

BRANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1Peter 4:10*

COMING UP:

Mar. 16 – Chapel
Mar. 17 – Hot Lunch – Subway
Mar. 17 – Prayer Meeting – High River Baptist Church 12:30 pm
Mar. 18 – Friday ON (5 day week!)
Mar. 24 – Hot Lunch - Pizza
Mar. 25 – Good Friday – No School
Mar. 26 - Apr. 3 – EASTER BREAK

Apr. 4 – **Re-registration Deadline**

Apr. 6 - Chapel
Apr. 7 – Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
Apr. 8 – Friday OFF
Apr. 14 – Hot Lunch – Taco in a Bag
Apr. 15 – Friday OFF
Apr. 20 - Chapel
Apr. 21 – Hot Lunch – Subway
Apr. 21 – Discover U Leadership Conference - Heritage Christian
(Gr. 7/8, 10-12)
Apr. 21 – Party Program (Foothills Hospital – Gr. 9)
Apr. 22 – Friday OFF
Apr. 25 – Teacher PD – No school for students
Apr. 28 – Hot Lunch - Pizza
Apr. 29 – Friday ON

May 4 – Chapel
May 4-6 – Camp Little Red (Gr. 7/8 only)
May 5 – Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs
May 6 – Friday OFF
May 12 – Hot Lunch – Taco in a Bag
May 13 – Friday OFF
May 19 – Hot Lunch – Subway
May 19 – Spring Production – Play & Band Concert @ 7:00 pm
May 20 – Friday OFF
May 23 – Victoria Day – No School
May 24 – Teacher PD – No School for Students
May 28 – Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony

June 6-8 – Waterton Lake Trip (Gr. 5/6)

VULCAN COUNTY SPORTS:

Soccer (3-15 yr olds as of January 1st)

Parent Info Meeting – Thursday, March 17th @ Vulcan Prairieview Elementary - 7PM
Registration Deadline: Friday, April 1st

Minor Baseball

Parent Info Meeting – Thursday, March 17th @ VPE – 6PM
Registration Deadline – Friday, March 18th (will accept after this date as well)

FORMS FOR BOTH SPORTS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OFFICE.

In Your Black Bag:

- April Hot Lunch Forms (online payment available now, go to: schoolcashionline.com)
- April Calendar
- Receipts (as applicable)

Chapels

Please join us!

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

**Next Chapels: Wed, March 16th
Wed, April 6th**

Chapel Times:

1:15 pm - Gr. 1-6
2:15 pm - Worship (all grades)
Gr. 7-12 to follow worship time

We welcome you to stay informed of what is happening at Brant Christian School by going onto our website:

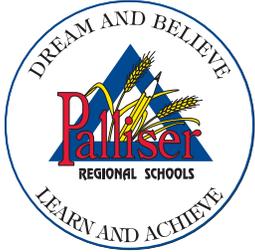
www.brantchristianschool.ca

and checking out our "Recent School News" section at the bottom of our homepage to see frequent news updates from our Principal.

Our website is the best way to find out about bus delays and/or school closures.

Did you know that 2016 is Brant Christian School's 25th Anniversary?!

Our Auction Committee is already preparing for a **BIG** celebration in November!! We could use your help! If you know of any Brant alumni, we would like to invite them to join us for this special evening, so we need addresses and/or phone numbers. 😊



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March 2016

Literacy work starts early and never stops
Hello everyone,

Spring seems to have arrived early and with it, we're already looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year.

Our elementary schools will soon be hosting developmental check-ups for three- to five-year-olds who are entering early learning or kindergarten programs this fall. These check-ups are a fantastic service to parents, providing access to experts in early childhood development, including speech and language pathologists, right in their own communities. These free, one-hour sessions are a great way for parents/guardians to confirm which skills their children are well on their way to mastering and which areas require more support.

These check-ups help determine the support and resources incoming early learning and kindergarten students will need this fall. They also give children an opportunity to visit the school they'll be attending, have a positive hour of fun activity, and likely alleviate some of the anxiety that might come when school starts.

Our early learning and kindergarten staff help children establish a foundation for vital skills to ensure readiness for Grade 1.

The programs continue to offer children a fun environment, but daily activities are purposeful. Through play, children will be learning everything from letter sounds, co-ordination and muscle control for writing, and the connection between letters, words, sounds and pictures.

If we get these early years right, we will be well on our way to our three-year goal, that by March 2019, 95 per cent of our Grade 3 students will be reading at expected level. Once we achieve that goal, imagine the difference we can make to student learning in every grade that follows. Instead of spending time and energy trying to catch up students who have fallen behind their peers, we'll be able to focus on learning in all of the subject areas, and our students will have the comprehension abilities to begin mastering math, science and social studies.

The early years are an investment in success at all grades. Our literacy program is an investment in success in school and in life. It's spring, and we're sowing seeds that promise a lifelong harvest.

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent
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