

John Barsby Community School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Community Members:

We are now in our third week of second semester. Students would have received their report cards last Thursday, February 11th. If you have any questions regarding their reports, please do not hesitate to contact the school. At term 2, we have 26 students on the Principal's List, 137 students on the Honour Roll, and 58 students on Honourable Mention.

At this time, we have six student teachers from V.I.U. and an Education Assistant Practicum Student from V.I.U. at John Barsby.

Teachers will be engaged in professional development opportunities on February 22nd and 23rd. Martin Brokenleg, an international Aboriginal educator, will be speaking at Dover Bay on Monday morning. In the afternoon, teachers will be selecting from a variety of workshops. On Tuesday, John Barsby staff will be discussing the work that they have been doing in their learning teams and how it aligns with the Professional Learning Community model.

Students and student activity sponsors have been very busy the last couple of months. Student leaders have been organizing a number of activities at the school including collecting money to assist Haiti, assisting Aboriginal Education with the upcoming Northern Games, showing support of anti-bullying initiatives by wearing their pink t-shirt today, Friday February 19th. Additionally, the musical theatre group continues to rehearse for their spring production, Basketball teams near the end of their season, and Spring Football and Soccer are preparing for their sign-up.

Student course selection forms for all students attending John Barsby next year are due into the counsellors' office. These selections will assist us with building the timetable next year therefore it is important for students to make the best decisions they can regarding their academic and elective selections.

Just a reminder that it is important for all students to use their learning group time wisely. Students have this time to improve their academic performance with the assistance of teachers and educational assistants. Also, students who are doing well could use this time to support the school and/or community through extra-curricular opportunities such as leadership, philanthropic activities and/or school spirit. These kinds of activities are not only important for individual learning and growth, many scholarship and university programs require it. Lastly, we have two Vancouver Island University Physical Education students coordinating fitness activities in the gymnasium and Nurses from the

Bachelor of Science Nursing Program initiating a Running Club. Students have an array of things to choose from.

Spring Break is from March 8th through 12th. If you are concerned with your student's progress, please contact their teacher prior to this time and enquire whether there is some homework that could be completed at that time to keep their progress up to date.

As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

Ms. Gray, Mr. Ferguson, and Mrs. Proctor

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| February 24 | Drama performance 7:00 p.m. MPR |
| March 3 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library |
| March 5 | Last Day of Classes Before Spring Vacation |
| March 6/7 | Manure Sale 9:00 a.m. |
| March 15 | Schools Re-Open |
| March 16 | Grade 7 Information Night 7:00 p.m. |
| March 22 | <u>Interim Reports sent home</u> |
| March 23 | <u>Early dismissal 1:35 PM</u> <u>Parent/Teacher Conferences</u> <u>About interims 2 – 3 PM</u> |
| March 27 | Tour Band Car Rally/Scavenger Hunt |
| April 2 | Good Friday |
| April 5 | Easter Monday |
| April 7 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library |
| April 20 | <u>Early dismissal 1:35 p.m.</u> <u>Report Cards to go home</u> <u>Parent-Teacher Report Card</u> <u>Conferences 3:30 – 6:30 PM</u> |
| April 22 | Non-Instructional Day |
| April 23 | Prom |
| April 24 | Prom |
| April 26 | Non-Instructional Day |
| May 5 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library |
| May 24 | Victoria Day |
| June 2 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library |
| June 15 | Last Day of Classes Semester 2 |
| June 16-25 | Exams |
| June 30 | Valedictory Ceremony Dry Grad |

JOHN BARSBY FOOTBALL

Junior Varsity Football (Boys currently in Grades 8 and 9) Registration Night Monday, March 1st 7:01 pm in Multi-Purpose Room.

All registration details, camps, 2010 practice and game schedules are located on the web:
<http://johnbarsbyfootball.blogspot.com/>

Boys currently in grades 10 and 11 who are coming out for the varsity football squad need to obtain a registration package from Coach Stevenson and return it completely filled out along with their registration fee no later than 12:01 PM, Monday, March 1st.

