

BRANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

"BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY; THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.
- ISAIAH 40:31 -



Important Information about your COMMUNICATION BAG

"The Black Bag"

- The Black Bag is our way of transporting important documents to/from home and school. These documents will include, but is not limited to newsletters, forms and reminders.
- Black Bags will be sent home on a regular basis with the OLDEST CHILD in your family.
- **PLEASE RETURN** Black Bags to the school office, even if there is nothing to return within it as we use this bag throughout the year in order to be environmentally friendly.

Thank you again to Wheel Wright Enterprises Inc. for supplying our black bags for another year.

In Your Black Bag:

- Newsletter (including Sept calendar)
- Student Verification Forms
- Internet Consent Forms
- Freedom of Information & Privacy Package (with forms)
- Threat Assessment Letter
- Corn Maze Fieldtrip Permission
- Electronics Bus Policy
- Student Accident Insurance Flyer
- Palliser School Fee Invoices

PARENT/TEACHER MEET & GREET

Thursday, September 14th
4:00 - 7:30 pm

Come and meet your children's teachers!
No appointments necessary

ALL VISITORS (INCLUDING PARENTS) MUST VISIT THE OFFICE AND SIGN IN PRIOR TO ENTERING THE SCHOOL.

Coming Up:

Sept. 8 – Friday ON for students
Sept. 8 – Kindergarten Home Visits
Sept. 14 – Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet (4:00 – 7:30 pm)
Sept. 15 – Friday ON for students – **Kindergarten to Grade 12**
CALGARY CORN MAZE FIELD TRIP
Sept. 15 & 16 – Sr. High Girls Volleyball Tournament (Black Diamond)
Sept. 20 - Chapel
Sept. 22 – Friday OFF
Sept. 29 – Friday OFF
Oct. 6 – Friday OFF
Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 10 – Teacher PD (no school for students)
Oct. 12 – School Picture Day
Oct. 13 – Friday ON
Oct. 19 & 20 – ACSI Teachers Convention (no school for students)
Oct. 27 – Friday OFF
Oct. 27 & 28 – Gr. 7-12 Edmonton Trip to Parliament
Oct. 31 – Fall Scarecrow Dress Up Day

Brant Christian School is looking for 2 used, but working, refrigerators for our kitchen and staff room. If you can help, please contact our school office.

Chapels

We welcome everyone to join us for our Chapel times!

Please check your monthly calendar to find out dates or go to our website at www.brantchristianschool.ca.

First Chapel: Wednesday, Sept. 20th

Chapel Times (are subject to change)

9:15 pm – Grades 1-6
10:15 pm – Worship (ALL GRADES)
Grades 7-12 to follow

PEANUT/NUT ALLERGY ALERT

Due to severe allergies, Brant Christian School is a PEANUT and NUT FREE environment. Please check labels on foods and do not send foods containing traces of peanuts or any nuts to school with your children.

Thank you for your cooperation to ensure the safety of all of our students.



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM



Our Hot Lunch Program begins in October and is every Thursday throughout the year. Order forms will come home later this month. We alternate weeks with hot dogs/chips, subway, taco in a bag and pizza days and it is optional as to whether students order for each week.



VOLUNTEERING AT BRANT

We have many volunteer opportunities at Brant Christian, including but not limited to:

- Field Trip chaperone
- Classroom special projects
- Driving for special events (field trips, sports, etc.)

It is Palliser Regional School policy that ALL VOLUNTEERS have the following documents on file with Brant Christian School:

- **Volunteer Package** (all necessary forms completed)
- **Criminal Record Check** (needs to be current within 1 year), we can provide you with a letter to receive this free of charge at your local RCMP detachment.
- **Drivers Abstract** (required only if driving students)

Parent volunteers are an important part of many school activities. If you will be available at any time during this school year to volunteer in any capacity, please contact our school office and we will provide you with the appropriate documents to fill in.

If you have any questions as to the volunteer opportunities at Brant Christian, please feel free to call the school office.

