



January-
February
2018



**Notes from
the Palliser
Beyond
Borders
Principal**

Successful students have a strong learning and teaching relationship with their teachers

- They know their teachers and how to communicate with them.
- They attend the Blackboard Collaborate Study Halls each week to ensure they are on track, get help with learning, and schedule exams.

If you are not attending Blackboard Study Halls, please refer to [this schedule](#) and attend. Remember, we have Tuesday nights staffed online to help those of you with full daytime schedules. See the schedule on the Moodle dashboard.

Best Regards,

Alison Hancox

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MET. Principal, Palliser Beyond Borders

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2ND SEMESTER IS NOW OPEN ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

- **WE ARE** processing registration as soon as receive them.
- Register and see instructions here: pbb.registrationpallisersd.ab.ca
- The Blackboard timetable is posted <https://goo.gl/ca7vJa> and in the Moodle dashboard.

NEW COURSES FOR THIS NEW YEAR!

Ask us about these:

- Aboriginal studies 10 (3 credits)
- World History 30 (3 credits)
- Geography 30 (3 credits)
- Consumerism (1 credit) - a new mobile course being piloted on mobile devices only. If you wish to pilot this course, please ask Stephanie.Krammer@pallisersd.ab.ca for more information.

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- School Registration Information
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- News from the Outreaches

Annual Alberta Education Surveys

SATISFACTION SURVEY - by telephone January to March 2018

As in previous years, the Ministry of Education will be conducting its annual stakeholder satisfaction telephone surveys to collect public and other stakeholder perceptions of Alberta's education system. You may be contacted by Advanis Inc., an Alberta-based firm, that will administer the telephone surveys beginning January 5, 2018 and ending March 30, 2018. The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers, principals, superintendents and school board trustees in the province. The total number of completed surveys will be over 6,000, ensuring that survey results for each of the 10 respondent groups are statistically representative. The survey responses are completely confidential, and only aggregate data will be reported.

In addition to telephone surveys, this year Alberta Education is piloting online surveys of teachers and the public using the same survey instruments. This is being done to examine alternatives to the existing telephone survey methodology.

The purpose of the surveys is to determine stakeholders' satisfaction with:

- the overall quality of the education system;
- the education system meeting the needs of students and supporting our society and the economy;
- schools providing a safe, caring and inclusive environment for students;
- preparation of students for lifelong learning, employment and active citizenship;
- the education system having effective working relationships with partners and stakeholders;
- leadership and continuous improvement of the education system;
- knowledge, skills, abilities and other related attributes of recent high school graduates; and
- facilities and equipment in the education system.

Your participation is important, as it provides valuable information to help the ministry identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement, thus helping provide a more effective and accountable education system. Some survey results are also used in specific business plan performance measures and will be reported in the ministry's 2017/18 annual report.

Advanis Inc., an Alberta-based firm, has been contracted to administer the telephone surveys beginning January 5, 2018 and ending March 30, 2018. A summary of the information obtained from the surveys will be posted on Education's website. Last year's survey instruments and survey results are available at www.education.alberta.ca/admin/resources/satisfaction.asp

ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR SURVEYS - January and February 2018

Parents of grade 10-12 students: Later this winter you will receive a copy of a survey by mail from Alberta Education. Please find attached a copy of the Minister's letter, "Invest in the Future" that will come with your mail.

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators. Data on these indicators consists of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of education quality, student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates, and provincial assessments of student learning.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey.

In January, parents of students in grades 10 - 12 will receive a survey from Alberta Education and the attached letter from the Minister BY MAIL.

In February, students in grades 10 - 12 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Dene, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu. If you require translation in another language please be in touch with alison.hancox@pallisersd.ab.ca who will help arrange translation services.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2018, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports. More information: (780-427-6893 [toll free using 310-0000] or by email at reginia.yan@gov.ab.ca.

