

COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



February 2012

Home of the Hawks



Important Dates

- Feb. 3 - Friday #1
- Feb. 4 - Sr. ski Trip Returns
- Feb. 7 - Sr. BB @ Coalhurst
Jr. Girls BB @ Home
Sports Council Mtg. 7 Pm
- Feb. 8 - Sr. BB @ Home
- Feb. 10 - Friday #2
O' Canada
- Feb. 10 & 11 - Sr. BB Tourn. @ Home
- Feb. 13 - Sr. BB @ Pincher Creek
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
Sr. Curling @ Coaldale
- Feb. 15 - Sr. BB Away
Sr. Curling @ Coaldale
- Feb. 16 - Sr. BB @ Home
- Feb. 17 - Friday #1
- Feb. 20 - Family Day No School
- Feb. 21 & 22 - NO School
"S" Endorsement Training 9—4 Pm
Palliser Center Lethbridge
- Feb. 23 & 24 - Teacher's Convention
- Feb. 27 - Sr. G BB Away
School Council Mtg. 7 Pm
- Mar. 2 - Friday #2
Jr. Zone Basketball
Sr. Provincial Curling
Sr. BB Away
- Mar. 5-9 - Sr. Zone Basketball Week
- Mar. 12 - PD Day No School

Please check the attached calendar for practices, drama and other scheduled events.

GRAD 2012

Grads please submit your photos to Mrs. Povey for the Powerpoint grad presentation. We would like to see at least 3 pictures per graduate: baby, middle years and current photo.

If you would like to submit more you are more than welcome. If you would like to submit group photos please make sure they are appropriate.

All photos will be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well final exams are over and for our students and our teachers, the stress that was and always will be associated with final exam week has dissipated and after a short break, we're back into the swing of things in Semester 2. Courses are underway and the final option changes are being made or have been made.

It sounds like every ground hog in Canada declared an early spring while Punxsutawney Phil in the US has made them realize that there will be 6 more weeks of winter. The story of ground hog day always amazes me. I'm not certain how in the world they can get a ground hog, that usually sleeps until March at the earliest, can be woke and forced to come out of their 'burrows' months before they are supposed to. The bigger question is whether or not they go back to sleep. Even though they'd like to, they have a duty to perform and fulfill it every year. It makes me think about some of the difficult things in life that we do. I came to realize that it's very important to be sure that we try to do something every day that is difficult to do. Whether it's that phone call to a friend to inquire about information shared or simply facing the music when we make a mistake, it is important to be accountable and, in some cases be held accountable.

As I was watching the news, I heard them talk about a recent situation that has occurred in our community... the second of notoriety in the past few weeks. It made me realize that no matter how great a community might be, there can always be something happen that puts a smug on the otherwise wonderful exterior. I thought about my students and families and what we might do to be proactive in situations such as this and it made me realize that it is important to have conversations with our children as often as possible

and to ensure through those conversations that a level of trust is built; a level which would allow our young people to share some of their most difficult stories with us.

As a final summary directed to parents across our communities, I implore you; take these words of advice that came to me following this conversation. They are most certainly **not** original. They are simple, yet powerful...I learned them from a young person who took the time to talk. I thank her for these ideas that developed in my mind as a result... she knows who she is!

To our student body, please be sure that each of you take precautions such as travelling in pairs and if there is a need to go out after dark, please travel with a buddy. I believe young people know who the perpetrator is, and as a result, I would ask you to avoid this person, at least until the courts have dealt with the scenario.

In the world of CCHS Athletics, basketball games are winding up. Best of luck to all of our teams as they get close to playoff time. Curling championships will also be underway soon and we wish our teams the best as they compete in that slippery sport.

Course Outlines and Evaluations will be posted on the website in the very near future. Once approved, your son/daughter will see their course outline posted. Please check these over and where required, please sign and return to the school. Have a great rest of the month all!
Mr. G.

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SUPERINTENDANT REPORT



Hello, everyone, It's difficult to believe, but we're now through one half of the school year. This time of year marks the end of the first round of diploma exams and of the first semester. It also marks the

beginning of "survey season," at schools across Alberta, as Alberta Education takes the pulse of parents, students and staff. They do this using Accountability Pillar surveys, mailed to the homes of select parents of students in public, separate and Franco-phone schools, and online surveys (where possible) of select students and teachers as well.

If your household receives one of these surveys, please take a few minutes to respond. The information you provide is valuable to your school, our division and to Alberta Education. The surveys and other data in the Accountability Pillar help us celebrate what's going well in our schools and focus resources on areas that could do better. This effort helps us better serve our students, support our staff and meet the expectations of our parents.

In Palliser, all parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 should receive a survey. If your school has fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12, parents of all students in grades 4 and up will receive a survey. Please put your survey back in the mail by Feb. 24, 2012.