All 2010 varsity camps, practice and game schedules are posted on the web:

<http://johnbarsbyfootball.blogspot.com/>

JOHN BARSBY FOOTBALL GARDEN MANURE SALE

Begins Saturday, March 6th 9:00 a.m. in the student parking lot and runs until we are out of manure. Bags are \$5.00 per 40lb bag and folks who pick-up their order get a fifth bag **FREE** with the purchase of 4 bags. **Please see order form attached.**

Youth Tackle Football Registration

Registration and equipment issue will be held in "The Dawghouse" Football Facility located at the top of the student parking lot on the following dates and times:

Sunday, February 21st, 1-3 PM

Sunday, February 28th, 1-3 PM

Sunday, March 7th, 1-3 PM

Pee-Wee (boys and girls currently in grades 4/5 (cannot turn 12 in 2010)

Jr. Bantam (boys and girls currently in grades 6/7 (cannot turn 14 in 2010)

All practice and game equipment is supplied except shoes.

Go to the following web-site for details:

<http://south-sideminorfootball.blogspot.com/>

Check Out The Latest Local, Regional, Provincial and National Highschool Football News Standings, Coaching Resources and Program Building Information at:

<http://www.bchighschoolfootball.com>

IS YOUR TEENAGER AN ALIEN BEING OCCUPYING YOUR HOUSE AND LIFE?

FREE workshop series for parents wanting to understand how to communicate and connect with their teen during this tumultuous time. Also suitable for parents with children transitioning to high school. Understand the developmental and social changes that happen for youth as they navigate adolescence, high school, peers, and family. The Coach Approach to Parenting Teens offers parents six sessions starting Thursday March 4-April 8, 2010 from 6-7:30 at John Barsby Community School library. For more information and to reserve a space, email Angela Slade at angela-slade@shaw.ca. Space is limited!

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Aboriginal staff members have been very busy organizing special events over the past month, and in planning new ones for the near future.

On Tues. Feb. 15 more than 30 students came to a pizza lunch meeting to hear VIU's Aboriginal liaison Jennifer Christofferson present information about VIU's programs and Aboriginal student support initiatives. Students posed many questions to Jennifer and took away application forms and pamphlets. The entrance application deadline for health programs is the end of February and the general application deadline is the end of March.

A group of Saanich educators interested in successful Aboriginal education programs visited Barsby Wed. Feb. 16 to learn about our work with students here. Barsby administrators and staff presented information on our school-wide programs. Aboriginal Education staff then informed our visitors about our specific support and initiative programs for Barsby's Aboriginal students. Our district staff also presented and was available to our visitors during the day. Visitors toured classrooms and ended their day at an informal and friendly coffee visit hosted by the Aboriginal Education department and administration.

The call for submissions for the 2010 edition of *Duck Soup for the Aboriginal Soul* is out. Students can submit art, poetry, and short stories for publication. Several of our students have been published in the past and we have several students working on submissions for this year's issue. We welcome other interested students to contact us for information. The deadline is March 5.

The Canadian 2010 Aboriginal Writing Challenge call for submissions is out and the deadline is March 31. Several of our students are working on their stories in hopes of winning the cash prizes and seeing their work published in *The Beaver*, Canada's premier history magazine.

Aboriginal students in Grades 10 to 12 can sign up for the Aboriginal Student day at VIU on March 25. Interested students should see Aboriginal staff to sign up before the end of February to ensure they get registered.

Finally, Aboriginal students interested in Bold Eagle, Raven, and Black Bear summer employment programs with the Canadian Armed Forces—which can see students earn as much as \$4,200 in seven weeks—should see Aboriginal Education staff as soon as possible. Sgt. Karmali will be here to give a workshop on Wed. March 24, and interested students can sign up for that as well. Eligible students must be 16 by the end of March and complete Grade 10 by the end of June. Students have the opportunity to travel to other parts of Canada as part of this program.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT SHOWCASES BARSBY TALENT

Wednesday, February 24th @ 7pm in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday evening at 7 pm, the drama department will perform two plays for the public. On stage that night seven actors will perform the two plays which will represent Barsby at the North Island Regional Drama Festival. Three junior students will perform Night Light, a comedy/drama about a little girl who has to come to terms with the monster in her bedroom dresser while her brother deals with monsters on the school playground. The seniors will perform Secrets, a drama about four

high school students confronting issues of relationships and image in a confusing and complicated world. Tickets are available at the door for \$5, and all proceeds will help cover expenses for the 32 students who will be participating at the North Island Regional Drama Festival in Courtenay at the end of the month.

**JOHN BARSBY TOUR BAND
2010 CAR RALLY/SCAVENGER HUNT
MARCH 27th**

**Starting at Chase River Boys and Girls Club 1:00 pm
Entry fee: \$30/car (3 person)
Prizes to be won
Food and Beverages
Come out and help the Tour Band raise funds for
their trip to Hawaii in May!
Call Bev at 250-753-4066 for entry forms.**

COURSE SELECTION

Grade 7 students, at our feeder elementary schools, will begin the course selection process in early March. There will be an information session for parents of Grade 7 students on Tuesday, March 16 at 7 pm.