Best Regards

Alison Hancox, MET
Principal
[Palliser Beyond Borders.com](http://PalliserBeyondBorders.com)

Off-Campus Programs @ Palliser Beyond Borders

CAREER NOTES

February 2018

As we start the second semester, here are some important pieces of information:

Dual Credit Opportunities coming for 2018/19 - Dual-Credit is an opportunity for interested students to take classes offered by post-secondary institutions that count as both high school credit and post-secondary credit. Check with [Charlene Foster](#) or [Jen Nieboer](#) for more details.

Check out these post-secondary Open House dates:

February 3 - [University of Lethbridge Open House](#)

February 10 - [SAIT Open House](#) (find out what programs are still open for Sept. 2018, **apply for free** during the open house)

February 10 - [St. Mary's University Open House](#)

February 10 - [Lethbridge College Open House](#)

February 15 - [Ambrose University Open House](#) (**apply for free** at the open house).

Thinking about summer? Check out these awesome opportunities:

[SAIT summer camps](#) for grade 4-12

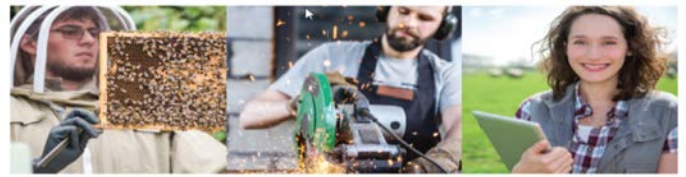
[Prairie Summer Sports Camps](#) and [Prairie Flight Camp](#)

[RCMP Depot Youth Camp](#) (email [Charlene Foster](#) for details)

Any student (or parent) can schedule time to meet with (in person or online) me at cfooster.youcanbook.me. You can also email me at charlene.foster@pallisersd.ab.ca

Charlene Foster

Career and Academic Counsellor



Off-Campus Programs

We offer the credits in the following off campus programs:

- ◆ Work Experience
- ◆ Registered Apprenticeships
- ◆ Green Certificates

Grade 9 - 12 Students must have HCS 3000 successfully completed (Contact us if you need that credit)

For more information contact:


Jennifer.Nieboer@pallisersd.ab.ca (South)

Jacob.Fraser@pallisersd.ab.ca (Vulcan)

Charlene.Foster@Pallisersd.ab.ca (Calgary only)



ANNOUNCEMENTS ON YOUR MOODLE DASHBOARD (PLEASE READ)



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Courses English (en)

Palliser Beyond Borders is proud to be part of Palliser Regional Schools, giving students a unique multicultural online learning experience and access to the division's outstanding teachers online or in person.

PALLISER BEYOND BORDERS VIRTUAL SCHOOL - ENTER HERE


PALLISER REGIONAL SCHOOLS - ENTER HERE

Watch Announcements on your Moodle Dashboard and Log into Moodle this way:

<http://moodle.prs26.ca/>
Log into Palliser Beyond Borders Virtual School:

Please click the link:

<http://moodle.prs26.ca/my/>



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Courses English (en)

Home » Dashboard

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Study Hall

Tuesday 4:20 - 6:20 pm

Navigation

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Latest announcements

Add a new topic...

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RCMP's Depot Youth Camp, Regina, Saskatchewan for August of 2018
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Older topics ...

Remind

Join Remind to receive announcements directly to your phone or to contact your teacher.
Download the app, create an account, and enter the class code: p-bbbs.
Or text "join palliser" to (587) 413-0147.

Private files

No files available
Manage private files...

Latest badges

You have no badges to display

Calendar

January 2018

School Calendar and Blackboard Collaborate Sessions

Blackboard Collaborate - now web based for all students

Ultra: Log in Here (This link leads students with Chrome Books, desktops and laptops)

Palliser Beyond Borders Blackboard & Synchronous Instruction Schedule

To view more details or to save to your calendar, click on the scheduled session.

