

Brant Christian School 2023-24 Education Plan



Mission

“Brant Christian School is a unique learning environment committed to academic excellence from a Biblical worldview, assisting parents and the church in preparing graduates of integrity and godliness; ambassadors for Christ and His Kingdom.”

Vision

To become a community of Christ-like learners, encouraging and leading each other as we continue to grow academically and spiritually in an appropriate space. Operating as a school of choice, BCS will seek to nurture a caring, accepting environment where every student will discover, develop and demonstrate exemplary Christian character, personal accountability and individual academic excellence.

Principal's Message

Brant Christian School is a small rural school of approximately 170 students in K to 12. We are located in the hamlet of Brant, AB halfway between High River and Vulcan. We have a wonderful student body of respectful students, with a great parent body who support all aspects of our Christian education.

We have 11 teaching staff and 6 support staff who go above and beyond everyday for our students. Our programs range from the core subjects to fine arts, CTS (shop), technology and art.

We are dedicated to providing quality literacy and numeracy instruction, bolstered by staff professional development. We take time to look at the best tools we can use to support our growth as educators and ensure we are providing the best education possible.

We have a range of athletic programs available for our students, including numerous volleyball teams, curling, badminton, track and rugby (in partnership with Highwood). We are always looking for ways we can get as many as possible involved in athletics and support our teams all year long.

Our faith based programming is a critical aspect of our school, from the beginning to the end of our week. Students have daily devotional times, along with Bible instruction twice a week. We also have Biblical integration as part of our curricular goals. All this helps ensure we provide a safe and caring community for our learners.



Our parent community is very important to our school, whether it is volunteers helping with hot lunches, accompanying us on field trips or cheering us on in our sports and presentations. We love to involve our families in whatever ways we can.



School Goals

Palliser School Division Goal 1: Literacy and Numeracy

Brant Christian School Goal 1: Literacy and Numeracy

Brant Christian will create, and promote a literacy and numeracy rich environment that will enable students to be successful in all aspects of daily life.

Desired States	School Strategies	Provincial Measures	School (Local) Measures
<p>Students will achieve prescribed provincial learning outcomes, demonstrating strengths in literacy and numeracy.</p> <p>Teachers and leaders will use effective assessment strategies to gather authentic evidence of learning and will use this evidence to inform practice.</p> <p>Learning environments are agile and flexible enough to meet the diverse needs of students by providing the appropriate technology, learning supports and structures so that all students find success.</p>	<p>What strategies will you use to achieve this goal?</p>	<p>Provincial Measures used to determine progress toward goal (reported in AERR, ie. PAT/diploma exam marks, Assurance survey data, etc)</p>	<p>School based data used to determine progress toward goal (ie. literacy/numeracy assessment data, OurSchool survey, locally developed surveys, etc)</p>
	<p>Estimation, mental math, problem solving, transferal of spelling skills to other subjects, critical thinking to approach and solve problems (lit and num), authenticity of tasks, exposure to new terminology in daily contexts, providing formative assessment to allow for self-correction, modeling skills, professional learning opportunities for staff growth</p>	<p>Provincial assurance survey results (AERR)</p>	<p>In class assessments (formal and informal), Observations, Surveys</p>
	<p>Allocated Resources Professional Development Time (August PD time will focus on how to develop inclusive classrooms as well as using at least 2 other pd days to explore topics in literacy and numeracy), Manipulatives, Reading resources, pull out time for students (our buddy reading program designed to develop reading skills of older students), EA designation for literacy and numeracy support</p>		

Brant Christian School Goal 2: Executive Functioning Skills

Brant Christian School will provide tools to help students develop foundational executive functioning skills that will allow them to be effective in lifelong learning.

Desired States	School Strategies	School (Local) Measures
<p>Teachers and leaders establish, promote and sustain inclusive learning environments.</p> <p>Students are engaged in their learning and approach each situation with a growth mindset to be ready for collaborating, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and communicating.</p> <p>Students will be able to identify their emotions so they can react appropriately, helping them to self-advocate and make good decisions.</p>	<p>What strategies will you use to achieve this goal?</p>	<p>School based data used to determine progress toward goal (ie. literacy/numeracy assessment data, OurSchool survey, locally developed surveys, etc)</p>
	<p>Focus on integration of the 6 foundational skills in everyday class experience: response inhibition, working memory, emotional control, flexibility, sustained attention, task initiation; encouragement of focused work vs multi-tasking, teaching different mnemonic tools to aid memory, instruction on responding vs reacting with our emotions, providing controlled choice, chunking tasks to aid completion, using signaling for starting and stopping tasks, rewarding persistence in task completion</p>	<p>Observations, Informal assessments, Student and staff surveys, Provincial assurance survey results (AERR)</p>
	<p>Allocated Resources Professional Development time (2 of our allocated PD days will focus on topics related to Executive Functioning), reviews of strategies and tools for implementation once a month in staff meetings, purchases of class manipulatives and other assistive tools like wobble seats as student need arises.</p>	



Brant Christian School Goal 3: *Brant Christian School will work to promote wellness by monthly themes in our chapels, morning devotionals and school assemblies which nurture the virtues that sustain our school culture.*

Desired States	School Strategies	School (Local) Measures
<p>The Palliser Board and Staff attend with agility and flexibility to the distinct learning needs, mental health, interests, aspirations and diverse cultural social and economic circumstances of all students.</p> <p>Students will be able to identify their emotions so they can react appropriately, helping them to self-advocate and make good decisions.</p>	<p>What strategies will you use to achieve this goal?</p>	<p>School based data used to determine progress toward goal</p>
	<p>Using themes in chapel (see below), devotions and Bible integration; reference these when working with students to increase care for others</p> <p><i>Sept. Follow! (Jesus' Teachings)</i> <i>Oct. Celebrate! (Praise with Joy!)</i> <i>Nov. Remember! (God's help)</i> <i>Dec. Seek! (To know the Savior)</i> <i>Jan. Trust! (God's promises)</i> <i>Feb. Be Gracious! (Christ was)</i> <i>Mar. Pray! (Expectantly!)</i> <i>Apr. Stand! (Confidently)</i> <i>May. Edify! (Build self & others)</i> <i>Jun. Restore! (Rest & Replenish)</i></p>	<p>Class and playground observations, student survey (Our School Survey Tool), Parent feedback/surveys, Theme verse <i>Come, let's proclaim the Lord's greatness, Let's exalt His Name together. I prayed & He answered, freeing me from all my fear. Those who ask Him for help radiate joy! ... Taste & see that God is Good! Ps. 34:3-5,8</i></p>
	<p>Allocated resources Bi-weekly chapel time, morning devotional, staff meeting time, resources for chapels and Bible class demonstrations, ACSI teacher conference in October</p>	

