sheridan or Mrs. McLean at the school for more information.

Band Parents and Band Boosters... Music...

Grade 7 Band parent meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 7:00 pm in the band room and the General meeting will follow on Sept. 8th at 7:30 pm in the band room....

Lockers...

Wow! - New Locker Doors...

This year the homeroom teacher assigned lockers to students. Students are required to sign a locker agreement for the use of an assigned locker. Students must place a lock on their locker and they are not able to change lockers without administrative approval. Lockers may be searched at any time by the school administration. Unused lockers will be locked by the school administration to prevent the unauthorized use of the lockers.

School Parent Council... You are needed...

Please attend the school council meetings...we need your input and advice....join us.....

Next meeting....school library at 4:45 pm...
September 28th.....find out what's happening...

Questions about the school operation? Call the office: (780) 674-8522 and talk to the school administration: Principal, Mrs. Pauletta Renkema, and Associate Principal, Mrs. Karen Fischer or email us through the school website.

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR ... 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cross Country Practices: Mon to Thurs. 3:30 to 4:30 pm Band Chocolate Sales Fundraiser - Sept. 9 to 23 Jr. High Gr. 8/9 VB Tryouts Girls - Mon/Wed starting Sept. 8 Boys - Tues/Thurs. starting Sept. 7		1	2	3	4	5
Labour Day		Gr. 7 Band Meeting 7:00 pm - Band Room and General Mtg at 7:30 pm	School Photos	Sept. 3&4 - Alumni VB Tournament (28th Annual)		
	Gr. 9 French Trip Parent Meeting at 7:00 pm - Room 4		Jr. High Cross Country Race at Westlock Golf Course		Jr. Gryphon VB at Morinville	
				PD Day NO SCHOOL	Jr.&Sr Cross Country to Wetaskiwin	
Calahoo Meats Fundraiser	Magazine Campaign Kickoff PAC Meeting at BCHS Library at 4:45 pm		Terry Fox Run English 30-1 Citadel Trip		Jr. Gryphon Invitational VB Tournament	