

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

BRANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

"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 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 to the school 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.

PARENT/TEACHER MEET & GREET

Thursday, Sept. 29th
4:00 - 7:15 pm

Come and meet the teachers!

Appointments are required so please call the school office to book yours at 403-684-3752.

In Your Black Bag:

- Newsletter
- September Calendar
- Registration Form (all students from last year)
- Internet Consent Forms
- Freedom of Information & Privacy Package (with forms)
- School Accident Insurance Information
- Threat Assessment Letter
- 2015-16 Yearbooks (only those who ordered last year)
- SUTP Fundraiser Envelope
- District Fee Invoices
- Corn Maze Permission
- Electronica Bus Policy

Coming Up:

Sept. 9 – Friday ON for students
Sept. 14 – Brant Christian School presents "JOAL KAMPS" in concert at the High River Baptist Church – 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome!
Sept. 16 – Friday ON for students – Kindergarten to Grade 12
CALGARY CORN MAZE FIELD TRIP
Sept. 23 & 24 – Sr. High Boys Volleyball Tournament (Black Diamond)
Sept. 28 - Chapel
Sept. 29 – Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet (Brant Christian School Gym)
(4 – 7:15 pm)

Oct. 5 – Thanksgiving Chapel
Oct. 6 – Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs & chips
Oct. 7 – Friday OFF – no school
Oct. 10 – Thanksgiving Day – no school
Oct. 11 – Teacher PD – no school for students
Oct. 13 – School Picture Day
Oct. 13 – Hot Lunch – Taco in a Bag
Oct. 14 – Friday ON for students
Oct. 20 & 21 – ACSI Teacher Convention – no school for students
Oct. 26 - Chapel
Oct. 27 – Scarecrow Dress Up Day
Oct. 27 – Hot Lunch - Pizza
Oct. 28 – Friday OFF – no school

More information on some of the individual events to come later.

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. 28th

Chapel Times (are subject to change)

1:15 pm – Grades 1-6
2:20 pm – Worship (ALL GRADES)
2:45 pm – Grades 7-12

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

During the school year we will be looking for volunteers. A few of the activities we may ask parents to volunteer for may include but are not limited to:

Driving for field trips and extra-curricular activities including sporting events and practices. Special in-class or school wide activities.

If you are interested in volunteering anytime during this school year, or anticipate your child(ren) being part of an extra-curricular sports team or event, please contact the school office. We will need the following completed prior to volunteering:

- 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)

Important Bussing Information

- Bus Fees – If you have not submitted your bus fees for the 2016-17 school year please send to the school office as soon as possible. For questions or concerns, please call (403) 684-3752 or e-mail Cathy at catherine.massey@pallisersd.ab.ca.
- **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 will be required for this service, so please call the school office if needed. WRITTEN NOTES ARE REQUIRED.
- 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.
- **Electronic Policy for Buses enclosed**

IMPORTANT:

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

Student Registration Forms: ONLY STUDENTS WHO WERE AT BRANT LAST YEAR

- To ensure our school office has the most recent information on our student's files, please fill in and send back to the office as soon as possible the enclosed registration forms for each student. 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. We apologize for having to fill out a new registration but due to our new student information system we do not have the regular student verification forms at this time.
- We need 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 if possible, 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.
- We will need these forms filled in and sent back to the school by September 30, 2016. 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.
- Please be aware that there are different forms for K-Gr.3 and Gr. 4-12, please ensure that you are using the correct form for the correct student. Thank you.

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 Fees include: Sep

Technology Fee - \$35.00 Gr. 1-12

Instruction Material Fee - \$59.00 Gr. 7-9
- \$69.00 Gr. 10-12

Gym Strip - \$36.00 Gr. 5-8 (students in gr. 6-8 who already have gym strip do not have to purchase at this time. However, please call the school office if you would like a new set.)

Sr. High Admin Fee - \$200.00 Gr. 9-12

Optional Fees – Yearbook - \$40.00

Field trip fees are charged throughout the year on an as needed basis.

Please note that school fees are due as soon as possible.

Fees can be paid by cheque, cash or online at

www.schoolcashionline.com.

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25 YEARS

HOLD THE DATE!

Saturday, November 5th, 2016

Looking forward to celebrating our 25th Anniversary at our 20th Annual Dinner & Auction Gala!

More information to come!

COMMEMORATE
the past

CELEBRATE
the present

ANTICIPATE
the future

SUTP COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER

Our SUTP Fundraiser has helped us to raise funds each year for our Year End Field Trip in order to provide this trip FREE or at a lower cost to our students.

- Coupon Books are \$20.00 each. A great deal! They easily pay for themselves in savings over the year.
- We ask each family to try and sell at least one (1) book. Feel free to sell as many as you'd like though, as each book sold brings you that much closer to a FREE end of year field trip!
- Enclosed in your black bag is a collection envelope and flyer. Please use this envelope to collect orders and payments. Once you've collected your orders and ALL payments, please send the envelope back to the school office and we will be happy to send you the books.
- Coupon books are available for Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Medicine Hat!

This Fundraiser begins immediately and will be over November 30th!

Thank you for your contribution to raise funds for our Year End Field Trip!

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 shown by the person picking the student up.

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