

John Barsby Community School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Community Members:

There will be a number of events occurring this month that will celebrate our students' success at John Barsby. The John Barsby Award's evening will be held on June 1st, and the District's Honours Night is scheduled for June 8th. Both evenings will honour all students who are excelling in their areas of study and extra-curricular activities. We are proud of our students and their achievements. Congratulations to all those students who have worked hard to meet their learning goals!

As we near the end of the term, it will be more challenging for your son or daughter to remain focused and on-task as we move toward the final weeks of Semester 2 and final course assessments/exams. Please encourage your student to continue with purpose and strive to do their very best in the learning process. If at anytime, you wish to know how your student is academically performing, please do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher or counsellor for an update on their progress.

Students have been busy participating in a number of activities this past month. The Aboriginal Graduation celebration saw our Spirit Squad dancers honouring our District Graduates in the Colour's Dance. Spring Football has begun with all athletes working hard out on the field in preparation for the Jamboree this weekend. Leadership students organized and coordinated the grade 8 team building activity at Camp Qwanoes on May 11th. Lastly, the Barsby Concert Band showcased their talents throughout the lovely island of Oahua, Hawaii. We are grateful to all of our teacher, parent, and community supporters who continue to work closely with our students to provide extra-curricular opportunities. Students are very appreciative.

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

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.

JOHN BARSBY HONOURS NIGHT TUESDAY, JUNE 1 7:00 P.M.

Please be seated by 6:45 p.m. Students who are receiving recognition will be bringing an invitation letter home. No other contact will be made with parents.

GRAD FEES

Students should be paying for their grad fees in the office as soon as they are able.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 1	Barsby Awards Night 7 p.m.
June 2	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm Library
June 8	District Awards Night Port Theatre 7:00 p.m.
June 15	Last Day of Classes Semester 2
June 16-25	Exams
June 29	Report Card Pick Up in Gym 9:00 – 10:30
June 29	Valedictory Practice 11:00 a.m. Port Theatre
June 30	Valedictory Ceremony 1pm Port Theatre Dry Grad 8:00 p.m. Beban Park

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.**

JOHN BARSBY COMMUNITY SCHOOL ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Barsby's Ab Ed dept just hasn't slowed down even though the end of the school year draws closer!

Michelle Swecera was off on a day-long field trip with her Aboriginal Grade 8s Tues. May 11 to Camp Qwanoes with the rest of Barsby's Grade 8s, other staff, and the Barsby Leadership Team for a day of workshops

to build a sense of community and team spirit in our younger students that they could carry to next year.

Thurs. May 13 saw a couple of our Aboriginal students attend the Canada Space Agency talk about Canada's work in the Space Station at the Nanaimo museum.

Also on May 13, Val White and Bonnie Bill took a large group of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students to Snu Ney Muxw's cultural day at the longhouse in Cedar. Students toured centres that included language, weaving, and silverwork. Students also got to do some hands-on activities, making themselves cedar bracelets and paddle necklaces.

Finally, Barsby hosted *Claynek*, the district Aboriginal graduation celebration, again this year on Thurs. May 20. The gym was filled to capacity with grads, their family members, and friends. Barsby's Chef Bruce Chandler and his team of dedicated students laid on an excellent banquet. Many Barsby staff members were on hand to applaud Barsby's own 24 Aboriginal grads for 2010. Barsby's five Metis students were awarded traditional sashes in the ceremony.

Aboriginal students from across the district provided dynamic entertainment: Sonny-B and Crazy Feather (Sonny Bob and Willie Bob) started the evening off with a tribute to the missing women; Lil'D and Mr. John (Danny and Allan Daniels) performed *In My Grandma's Eyes, Time to Time* and *Places*. Barsby's Spirit Squad Dancers, under the direction of Ms Ricki Bartlett, performed the Colour Dance to thunderous applause. Once again, audience members won some awesome raffle prizes.

Barsby's own Cheryl Wieler won one of the prestigious Chancellor's Aboriginal Entrance Scholarships for Vancouver Island University that pays full tuition for up to five years; Cheryl has a straight "A" report and is active in numerous Barsby clubs and associations.

Barsby Ab Ed staff thanks all who volunteered to set up and clean up for the Ab Grad, and for all the cooperation and support in helping to make this event the success it is every year.

Aboriginal staff members are now on the final two weeks' countdown until the end of classes, preparing for Barsby Awards Night on June 1, and the District Awards June 8, and helping students to hit those books, complete semester two work, and prepare for exams. Good luck to all in these final few weeks!

JOHN BARSBY ATHLETICS

The 2009-2010 athletic year concludes on May 28/29 with the Spring Football Jamboree at Nanaimo District HS and with the wind-up of our Golf Team's season. A hearty congratulations to all athletes and coaches across this past year's calendar for their efforts on the fields, courts and wrestling mats.

JOHN BARSBY FOOTBALL

Summer weight lifting will commence in early July, running Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10 AM-11:15 AM. Geared practices begin 23 August. Please go to <http://johnbarsbyfootball.blogspot.com/> for all practice, schedule and program information.

FAMILY TIME CONNECTIONS

Family Time Connections is a community project funded by the Ministry of Housing and Social Development. The project is sponsored by Shore Counselling Society and has been created for the sole purpose of bringing families closer by learning, playing, eating, and growing together. Until August 2010 we will be working out of John Barsby Community School in order to create awareness of community services and resources in the City of Nanaimo. Most recently we held our premier family event, The Roots – A Family Reconnect Experience, which was quite successful in creating partnerships among businesses and service providers in our community. Some other projects on our list of "Things To Do" includes creating a community service directory, conducting a family survey, providing a toolkit which helps facilitate healthy families, workshops that supports family learning and fun, and a newsletter combining community information, events, and resources. We have recently invited the community businesses and service providers to participate in partnerships in order to accomplish this list. By creating partnerships with like minded community members we hope to connect the families of our community with all the helpful information and services in a way that benefits us all. If you would like to join us in the endeavour, please see our contact information on our attached newsletter.

EXAM SCHEDULE - JUNE 2010

Wednesday, June 16

8:30 AM

French 8, History 12 (mandatory), Chemistry 12 (mandatory)

12:30 PM

Linear Ma/Sc 8, 9; Science 8, 9; Physics 11, Biology 11

Thursday, June 17

8:30 AM

Linear Ma/Sc 8, 9; Math 8, 9, 11, Math 12 (mandatory)

12:30 PM

Social Studies 8, 9, 10; Biology 12 (mandatory)

PROVINCIAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday, June 21

12:30 – 3:30

Math 12 (optional)

Tuesday, June 22

8:30 – 11:30

English 12

12:30 – 3:30

Social Studies 11

Wednesday, June 23

8:30 – 11:30

Communications 12
Chemistry 12 (optional)

12:30 – 3:30

English 10
History 12 e-exam only (optional)

Thursday June 24

12:30 – 3:30

Biology 12 e-exam only (optional)

Friday, June 25

8:30 – 11:30

Science 10

Monday, June 28

8:30 – 11:30

E Math 10; P Math 10

CHECK EXAM SCHEDULES POSTED IN CLASSROOMS, HALLWAYS AND OFFICE FOR ROOM LOCATIONS OF EXAMS.

All in-school exams are mandatory. There are 5 required provincial exams: English 10, Math 10, Science 10, Social Studies 11 and English 12 or Comm 12. All other grade 12 provincial exams are optional.