Thank you for being part of this important initiative.

SR. STUDENT UNION

The next Vulcan concert performing at the Vulcan Lodge Hall is:

JENNY ALLEN • Saturday, February 11th
Jenny Allen has recently released her third album Blanket. She is a folk festival favorite with a sound that is country roots with a hint of pop. Though she's from Calgary, listen carefully and you'll hear a slightly southern-sounding accent in her singing voice. She has opened for artists such as Taj Mahal and Shawn Colvin.

The first 10 students that bring their ticket to Ms. Dow or Mrs. Povey will get a refund for half the price of the ticket.

Tickets can be purchased at Market Street Foods, Vulcan Tourism, or Vulcan Town Office.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Events in recent days on the highways of southern Alberta suggest some drivers are unaware of the rules of the road when it comes to school buses.

That lack of awareness puts students on those buses in danger.

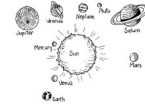
Please adhere to the following rules of the road:

- Watch out for alternating flashing amber lights, which means a school bus is slowing to stop where students will either be getting on or off the bus. Be prepared to stop.
- Slow down and stop when the school bus activates its alternately flashing red lights. This means you must stop whether you are approaching an oncoming bus or following one. The only exception to this rule is when the bus is on the opposite side of a two-way highway that is physically divided by a median.
- Proceed only when the red lights on the bus have stopped flashing.
- Watch for school buses loading and unloading children, even if the lights aren't flashing.
- Be on the lookout for children crossing the road.
- When travelling in school zones, the speed limit is 30 km/h unless otherwise posted. These limits are in effect on school days from 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

The fine for passing a school bus with its red lights flashing is \$402 and six demerit points. The time you think you'll save by passing a school bus that's stopped to load or unload a child can't possibly be worth the harm you might cause.



VULCAN STAR GAZING



At our monthly Star Nights at the Vulcan

Tourism & Trek Station members of the **Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Calgary Centre**



will have telescopes available for FREE public viewing of the Moon, also planets, star clusters, nebulae and much more! The fun and discovery is on, "cloudy or clear!" nights. Bring your questions about planets, space probes, stars and comets, using telescopes, or anything else to the Centre. Fun for all ages! The Website is: <http://calgary.rasc.ca/vulcan2011.htm>

Date: **Friday,**

February 10th

Time: **7:30 pm**

Location: Vulcan Tourism & Trek Station

Cost: **FREE**

FREE

Free firewood, if you would like or need firewood please see Mr. Brandley.

"S" Endorsement Training for Bus Drivers

This course is available to all Palliser Bus Drivers, Spares and Volunteer Drivers

February 21-22, 2012

9am-4pm Daily

Course will be held at the Palliser Learning Centre
3305 18 Ave N, Lethbridge, AB

Contact Palliser Transportation at 403-380-2612 to sign up or for more information about this course

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sr. Ski Trip Jr. Boys BB 5:40 Gym Jr. Curling 3:40 Vulcan	2 Sr. Ski Trip Drama 3:45 Walking 7-8 am CRC Sr. Boys BB 3:40 CRC	3 Friday #1 Report Cards Sr. Ski Trip Gr. 5/6 Floor Hockey CRC	4 Sr. Ski Trip
5	6 Drama 3:45 Jr. Girls BB 3:40 Gym Sr. Girls BB 3:40 CRC Sr. Boys BB 5:40 CRC	7 Drama 3:45 Walking 7-8 am CRC Jr. Girls BB @ Home CRC Jr. Boys BB 5:40 CRC Sr. BB @ Coalhurst Sports Council Mtg. 7 Pm	8 Sr. B BB @ Home Sr. Girls BB 3:40 Gym Jr. Boys BB 5:40 Gym Jr. Curling 3:40 Vulcan	9 Drama 3:45 Walking 7-8 am CRC Sr. Boys BB 3:40 CRC	10 Friday #2 Sr. Basketball Tourn. CRC O' Canada Assembly	11 Sr. Basketball Tourn. CRC
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19	20 Family Day No School	21 Photo Workshop CTS Lab Bodyworks Mtg. 7 Lib. Walking 7-8 am CRC Adult—Home Ec. Rm. 6-	22 Day in Lieu Photo Workshop CTS Lab	23 Teachers Convention Walking 7-8 am CRC	24 Teachers Convention Sr. B & G BB @ Halton →	25 Sr. B & G BB @ Halton
26	27 Drama 3:45 Sr. G BB Away School Council Mtg. 7 Pm	28 Drama 3:45 Walking 7-8 am CRC Sr. Girls BB 3:40 CRC Adult—Home Ec. Rm. 6-9	29 Sr. Girls BB 3:40 CRC Sr. Boys BB 5:40 CRC			