



# PALLISER

BEYOND BORDERS

## Palliser Beyond Borders September 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](mailto:@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 Sept. 23.

- Closed for teacher professional development. Students continue to work online.

#### September 30 mandatory Outreach Attendance and Assembly Day

As part of the kickoff to our school year we will

- serve muffins, juice, hot chocolate
- have an all wide assembly across all campuses for all students @ 8:45 am and 12:15 pm. Students are asked to attend one of these times and to sign in on the attendance book at the school site.
- welcome parents and students who wish to meet teachers and learn more about our Outreach and online program at Palliser Beyond Borders.

We look forward to launching a successful school year with you!

Information is posted on our school calendar on the website and here <https://goo.gl/V2l42v>



## Notes from your Palliser Beyond Borders Principal

### Is your learning on track for successful completion?

Students who register with us for the first time are expected to complete our Getting Online course.

This course teaches students how to

- learn online
- submit assignments
- use Google Apps for Education in the Moodle learning platform
- communicate with teachers
- and be successful online learners.

If you were registered in the first week of school you should have now completed the course and moved on to your academic course.

### What do you do if you have not finished GO?

- Get online. Open up the course and continue! On average we know that students will successfully complete after 16 log ins and working through assignments an hour at a time. This could be 16 log ins over two weeks or 16 log ins over a year! We want you to finish GO this week.
- Fix if something is not right? We have a 10 minute rule of thumb at Palliser Beyond Borders. If something is amiss reach out for help. Don't sit and wait and say I'll figure it out tomorrow. Let's get it figured out today so you can move on.
- Use Technology for learning. We do not want technology to be the barrier to learning. We need to shift from "learning to use technology" to "using technology for learning" in the first two weeks of school. Ask for help.

### • Get help



- Refer to the Teacher information block in your Moodle course. This is an example.
- Email [keith.harrison@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:keith.harrison@pallisersd.ab.ca) or [jacob.fraser@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:jacob.fraser@pallisersd.ab.ca) in GO or your teacher in other courses.
- Use 20<sup>th</sup> century technology: Call your teacher.
- Book a meeting – by phone, google hang out, face to face, Blackboard
- Drop into our Blackboard sessions to meet with a teacher on duty
  - See the schedule on your newsfeed dashboard in Moodle
  - See the [schedule on our website](#) under current students
- Come to Tuesday night study hall 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Bruno and Keith can help get you on track.
- Ask your Outreach teacher to help even if your subject teacher is someone else. All of our teachers know how to get help for you.
- Stay in regular contact with your teacher

**Research tells us the most successful online students are those who know their teacher and know how to reach out for help. Your job now is to build a strong learning and teaching relationship with your teacher.**

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/) <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.

### Use these course completion dates to plan your academic plan for 2016-17 year:

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

## 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 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

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

### Other Important Dates

- **September 1:** all completed registrations will have courses available at moodle.prs26.ca for school start up on September 6
- **September 10:** all summer work experience course hours and required documents must be submitted for credit submission to Alberta Education on September 15.

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

**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.

STUDY HALL

**Study Hall**

Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 pm. All subjects.

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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22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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NOVEMBER 2016					DECEMBER 2016					JANUARY 2017				
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14/19					21/23					13/14				
MAY 2017					JUNE 2017					JULY 2017				
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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										Parent-Teacher Days Off in Lieu				
May 1, 2017										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)
		Summer Break PBB regular teachers not available but sub will finish off summer students who are late completing. no new courses assigned to students.
Last day for students: June 28, 2017		summer school for PBB
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		

## A New Learning Landscape

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