Today	Friday, January 19	Friday, January 19	Print	Week	Month	Agenda
	11:30am	Math 20-2				
	10:00am	Cosmatology/Early Childhood				
	10:30am	English 20-1				
	10:20am	Math 20-2				
	11:00am	Parental Science/Psychology				

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See latest announcements

Palliser Beyond Borders Announcements

Open and Read the pinned news articles at the top

Add a new topic

Discussion	Started by	Replies	Last post
Annual Alberta Education Survey about Alberta Education	Alison Hancox	0	Alison Hancox Fri, 19 Jan 2018, 3:28 PM
Moodle Maintenance this weekend - we do not anticipate any disruption.	Alison Hancox	0	Alison Hancox Fri, 19 Jan 2018, 3:25 PM
Diploma information: Read this if you are writing a diploma in JANUARY	Alison Hancox	0	Alison Hancox Mon, 8 Jan 2018, 10:05 AM
Exam Protocols - Reminder - you need to arrange details with your teacher with notice	Alison Hancox	0	Alison Hancox Thu, 7 Dec 2017, 11:51 AM
STEAM Horizon Scholarship for grade 12 students	Alison Hancox	0	Alison Hancox Mon, 27 Nov 2017, 4:24 PM
National Video Contest (FOCUS!) Grades 8-12	Alison Hancox	0	Alison Hancox Thu, 9 Nov 2017, 11:01 AM
Discover Entrepreneurship: grades 10-12	Alison Hancox	0	Alison Hancox Mon, 30 Oct 2017, 10:48 AM
Use Remind - to get Palliser Beyond Borders announcements by text	Jacob Fraser	0	Jacob Fraser Mon, 2 Oct 2017, 1:51 PM
September 30 School Assembly Recording - please listen	Alison Hancox	0	Alison Hancox Fri, 29 Sep

Pinned Announcements ARE IMPORTANT to review:

USE THESE IMPORTANT DATES AND COURSE COMPLETION DATES TO PLAN YOUR ACADEMIC PLAN FOR 2017-2018 YEAR

Friday January 12, 2018	Non-diploma courses deadline to hand in assignments for January reporting period
Friday January 26, 2018	Report cards are distributed. Courses completed will receive a final mark and be reported to Alberta Education. Courses in progress will receive a progress mark. Students continue to work until completed.
Friday March 23, 2018	Diploma courses must be completed including assignments and exams by this date for those writing in April to allow for assessment, feedback and review.
Friday April 6, 2018	Non-diploma courses deadline to hand in assignments for April reporting period
Friday April 20, 2018	Report cards are distributed. Courses completed will receive a final mark and be reported to Alberta Education. Courses in progress will receive a progress mark. Students continue to work until completed.
Friday June 1, 2018	Diploma courses must be completed including assignments and exams by this date for those writing in June to allow for assessment, feedback and review.
Friday June 8, 2018	Non-diploma courses deadline to hand in assignments for June reporting period
Friday June 22, 2018	Report cards are distributed. Courses completed will receive a final mark and be reported to Alberta Education. Courses in progress will receive a progress mark. Students continue to work until completed.

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>

[Diploma Exam Information is posted here on our website](#)

•[Study resources are available here:](#)
<http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/examplepandtesttaking>

From Palliser Beyond Borders Principal: A note about the mastery learning process at Palliser Beyond Borders

Our goal is to empower all our students in all grades and courses in learning and assessment in a meaningful and effective manner. We support students through a process of mastery learning. If students do not show they understand at an acceptable level teachers will ask students to meet with them for additional instruction. We do not want to simply accept failing work and accept that a student will earn a failing mark. This means that students will have the flexibility to determine their completion dates. We do however establish dates for students to aim for so that if they need the credits earned on their transcripts for post secondary deadlines they can plan accordingly. This means some of our students may have received progress marks in June and are aiming to complete a course this fall. If this is true for you please be sure to apply to register in those courses so you don't lose time in September. Please speak to your Teacher Advisors at our Outreaches or our Career and Academic counselors in our Palliser Schools if you need help with application process or academic planning.



