

John Barsby Community School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Community Members:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our Football players for their valiant efforts at the BC provincial championship games. The Junior team worked hard against their opponents and came in 2nd across the province. Our senior team came out strong and took the BC championship AA Football title. What a fantastic season. Thank you to all of the contributors: coaches, parents, spectators, and the community. Well done, Coach Stevenson!

As we head toward the Winter Break, please ensure your student(s) complete class work required to change any incomplete grades to an academic success. An interim report should have gone home via your student on December 14th. Additionally, encourage your student to take a well deserved break and return with an academic focus. The end of January will include final projects, exams, and provincial exams for students in grade 10 and grade 12.

Our winter season of student activities and events has begun. Basketball and wrestling have both started league and tournament play. Many students showcased their fine talents at the Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 15th. Student leaders have been organizing and coordinating student activities that have been fun and altruistic in nature. Congratulations to all the students, teachers, and sponsors for the time and commitment offered toward all of these activities and events.

We wish everyone a wonderful, safe holiday and a Happy New Year.

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



2010 – 2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

December 18	Winter vacation begins
January 4	School Re-opens
January 5	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
January 19	Jazz Night – 7:00 p.m. MPR
January 21	Last day of classes – semester 1
January 24 – 28	Final Exams
January 31	First Day of Semester 2
February 2	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
February 8	Report Cards to students
February 21&22	Non-Instructional Days Students not in attendance
March 2	PAC meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
March 11	Last day of classes before Spring Vacation
March 12 – 27	Spring Vacation
March 28	School Re-opens
April 6	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
April 18	Non-Instructional Day
April 22	Good Friday
April 25	Easter Monday
April 26	Report Cards/Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:15 – 6:15 p.m.\
April 30	Prom / Banquet
May 2	Non Instructional Day
May 4	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
May 6	Spring Fling – Gym 7:00 p.m.
May 19	Grade 12 Meeting during Learning Groups
May 19	District Aboriginal Grad
May 23	Victoria Day
June 1	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
June 7	John Barsby Honours Night 7:00 p.m. Gym
June 14	District Honours Night 7:00 p.m. Port Theatre
June 17	Last Day of Classes, Sem. 2
June 20-29	Exams
June 29	Report Cards 9 – 10 a.m. gym
June 29	Valedictory Rehearsal Port Theatre 1:00 p.m.
June 30	Valedictory Ceremony 4:00 p.m. Port Theatre
June 30	Dry Grad 8:00 p.m. Beban Park

EXAM SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2011

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00 AM - Math 8, 9, 11 and EMath 11
1:00 PM - Science 8, 9,
Biology 11

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 AM - Social Studies 8, 9, 10,
Physics 11
History 12
1:00 PM - French 8, 9, 10, 11
Chemistry 11

PROVINCIAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday January 24

9:00 – 12:00 Ap & Wk Math 10
Foundations Math 10, Principles Math 10, COMM 12

Tuesday, January 25

9:00 - 12:00 English 12
1:00 - 4:00 English 10

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 - 12:00 Science 10
1:00 - 4:00 Social Studies 11

Thursday, January 27

1:00 - 4:00 History 12
OPTIONAL EXAM

Friday, January 28

1:00 - 4:00 Biology 12
OPTIONAL EXAM

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

PROM/VALEDICTORY (GRAD) INFORMATION

PROM

Date: Saturday, April 30th

Location: John Barsby Multi-Purpose Room

5:00 p.m. Family Dinner (limited seating)

8:00 p.m. Student Dance

Costs: Prom (Banquet) \$15 and \$15 for your guest

Prom (Dance) \$35 and \$35 for your guest

All dance guests must be approved by Mr. Ferguson.

VALEDICTORY (GRAD) CEREMONY

Valedictory Practice - Wednesday, June 29th

1:00 p.m. Port Theatre

Valedictory Ceremony – Thursday, June 30th

4:00 p.m. Port Theatre

Cost – Grad Fee \$60.00

DRY GRAD

A fun, informal night of activities, food, music from 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 30th to 5:00 a.m. Friday, July 1. All at Beban Park. Cost - \$50.00. **This event is only open to grade 12 students in the district. No guests are allowed.**

Parents of students who find difficulty in meeting the costs of the grade 12 activities are asked to contact the

school. You may pay in installments over the course of the year.

Please be aware that Prom is the first event, and that **there will be no refunds for prom or the banquet after April 15th.**

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Barsby staff has, as always, been extremely busy since the start of the year with 113 student referrals from teachers of which only nine remain unresolved. In addition, we have a large number of ongoing tutoring cases, being handled by Chris Jones.

Barsby held its Meet and Greet events Oct. 12, and staff showed students Power Point photos and info presentations about the Northern Games, Canadian Armed Forces Aboriginal student summer employment programs, summer camp opportunities, and scholarships. Barsby students who attended the programs last summer recalled their experiences and urged other students to take advantage of these opportunities.

Barsby's PAC gave the department two grants: one grant to start up a student film group to produce and enter a film in the Cowichan International Aboriginal Film Festival youth competitions and the second grant to run four arts workshops. Both projects are open to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. Barsby's film team is working on a video about making a play based on the story about how raven stole the light. Early in December team members attended a film making workshop with Harold Joe of *Visionkeeper Films*, hosted at Barsby.

The play about how raven stole light will be performed by Barsby's students at the North Island Drama Festival, which Barsby is hosting Feb. 17-19. Barsby's Mandy Jones and Thomas Jones have been working with the drama students to incorporate drumming, dancing, and the Hul'q'min'um' language into the play. Aboriginal arts workshops and other surprises will also be featured during festival. A good number of the drama students performing in and working on the play are Aboriginal. Barsby's Aboriginal Education department is supporting the drama department in this production.

Both Barsby's football teams went to the provincial championships this year. A substantial number of team members are Aboriginal students, and tutor Chris Jones was one of the team coaches. Barsby's seniors took the provincial trophy, while the juniors placed second. Grade 12 Snu Ney Muxw student Kevin Good was voted the most valuable player of the senior football championship game. The ferry back was a wave of red and black Barsby supporters. Barsby Aboriginal staff is lucky to have such a positive sporting outlet for our students.

A total of 44 Aboriginal students made Barsby's first honour roll this year, with 14 of those being Grade 8 students; two students made the principal's list, one from Grade 8 and one from Grade 11. Barsby's Grade 8 group is showing great academic strength.

After the holidays, the Canadian Armed Forces information workshop for SD68 for summer 2011 programs will take place Wed. Feb. 9, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 300 at Barsby. Other schools are warmly invited to attend. Barsby's team will also be gearing up for the second Northern Games on March 11, and the Challenge of the Champions with Cedar, set for April 1.