Important Bussing Information

- **Bus Fees** – If you have not submitted your bus fees for the 2017-18 school year please send to the school office as soon as possible if paying by cheque, or an email will be sent with information about automatic withdrawal. For questions or concerns with bus fees or any other society fees please email bcssfes@gmail.com.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** School closures, emergency situations or bus breakdowns we will be posted on our school website at www.brantchristianschool.ca.
- **For safety reasons for drop off at bus stops**, please arrange with another parent to watch for your child(ren) if you might be late arriving at the stop afterschool to ensure no students are left unattended.
- Please make sure that you let your bus driver know if your child(ren) will not be on the bus on any given day and/or provide the school with a phone call or note so that buses are not waiting unnecessarily.
- **Bus students** - WRITTEN NOTES ARE REQUIRED in order for your child to ride an alternative bus or go home with a parent other than yourself for whatever reason (ex. appointments, lessons).
- **Non-Bus Students** - During the year we understand that due to a various number of circumstances (appointments, lessons) students who do not normally use the bus may require to ride periodically. Fees are required for this service, so please call the school office to arrange.
- Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather at all times.
- If you have any questions or concerns with our bussing program, please contact the school office and we will be happy to put you into contact with the appropriate person.
- **Electronic Policy for Buses enclosed**

IMPORTANT:

Forms that need to be filled in & signed and sent back to the school office:

Student Verification Forms ALL STUDENTS

To ensure our school office has the most recent information on our student's files entered correctly, please look over, revise as needed and send back ASAP. This information is important as we use it for emergency purposes and it is also submitted to Alberta Education and therefore needs to be the most up to date information at all times.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL IN 911 addresses for anyone whose mailing address is not your physical address, so anyone with PO Boxes make sure you fill in your "blue" sign address AND/OR street address. Rural families - please include land location.

Freedom of Information & Privacy Package (form):

Please read over ALL information attached and fill in the form, sign and send back to the school.

Information Technology Consent Forms (Internet):

- This form is required for each student in our school to access the internet and permission to post work/pictures online.
- We will need these forms filled in and sent back to the school by September 30, 2017. If we do not receive a form back by this date those students WILL NOT have access to the internet at school which will affect many of their classes and the ability to do their work in school.
- Please be aware that there are different forms for K-Gr.3 and Gr. 4-12, so ensure that you are using the correct form for the correct student. Thank you.

Important Procedures for Picking Up a Student Early

1. Students must be signed out in the office prior to leaving the school.
2. If your child is being picked up by someone other than you, we need to be notified by the parent/guardian beforehand and ID will be requested at the office if that person is unknown to staff.

Medications

Palliser policy is that no medications can be administered to students without an **"Authorization to Administer Medicine"** form on file. This is a new year so we require new forms for students who may have had one on file last year.

No medications will be administered to a student without a completed form on file. This includes both prescription and over the counter medicine. If your child regularly requires any medications, including Tylenol, Advil, cough drops, Benedryl or any allergy medications, please call the school to request a form and discuss the administering of such.

Thank you!

DISTRICT SCHOOL FEES

Invoices enclosed in black bag.

District Mandatory Fees include:

Technology Fee - \$35.00 Gr. 1-12

*Gym Strip (gr. 5-8) - \$36.00

Yearbook (1 per family) - \$41.00

Optional Fees:

Extra Gym Strip - \$36.00

Extra Yearbook - \$41.00

*Gym Strip is charged on grade 5 & new Brant student invoices only. Gym strip is available to purchase extra for all students in grade 5-8, please contact our school office.

Field trip fees are charged throughout the year as students participate.

School fee invoices enclosed. Please note that school fees are due upon receipt of this invoice.

Fees can be paid by cheque, cash or online at www.schoolcashionline.com.

High River Pro Life Apple Fundraiser

Apples available for purchase are Gala, Jona Gold or Spartan

Cost: Box (40lb) - \$45.00 or ½ box - \$25.00

Can be ordered by calling the school office (403) 684-3752 or email catherine.massey@pallisersd.ab.ca.

You are responsible for picking up your order upon arrival. Date & place of pick up to be announced, likely on or around Oct. 7th.

Orders must be in BEFORE Sept. 18th.



September 2017

Brant Christian School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. - Psalm 139:14 -</p>					1	2
3	4 Labor Day <i>No School</i>	5 Opening Day Pancake Breakfast Communication Bags go home	6	7	8 Kindergarten Home Visits Friday ON	9
10	11	12	13	14 Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet 4:00 – 7:30 pm at Brant Christian	15 Field Trip to Calgary Corn Maze All Grades	16
17	18	19	20 CHAPEL 9:15 am (gr.1-6) 10:15 am all grades Gr. 7-12 to follow	21	22 Friday OFF <i>No school for staff or students</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Friday OFF <i>No school for staff or students</i>	30