Be sure you are connected and getting our communication!

Regular newsletters such as this one are posted on our website under

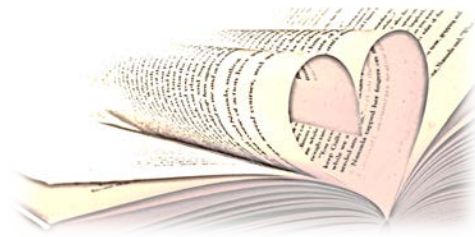
- news on the homepage and
- news under current students
- These are simultaneously posted to Facebook and Twitter. Please like and follow us.
- The twitter feed is on the homepage of each course.
- Newsletters are emailed home to parents via an automated synervoice messaging service. Be sure we have 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.

Starting a course with Palliser Beyond Borders?

We believe that students who follow these tips will be successful online learners:

- Make it a priority to read all your teacher's communication and introduce yourself to him or her. Students who build teaching and learning relationships with their teachers find the experience rewarding.
- The student role is to manage time wisely, identify ways you learn best and reach to demonstrate your understanding. See the table of deadline dates below.
- Calculate how many weeks left before you must finish the course and divide up by weeks what you have left to complete in your course.

- Commit to the schedule.
- Check your email and news feed daily.
- Attend the weekly Blackboard sessions and be prepared to engage in learning, formative assessment and benefit from the teaching process.
- Submit assignments as completed so you can engage formatively with your teacher to help you bump up your understanding.
- Pay attention to posted deadlines so you can plan your academic program.



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.

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACHES

Location	Teachers
Palliser Beyond Borders at Picture Butte 334 Highway Ave. Box 1280 Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0 Phone: 403-732-5810 Administrative Assistant: Lola Mix	Steven.Wornell@pallisersd.ab.ca – Science 14/20/24/30, Chemistry 30, HCS 3010, Agriculture 3000/1010/1040 Legal Studies Karly.Tarney@pallisersd.ab.ca – Aboriginal Studies, Freezer Foods, Foods 10 (includes 1010, 1020, 1030, 1050, 1060), CALM
Palliser Beyond Borders at Calgary Suite 120, 2635 37 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB T1Y5Z6 Phone: 403-291-0584/Toll-Free 1-844-291-0584 Administrative Assistant: Elvira Pagsanghan	Sarah.Christiansen@pallisersd.ab.ca – Social Studies 10-1/10-2, 20-1/20-2, 30-1/30-2 Stephanie.Krammer@pallisersd.ab.ca – Personal and General Psychology, Forensics 25/35, Cosmetology, Early Childcare Charlene.Foster@pallisersd.ab.ca – Work Experience/RAP/Green Certificates, HS 3000
Palliser Beyond Borders at Vulcan 1028 First Street South, Box 390 Vulcan, AB T0L0B0 Phone: 403-485-6180 Administrative Assistant: Shila Provost	Jacob.Fraser@pallisersd.ab.ca – CALM 20, GO Course, French 10/20/30, Off Campus (WE, Mentorship, Volunteerism) Karly.Tarney@pallisersd.ab.ca – Aboriginal Studies, Freezer Foods, Foods 10 (includes 1010, 1020, 1030, 1050, 1060), CALM, English 20-1
Palliser Beyond Borders at Coaldale 1915 20 Avenue, Coaldale, AB T1M1L8 Phone: 403-345-4421 Administrative Assistant: Kourtney	Bruno.Castelli@pallisersd.ab.ca – Math 10C/20-1/30-1, Chem 20 Keith.Harrison@pallisersd.ab.ca – English 10-1,20-1,30-1/10-2,20-2,30-2, Personal and General Psychology Jen.Nieboer@pallisersd.ab.ca – Off Campus, Work Experience, RAP, Green Certificate, Biology 20/30
Brant Christian School – Embedded Teacher	Ken.Kroeker@pallisersd.ab.ca – Science 10 Jason.Doerksen@pallisersd.ab.ca – Physics 20, Physics 30
Nobleford School - Embedded Teacher	Warren.Thompson@pallisersd.ab.ca – Math 31, Math 10-3, Math 20-3/30-3, Math 20-2/30-2
County Central High School- Embedded Teacher	Michael.Shain@pallisersd.ab.ca – Art 19/20/30, Art 11/21/31, Hunter Ed (Wildlife 1070/2070)

