

# John Barsby Community School Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Community Members:**

It is now time to gear up for the last 2 weeks of classes in Term 1 of Semester 2. April 12<sup>th</sup> is the final day for Term 1. Teachers will be assessing students on their academic progress up to this date. Our report cards will be sent home a bit differently than they have been in the past. On April 20th, Term 1 reports will be sent home with students. There will be teacher parent interviews on Thursday afternoon, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:15-6:15. This is an excellent time for parents/students to meet with the teachers to discuss how well your child is adjusting to the academic expectations in their new classes. Please help your son/daughter keep focused on their studies during the next three months by continually sharing the importance of education.

It is the time of year to celebrate all of the hard work of teachers, students, coaches, support staff and students. Basketball and Wrestling season has finished up with some great team and individual results. Spring Football is just beginning. The Musical Theatre group are busy rehearsing and preparing for their spring production. Leadership students have been coordinating, organizing, and attending a number of events. Aboriginal Education just created and hosted a very successful Northern Games afternoon that included so many students or staff. Our very engaging Dance Club has entertained our school during some of these events. The school has had many opportunities for students to participate. A great thank you goes out to everybody for a job well done!

In addition, I would like to welcome the following new teachers to 2<sup>nd</sup> semester assignments: Mr. Heald to Law and Planning, Mr. Dawes to Planning and Health and Careers, and Mr. Gray and Ms. Schulkowsky to the Learning Centre. There will also be a number of student teachers who will be completing their teaching practicums. These student teachers include Lauren Aebig, Anna Bedard, Kiala Silverton, Laura Dempsey, Joanne Hooyberg, Samantha Keller and Kyrie Tuck.

Please contact us if you have any comments and/or questions.

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2	Good Friday
April 5	Easter Monday
April 7	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library
April 13	Term 2 begins
April 20	<b><u>Early dismissal 1:35 p.m.</u></b> <b><u>Report Cards to go home</u></b> <b><u>Parent-Teacher Report Card</u></b> <b><u>Conferences 3:30 – 6:30 PM</u></b>
April 22	Non-Instructional Day
April 23	Prom
April 24	Non-Instructional Day
April 26	
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 1pm Port Theatre Dry Grad 8:00 p.m. Beban Park

## TO ALL GRADE 12'S GETTING READY FOR PROM

If any student needs financial assistance to participate in Prom (cost of ticket or clothing), please see Mr. Ferguson asap. There is also the Cinderella Closet that has prom dresses and tuxedos available. The contact for Cinderella Closet is Dawn Negrin at 250-390-2505. There are three proms that evening so it is important to get your plans in order.

## 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.

## **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.

## **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**

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.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR FUTURE**

The Ministry of Education has changed their procedures with regards to the Post Secondary Institute Choice Forms. If you are planning to pursue post secondary education in your future, the institutes will want to access your transcript of marks electronically through the Ministry. By completing this form, you will save money and make your life easier and allow easier access of your marks to approved post secondary institutions in Canada.

You will need to log onto your secure account with the Ministry and so you will need your PEN number and your personal password. Your Personal Education Number can always be found on the top of your report card.

**CAUTION: Your PEN # is confidential. Do not lose or share this number with others.**

Here are the steps you need to take:

1. Log onto [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/) (this is the site to access your exam results as well)
2. Enter your PEN number and your password
3. If you have not previously set up an account with the Ministry, please do that now and your password will be sent to you instantly.
4. Complete the Post Secondary Institutions Choice Form – this authorizes the Ministry to release your marks to any BC post secondary institution and others as indicated as requested.

If you do not complete this form online and apply to a post secondary institute, you will need to supply official transcripts to them on your own and at your own cost.

For further information or details, please contact Mrs. Proctor. Students will be given the opportunity to complete PSI choice forms in the library computer lab during Learning Group time in April.

## **SCRATCH**

Another eight-week session of SCRATCH starts Thursday April 8th. Come out and cook with Angela Slade. We cook fun recipes and take requests if you want to learn to cook a specific dish, bake, or learn different cultural cuisine! The program is youth-directed. As a bonus, you will also receive your Food Safe training certification. Come to room 301 at 3:15pm on April 8<sup>th</sup> or see Shannon Wilson for more information.