GRAD FEES

Students should be paying for their grad fees in the office as soon as they are able. The grad banquet has limited seating so the purchase of tickets is on a first come first served basis. There are no ticket sales at the door of the banquet. All tickets must be pre-purchased. Cut off of banquet ticket sales will happen when we have reached our seating capacity.

GRAD DATES

Prom will be Saturday April 24. There will be a grad banquet to which parents/guardians are invited. There is limited seating. Please read the item in GRAD FEES. There is a student dance following the dinner. Both activities will be held in the Multi Purpose Room times are approximate: dinner at 5:00 pm and the dance at 8:00 pm.

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY (GRAD)

The ceremony will be at 1:00 pm at the Port Theatre Wednesday, June 30, 2010. Each graduating student will receive three tickets for seats in the audience for their guests/family. If more tickets are needed, please have your child contact Mr. Ferguson as soon as possible to let him know how many more tickets would be requested. We cannot guarantee to have enough seats for everyone who might want to attend.

DRY GRAD FUNDRAISER

The BC Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) will again conduct a fundraising campaign to raise money for the B.C. school districts' dry grad societies.

There will be an in-store campaign of chocolate sales from February 24 to March 31, after which time the LDB will forward proceeds directly to the Superintendent's Office for distribution.

All proceeds collected in Nanaimo and Ladysmith will be combined and distributed to the dry grad committees in Nanaimo and in Ladysmith.

DRY GRAD

Dry Grad happens at Beban Park Wednesday June 30, 2010 at 8:00 pm. This is an alcohol free event that runs from 8:00 pm that day to 6:00 am the next morning. THIS EVENT IS ONLY FOR NANAIMO GRADE 12 GRADUATING STUDENTS. NO GUESTS ARE PERMITTED.

PROM

Prom this year is Saturday, April 24, 2010 with a family dinner hosted by our Chef's program followed by a student dance. Both events will be at John Barsby. Students may invite a guest to the dance but Mr. Ferguson has to approve all guests.

COMMUNITY ROOTS GARDEN

"Monday is gardening day at John Barsby. Anna Dodds from Nanaimo Foodshare will be out in the Community Roots Food Garden from 9 - 2 pm every Monday until the end of the school year. Interested parents and students are welcome to come out and see what's happening or talk to Anna about how you can get involved. We will soon be starting spring vegetables like peas broccoli, radishes, cabbage and leeks. Also parents - if you have extra bags of leaves sitting around that need a good home you can drop them off at the garden or contact Anna and arrange for her to pick them up. Anna Dodds recently won the Innovative Community Capacity Building Award from the Canadian Cancer Society for her work in the school garden. Check it out! You can reach her at (250) 751-9751 to for more information.

HAREWOOD YOUTH BALL HOCKEY

Harewood Youth Ball Hockey is having a hot dog sale and bottle pick up at Country Grocer in order to raise funds for some new equipment. The date of the event is Feb 27, time 10 am - 3pm.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS PSI SELECTIONS

All grade 12 students planning on attending a post-secondary institution should complete a PSI selection form. This is a free process that allows the student to choose which institutions (VIU, UVIC, UBC, etc) will receive a copy of their transcript. Grade 12 students will be invited during guided learning time during March to complete the PSI form in the computer lab. Please phone Karen Proctor at 753-8211 for further information on this process.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS – VIU INFORMATION

Mrs. Tomiyama has arranged for a representative from Vancouver Island University to be at John Barsby on March 2 to help students complete VIU entrance scholarship applications. Mrs Tomiyama has also arranged for a representative from VIU to be at John Barsby on March 18 to help students complete an application to attend VIU next year. If you are interested in either of these opportunities please see Mrs. Tomiyama in the counseling area ASAP to sign up.

XPLORESPORTZ SPRING BREAK CAMP VOLUNTEER CAMP LEADERS

When? Monday March 8 – Friday March 12, 2010

Where? Central Nanaimo – Fairview & Georgia Ave.
Community Schools

What will you do as a camp assistant?

- Assist the Program Coordinator with organising participants.
- Have fun assisting coaches of different sports
- Be responsible for the safety and enjoyment of the participants aged 8 – 13 years old.
- Learn new sports.
- Must be available for at least one full day, 8:30am – 4:30pm, during the camp dates.

What qualifications do you need?