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

Palliser Beyond Borders 2017-2018 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

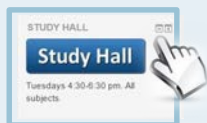
More Information Sessions and an online Open House are monthly every second Tuesday at 5:30 –6:30 pm. Location: [Online meeting room](#) (click here)

[School Advisory Committee meets online monthly](#)

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](#).

- ◆ Blackboard online drop in schedule <https://goo.gl/BOAGKc>
- ◆ You can use Blackboard on your mobile device. 
- ◆ Students using Chrome books: We now have the ability to teach from a web based format of Blackboard. Let your teacher know before you start a session so he or she can set up a web based instructional session and send you a link.
- ◆ Students in cohorts from Brant, Noble Central, Menno Simmons have instructional times timetabled outside of this schedule. Your teacher has the details posted in your courses.

- ◆ Online Study Hall - help subject areas. Look for the link at <http://moodle.prs26.ca/my>



OUTREACH PALLISER REGIONAL SCHOOLS 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR											
August 2017				September 2017				October 2017			
7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	30	31
TD	4	0	1	0	TD	20	4	4	4	TD	20
I	3				I	18				I	16
NS	1				NS	2				NS	4
November 2017				December 2017				January 2018			
6 (D)	7 (D)	8 (D)	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	30	31
TD	3	4	5	3	TD	3	3	3	3	TD	4
I	21				I	15				I	18
NS	1				NS	1				NS	1
February 2018				March 2018				April 2018			
5	6	7	8	9	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30	31	
TD	3	3	3	3	TD	3	4	4	3	TD	3
I	19				I	20				I	16
NS	4				NS	1				NS	1
May 2018				June 2018				July 2018			
7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14 (D)	15 (D)	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	18 (D)	19 (D)	20 (D)	21	22 (D)	23	24
28	29	30	31		25 (D)	26 (D)	27 (D)	28 (D)	29	30	31
TD	1	5	5	3	TD	3	4	4	3	TD	3
I	21				I	21				I	16
NS	2				NS	3				NS	1
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS											
Division-Wide PD Days				Staff Planning/Collaboration				Prof. Development (ATA)			
Opening Ceremony Aug 30, 2017				June 28 & 29, 2018				Teachers' Convention -			
October 10, 2017				Site PD Days				February 22 & 23, 2018			
November 13, 2017				(OIP/PAT) Sept 1, 2017, Sept 25, 2017				Parent-Teacher Days Off in Lieu			
March 12, 2018				Oct 19, 2027, 2017				February 20, 2018			
May 14, 2018				Dec 4, 2017 Jan 19, 2018 March 9, 2018, April 23, 2018				February 21, 2018			
				May 28, 2018 Jun 11, 2018							

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Drop in Sessions noon - 3 pm Monday - Thursday for all subject areas. Look when your teacher is online and check in at least once a week. If they are not available when you are, contact your teacher to book another time.				
12:00-1:00 PM	Jen N	Steve W	Sarah C.	Keith H.
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Ken K	Steph K	Jacob F.	Karly T.
2:00 -3:00 PM	Bruno C	Steph K.	Charlene F.	Jason D.
4:30 - 6:30 PM		Keith, Bruno		

A New Learning Landscape

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