



Palliser Beyond Borders October/November 2016 Issue

Greetings Principals, Students and Parents

School Registration is still open.

Registrations continue all year

- Students will experience a delay in access to their online course if they do not have a Palliser @prs26.ca account
- Students must authenticate their Palliser mail to Moodle before they can access courses
- [Register and see instructions here:](#)

<http://www.palliserbeyondborders.com/canadian-students/online-studies/application>

Outreach Sites closed:

October 24 and 25
November 10, 14

November 9: Palliser Student Leadership Conference: parents welcome to attend.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 9, 2016 - UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE
Featuring Keynote Speaker Phil Boyte

TO REGISTER, TALK TO YOUR LEAD TEACHER

This event is made possible thanks to our community-minded supporters.

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Students at the conference

Students may register at your local Outreach. See your Teacher Advisor.



Notes from your Palliser Beyond Borders Principal

How are you pacing your learning?

You can choose the dates by which you wish to complete your courses. There are four completion periods in this academic year and you can pace your learning to aim for completion during one of these periods.

October 24, 2016	Diploma courses for those writing diploma exams in November. Deadline to hand in assignments and begin review
October 26, 2016	Non-diploma courses for November reporting period
November 4, 2016.	Report cards will be mailed out

December 21, 2016	Diploma courses for those writing diploma exams in January. Deadline to hand in assignments and begin review
January 13, 2017	Non-diploma courses for January reporting period
January 27, 2017	Report cards will be mailed out

March 22, 2017	Diploma courses for those writing diploma exams in April deadline to hand in assignments and begin review
March 24, 2017	Non-diploma courses for April reporting period
April 7, 2017	Report cards will be emailed out

June 2, 2017	Diploma courses for those writing diploma exams in January deadline to hand in assignments and begin review
June 9, 2017	Non-diploma courses for January reporting period
June 23, 2017	Report cards will be mailed out

We will be doing major upgrades to our server this summer. All courses must be completed by June 9 to ensure that student work can be assessed for credit before changes are made to the courses over the summer.

Enhancements to our online learning and assessment

Our teachers work hard to maintain the integrity of the academic process. Please review our [assessment policy and plagiarism information](https://goo.gl/SL9G7L) at <https://goo.gl/SL9G7L>

We have introduced two new tools to our courses which preserve the academic integrity of your learning and earning of credit:

Unplag.com: When you submit an assignment in some courses you will be asked to submit using this plagiarism checker. It scans the Internet and previously submitted assignments and provides a report to you and your teacher citing sources of plagiarized materials. If sources in your assignments are properly cited then your work is not reported as plagiarized. Please use this [resource at Purdue University](https://goo.gl/idNENg) as a reference for proper citations: <https://goo.gl/idNENg>

Respondus.com: you will begin to see in some courses the requirement for you to download a "lockdown browser." This prevents surfing the Internet or opening tabs when you are in a test situation. Instructions will be provided by your teacher. A student reference guide is available <https://goo.gl/EXQxZW>

Please speak to your teacher or drop in to our [Blackboard study hall](https://goo.gl/gnsmFL) to get help with these tools or with your courses <https://goo.gl/gnsmFL>

Best regards,

Alison Hancox

Alison Hancox, MET. Principal, Palliser Beyond Borders

How is news shared at Palliser Beyond Borders?

- Regular newsletters such as this one are posted on our website under
 - [news on the homepage](#) and
 - [news under current students](#)
 - These are simultaneously posted to [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Please like and follow us.
 - The twitter feed is on the home page of each course
- Newsletters are emailed home to parents via an automated synervoice messaging service. Be sure we have your parent email on file if you are not receiving them.
- For Students:
 - Newsletters and messages are posted to our [Moodle dashboard for students](#) <http://moodle.prs26.ca/my/> Be sure you click on the links to open the announcements.
 - automated synervoice messages are emailed to student @prs26 accounts.
- Copies of our newsletters are shared with Palliser Schools and linked on their school websites.
- Paper copies of our newsletters are available at our Outreach campuses.

Completing Courses and Exam Protocols - students please read

We want students to submit assignments regularly and follow our tips for successful online learning. Students can not submit a whole course the night before an exam or diploma exam and accept that it is ok to “take the bad mark”. We feel bad if students don’t do well on exams and want to support every effort for students to demonstrate their very best understanding in our courses.

Students: be aware that each course has different exam protocols depending on the subject. Be in touch with your teacher to book your exam writing. Organizing final exams requires a little coordination with your school to ensure we have a Palliser staff who will supervise and that the exam and password are made available to your school site. Please give your

teacher one day notice to make the arrangements. This includes the Outreaches. If Palliser staff is not available we will need to make Procter arrangements, which require forms and signatures.

Please note that courses need to be completed within one calendar year of the student’s start date. These deadlines mean that all assignments and exams must be submitted on or before the date.

Diploma Courses and Protocols

Diploma Course Reviews: The discrepancy between our diploma marks and course marks closed quite significantly last year. The common factor was that students made sure they had the time to participate in diploma course reviews either online or face to face. Part of our course expectations is for students to attend these course reviews. Review dates are posted on [our website](#)

<http://palliserbeyondborders.com/current-students/high-school-information/diploma-exam-information>

YOU MUST BE DONE ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND IN-CLASS EXAMS BY OCTOBER 24, IF YOU PLAN ON WRITING A NOVEMBER DIPLOMA. DIPLOMAS START NOVEMBER 2ND.