## **JOHN BARSBY FOOTBALL**

A big thank you to all the parents, staff and players who took part in this year's garden manure sale. Our sale was a sell-out success and the funds raised are going towards uniforms and protective equipment for the 2010 squad! Remember all, we conduct this event every year headed into Spring Break.

A huge congratulations to Dylan Chapdelaine, Ariel Fabro, Marshall Cook and Braeden Swatez for being selected to attend the 2010 Sr. Bowl Camp and Provincial All Star Game this past Spring Break! The Barsby quartet represented our program well throughout and have brought great credit upon themselves and our Football Program! Well Done!!

April is a busy month for the football program.

### **7 on 7 Passing**

Varsity RB's, Rcvrs, QB's, DB's and LB's are working out Mondays and Wednesdays 3:16 - 4:31 PM out on the main field

JV RB's, Rcvrs, QB's, DB's and LB's are working out Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:16 - 4:31 on the main field.

The purpose of these workouts is to familiarize players with the formations and coverages that will be required when we put on pads for Spring Practice in May.

**Football Spring Frenzy Camp April 17/18 @ John Barsby HS.**

We will be hosting our weekend skills and development camp very soon. This is a fully padded live contact camp and it is our kick-off event for the season. Players will practice from 0930-11:30 and 12:30-2:30 PM each day with lunch provided. There is a g. 8/9 group and a g.10/11 group at the camp. Players will be in attendance from across Vancouver Island!

**Spring Practices** begin Monday May 3rd for our Varsity Squad and Tuesday May 4th for our JV's.

**Individual and Program Photo Day:** Thursday, 27 May 3:21-5:01 PM.

*The Varsity Jamboree* will be Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2:01-5:16 PM and the *JV Jamboree* will take place Sat. 29 May, 11:00 AM - 3:31 PM. Both events will take place at the Nanaimo District HS Field Complex.

For all practice/game details regarding JB Football, please log on to our blog-site:

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

**Check Out The Latest Local, Regional, Provincial and National High School Football News Standings, Coaching Resources and Program Building Information at:**  
<http://www.bchighschoolfootball.com>

### **SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the Skills Canada Competition on March 26<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Place 3D Animation - Kyle Grounds

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Graphic Design – Latasha Peltz

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Graphic Design – Charmaine Burec

### **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION**

Wow! The Aboriginal Education Department here at John Barsby has had a busy, busy month!

Sgt Farid Karmali from the Canadian Armed Forces came and conducted a workshop about the summer programs that the military offer aboriginal students. Along with our own John Barsby students, we also had student guests come from Cedar, Wellington and NDSS to hear about the three major programs offer; The Bold Eagle, The Black Bear and the Raven Program. Each program specialized in the 3 areas of the Canadian Forces namely the Navy, Army and Air Force. Sgt Karmali answered many questions and directed students with the application process. Thank you Sgt. Farid Karmali!

On March 25, Bonnie Bill escorted 3 Aboriginal students to the annual Vancouver Island University Post Secondary Visitation. The morning at VIU began with registration along with a small welcome presentation from VIU President Ralph Nilson. After the welcome students quickly moved on to group assignments and completed them before a yummy pizza lunch. Students finished their day with a tour of the campus filled with information about the VIU programs and a lot to think about. Thank you Bonnie Bill!

And how can we forget the Barsby Northern Games! Wow!!! Barsby students, we are so impressed with the school spirit! Way to go John Barsby! We at Aboriginal Education were so pleased to see so many honored guests come to the event. A special thank you to Tasha and Josh for your wonderful demonstrations and to Connie Kulhavy for her direction and wisdom. We would also like to thank the fabulous Barsby staff and the extraordinary student body – you guys are AMAZING!!! We couldn't have done it without

your support and over all enthusiasm. SCHOOL SPIRIT is alive and well at Barsby!!

After the games on Friday, Aboriginal Education staff member Val White took 2 Aboriginal students to a workshop run and sponsored by the Nanaimo Multicultural Association called Organize Against Racism and Hate. The workshop took place in Port Alberni and ran from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon.

Whew!! Well that was the month in review. Remember John Barsby students, scholarship application deadline is fast approaching so get those applications in order and get them in. If you have any questions about scholarships or need assistance with the application please feel free to drop in the Aboriginal Education office in room 109 for help. In the meantime, thank you again John Barsby! We really are an amazing community and it is at events such as the Barsby Northern Games that remind us how truly great John Barsby Community School is!! GO BARSBY!!