- Each camp leader needs to be enthusiastic about working with kids in a sport environment.
- First Aid certificate an asset but not required.

How do I get involved?

Contact
Catharine Edwards
XploreSportZ Coordinator
740-6572
cedwards@pacificsport.com

SATISFACTION SURVEY 2009/10

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning.

Early in 2010 the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey.

CAREER/COUNSELLING CORNER

Some upcoming Scholarship deadlines to take note of. For a complete list – see the Counselling Department

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| Feb 20 | Talk About Canada Scholarship Quiz | www.talkaboutcanada.ca | |
| Feb 21 | York University (numerous) | www.yorku.ca/admissions | 416-736-5614 |
| Feb 23 | Glendon Campus (numerous) | www.glendon.yorku.ca | 416-487-6710 |
| Feb 28 | U VIC Entrance Scholarship | www.uvic.ca/safa | 250-721-8108 |
| Feb 28 | EXPLORE (French Summer Language Bursary Program) | www.myexplore.ca | 250-356-2524 |
| Feb 28 | UBC Entrance Scholarship | www.welcome.ubc.ca/counselors or www.students/ubc.ca/finance | Barbara Crocker 604-822-4195 |
| Feb 28 | Simon Fraser University Entrance Scholarships | www.sfu.ca http://students.sfu.ca/ps/entschols/apply.html | |
| Feb 28 | B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union | www.bcgeu.ca | |
| Feb 29 | School District 68 Scholarships | www.sd68.bc/career_services | |
| Feb 29 | Cre8 "the youth arts experience" | www.cre8youtharts.com | |
| Feb 29 | Chamber of Commerce – Sterling Community Award (Junior Citizen – 19 and under) | | |
| Mar 1 | University of Northern BC (undergraduate application for awards) | www.unbc.ca | |
| Mar 1 | Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Competition | www.rcsint.org | |
| Mar 1 | Canadian Associations of Principals | www.cdnprincipals.org | |
| Mar 1 | Frank Shannon Junior Conservations Award | www.bcwf.bc.ca | |
| Mar 1 | Padgett Business Services Scholarship | Email: numbers@telus.net | 250-753-6626 |
| Mar 1 | BC Cancer Agency – High School Internship Program | http://www.bccrc.ca/drc | |
| Mar 6 | Sixty-eight Writes (Writing Contest) | www.members.shaw.ca/sixtyeightwrites/ | |
| Mar 7 | Agri-Career Adventure Program (Agriculture) | www.aic.ca/bc | |
| Mar 7 | Chamber of Commerce – "Jr. Citizen of the Year" | www.nanaimochamber.bc.ca | |
| Mar 7 | Re/Max "Quest for Excellence" (on-line application) | www.remax.ca → RE/MAX OF Western Canada → "Quest for Excellence" logo | |
| Mar 7 | Minerva Foundation for BC Women | www.theminervafoundation.com | |
| Mar 14 | Jack Farley Youth Sports Achievement Award | www.bcsportshalloffame.com/docs/aboutus/ | |
| Mar 15 | Vancouver Island University | www.viu.ca/calendar/awards.asp | |
| Mar 15 | Shoppers Drug Mart | www.shoppersdrugmart.ca/english.careers/ca/mpus/pharmacy_scholarhip/index.html | |
| Mar 15 | Miller Thomson Foundation National Scholarship | www.millerthomson.ca/foundation.asp | 416-595-2648 |
| Mar 15 | BC Council for Exceptional Children | | |
| Mar 15 | Dominelli International College of Esthetics | www.dominelli.com/Scholarhip | |
| Mar 15 | Nanaimo Arts Council Bursary Awards (open to all ages) | Email: admin@nanaimoartcouncil.ca | 250-729-3947 |
| Mar 15 | Girl Guides of Canada (Edith Duncan (Krebs) Memorial Bursary | pwilson@shaw.ca | 250-468-9418 |

This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is a logon number that the school will provide to participants.

The school computer lab will be available Monday – Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9pm for parents who would like to participate but do not have access to a computer.

Computers will be available to parents immediately following the PAC meeting at 7pm on March 3.

For parents who do not wish to use school computers, local public library computers may be another option.

Please contact the school at 753-8211 to obtain a log on number for the Satisfaction Survey.

PROVINCIAL EXAM RESULTS

Provincial Exam results will be available on March 4. School percentages, provincial exam percentages, and final course percentages are available on www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams. Students will require their Personal Education Number, date of birth and email address to create an account. Students may also review their provincial exam results with counselors and/or administrators.