- [Diploma Exam Information is posted here on our website](#)
- [Study resources are available here: http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/examprepandtesttaking](#)

Finishing your course on time by meeting posted deadlines: If students do not meet the deadline dates for completing courses, students must plan to write the diploma in the next cycle. We want you to have the review time you need after teacher assessment is complete to ensure you are ready for the summative assessment.

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACHES:

Registrations and Academic meetings can be booked at our sites. Site based instruction varies with each site.

Location	Site based instruction Ask for more Info!
Picture Butte Outreach 334 Highway Avenue Box 1280 Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0 Phone: 403-732-5810 Administrative Assistant: Lola Mix	Programming Raspberry and Arduino RAP, Work Experience and Green Certificate
Palliser Alternative Outreach in Calgary Suite 120, 2635 37 Avenue NE Calgary, AB T1Y 5Z6 phone: 1-403-291-0584 Administrative Assistant: Elvira Pagsanghan	RAP, Work Experience and Green Certificate
Vulcan Outreach 102B First Street South Box 390 Vulcan, AB T0L 0B0 Phone: 403-485-6180 Administrative Assistant: Shila Provost	RAP, Work Experience and Green Certificate Foods and Volunteerism Mentorship Program
PASS+: 2016 19 Street, Coaldale, AB T1M 1L8 Phone: 403-345-4421 Administrative Assistant: Kourtney Skipworth	RAP, Work Experience and Green Certificate Sports Analytics pilot



It's a Full House in Picture Butte these days! More computers are coming!

Students in Vulcan prepared 30 servings x 12 students as part of the Foods program. Congratulations Mrs. Porath and Students!



Any Palliser student who wants to order hoodies or T-shirts please see the administrative assistant at your Outreach site.

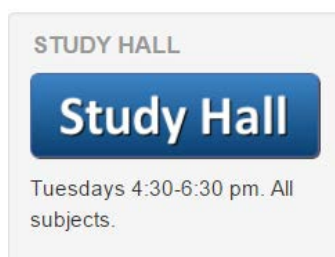
Blackboard online drop in schedule <https://goo.gl/B0AGKc>



You can Use Blackboard on your mobile device

	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday
	English/Social	Math/Science	English/Social	Math/Science	English/Social	Math/Science	English/Social	Math/Science
Noon - 1 pm	Keith	Lee	Jacob	Lee	Caroline (Funmi)	Bruno	Keith	Steve
1 - 2 pm	Caroline (Jacob)	Bruno	Steve	Lee	Jacob	Jason	Mike	Bruno
2 - 3 pm	Steve	Katherine	Caroline (Jacob)	Katherine	Keith	Ken	Jacob	Katherine
4:30-6:30	N/A	N/A	All courses: drop in Study Hall Keith/Bruno as determined at PASS		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Students in cohorts from Brant, Noble Central, Trinity Christian, Menno Simmons have instructional times timetabled outside of this schedule. Your teacher has the details posted in your courses.



Online **Study Hall** - help in all subject areas

Look for the link at <http://moodle.prs26.ca/my/>

School Advisory Committee meets online monthly

More information about Palliser Beyond Borders and our programs are available at these meetings or [posted here](#). information is posted in your courses and [here on the website](#)

Palliser Beyond Borders School Calendar

School calendars vary slightly across our division. [Please refer to our calendar linked on our website](#) to know when teachers are available to work with students.

Palliser Regional Schools Board approved calendar is [available to download](#) from here for 2016-17 school year.

Information Sessions about Palliser Beyond Borders

Information Sessions and an online Open House are monthly every second Tuesday at 5:30 - 6:30 pm

- Location: [online meeting room \(click here\)](#)

Outreaches and PBB														
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR														
Board Approval: June 6/16														
AUGUST 2016					SEPTEMBER 2016					OCTOBER 2016				
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INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS														
Registration and Student Academic Planning														
Aug 29, 30, 31,														
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS														
Division-Wide PD Days					Staff Planning/Collaboration/ Site PD					Prof. Development (ATA)				
Opening Ceremony Sept 1, 2016					Sept 2, Sept 23, Oct 7, 24 and 25					Teachers' Convention -				
October 11, 2016					Dec 5, Nov 10, Jan 19, Feb 6, April 13, Mar 14, May 15					February 23 & 24, 2017				
November 14, 2016					May 23, 2017 (AP- survey results/school goals)									
March 13, 2017														
May 1, 2017										Parent-Teacher Days Off in Lieu				
										February 21, 2017				
										February 22, 2017				
School will officially close at normal closing time on December 22, 2016 for Christmas Break.														
School year begins: August 29, 2016										XX		No Staff/Students		
First day for students: September 6, 2016												Non-Instructional/Prof. Dev. Days (No Students)		
Semester 2 begins: February 1, 2017												Parent-Teacher Interview Lieu Days (No Students)		
Last day for students: June 28, 2017												Summer Break PBB regular teachers not available but sub will finish off summer students who are late completing. no new courses assigned to students.		
Summer School begins July 4 and all work for reporting on transcripts by September must be done by August 4. Diploma courses by July 27												summer school for PBB		

A New Learning Landscape

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