

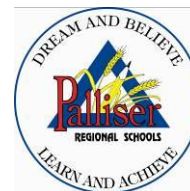


KATE ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL

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New Security Measures at KAHS

All doors, except the front office entrance, at Kate Andrews will be locked after the beginning of morning classes. We have adopted this new procedure on a recommendation by our new resource officer, Constable Stuart Wickend. This new procedure allows better control of persons accessing the building and ensures a more controlled and secured environment for students and staff.

Anyone arriving after the beginning of classes must now use the entrance doors by the general office.

Textbooks

All textbooks used during the first semester should have been returned to the bookroom by now. If you have not returned your textbooks Mrs. Wittebolle will hunt you down.

Second Semester Textbook Pickup

Mrs. Wittebolle and Mrs. Neufeld will hand out the textbooks for second semester on February 1st and 2nd. Classes will be called down to the textbook room and students will receive their books at that time. If a student has not returned their first semester books they will not be able to receive their second semester books.

Grade 9 students will need to renew their Math and LA texts when they are called down to pick up their second semester books.

ATM

The School is interested in putting an ATM in the building for the convenience of parents and students. We are asking anyone who is currently involved with this type of business, or anyone interested in this endeavor, to submit a business plan to Mr. Danny Roberts. We will review these submissions and choose the most viable applicant. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Roberts.

Ski Trip

Kate Andrews High School is continuing its tradition of offering an annual ski trip. This year's trip will be on February 8th. Buses will be leaving KAHS at 6:00 am and returning at 7 pm. Cost: \$80.00/per person for everything. Price includes transportation to and from the hill, equipment rentals, and a mandatory lesson. If you have your own equipment cost is \$65.00. If you have your own equipment and a season pass at Castle the cost is \$40.00. Bring a lunch or be prepared to purchase a lunch at the hill. If you have any questions please contact steve.wornell@pallisersd.ab.ca.

Roast Beef Dinner

In March, the School Council will be hosting a St Patrick's Day Roast Beef Dinner. The date has not yet been confirmed, although, it will be during St. Patrick's Day week. We are looking for parent volunteers. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping with this event.

Don't forget to check your homework at

www.kateandrewshighschool.com

Girls' Slo-pitch Tryouts

Kate Andrews will once again field a girls' slo-pitch team this spring. Tryouts will commence in mid to late March. KA runs one team and any girl in grades 9-12 is eligible to attend tryouts. Games will begin in April with the league championships taking place in early June. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kevin Holland at 345-3383.

Check out the KA Café!

PREPAID \$25.00 CARDS

The canteen will be offering \$25.00 prepaid cards. These will be available for purchase during canteen hours at the canteen.

Updated Display Cases

A special thank you to the following students who have worked so hard to update the display cases in the corridor outside of the offices: Christine Boltezar, Kelcey Nadeau, Haley Van Rijn, Katarina Meyer, Mariah Horvath and Katie Walmsley. They have done an amazing job of showcasing the talents of their fellow students and the various courses and activities that are offered at KAHS.

Europe Trip

This spring we have 19 students travelling with Noble Central High School and Coalhurst High School on a 13 day European study tour to Paris and Madrid.

Day one: leaving Calgary for Paris, France
Day two, three: visiting various sights in Paris
Day four: visit to Vimy Ridge
Day five: more sightseeing in Paris
Day six: day trip to Loire Valley
Day seven: more sightseeing in Paris
Day eight: last day in Paris-overnight train to Madrid
Days 9-12: sightseeing in and around Madrid.
Day 13: leaving Madrid returning home.

Marine Biology Trip

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This March, fourteen KAHS students will be travelling to Sidney, BC, to take part in this year's marine biology trip. Students on this trip will experience first-hand the workings of a sailing yacht. Each will contribute to the

teamwork and camaraderie essential for a safe and interesting voyage. Some duties will include cooking/galley, clean-up, wildlife, and navigation. When not on the *Island Odyssey*, students will explore tidal shelves, sea kayak, hike small coast islands, and experience everything the beautiful BC coast has to offer. Teacher chaperones will be Miss Platt and Mr. Schilling, and the voyage begins March 30 and ends April 4. We look forward to this great trip! Keep your eyes posted to future newsletters for photographs of the trip. Happy travels!

Jason Schilling



Accountability Pillar

Information for parents:

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're equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of 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 4 - 12 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in

grades 4 - 12 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog.

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 2011, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.

Greetings From the Superintendent's Office

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the second half of the school year! As February rolls along, I'd like to draw your attention to a few opportunities for you to have your say in the direction of Alberta's education system and in Palliser Regional Schools. Many Palliser families will be receiving surveys that will provide valuable data for the 2010-2011 Accountability Pillar, a report card of how individual schools and jurisdictions are performing. The deadline for returning the survey to Alberta Education is Feb. 25, 2011. Please take time to participate if you get the opportunity.

Alberta Education is also inviting input on the matter of professional learning for Alberta's teachers. An online survey can be accessed at <http://engage.education.alberta.ca/other-initiatives/proflearn/> until March 31, 2011. Closer to home, Palliser has been collecting input from our Grade 9 students, using resources from the Alberta Student Engagement Initiative. These Speak Out forums encourage students to share what they think is working well in their classrooms and what could improve to facilitate their learning.

This spring will also see the Board of Trustees moving regular meetings out into our schools. These meetings are scheduled for March 15 at Master's Academy & College in Calgary; April 19 at Picture Butte High School, Picture Butte; May 17 at John Davidson School in Coaldale; and June 21 at County Central High School, Vulcan. The public is always welcome to regular board meetings.

Finally, I'd like to close by asking you to join me in congratulating Barbara Gammon, Associate Superintendent (Learning Services) on her

outstanding 38-year career in service to children and students in Southern Alberta. Mrs. Gammon has announced her intention to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Thank you for being Palliser's partners in education.

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent

Time Management Tips for High School Students

Does it seem like there's never enough time in the day to get everything done? Feel like you're always running late? Here are some tips for taking control of your time and organizing your life.

MAKE A "TO DO" LIST EVERY DAY.

Put things that are most important at the top and do them first. If it's easier, use a planner to track all of your tasks. And don't forget to reward yourself for your accomplishments.

USE SPARE MINUTES WISELY.

Get some reading done on the bus ride home from school, for example, and you'll kill two birds with one stone.

IT'S OK TO SAY "NO".

If your boss asks you to work on a Thursday night and you have a final exam the next morning, realize that it's okay to say no. Keep your short-and long-term priorities in mind.

FIND THE RIGHT TIME.

You will work more efficiently if you figure out when you do your best work. For example, if your brain handles math better in the afternoon, don't wait to do it until late at night.

REVIEW YOUR NOTES EVERY DAY.

You'll reinforce what you've learned, so you need less time to study. You'll also be ready if your teacher calls on you or gives a pop quiz.

GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.

Running on empty makes the day seem longer and your tasks seem more difficult.

COMMUNICATE YOUR SCHEDULE TO OTHERS.

If phone calls are proving to be a distraction, tell your friends that you take social calls from 7-8p.m. It might sound silly but it will help you stay on track.

BECOME A TASKMASTER.

Figure out how much free time you have each week. Give yourself a time budget and plan your activities accordingly.

DON'T WASTE TIME AGONIZING.

Have you ever wasted an entire evening by worrying about something that you're supposed to be doing? Was it worth it? Instead of agonizing and procrastinating, **just do it.**

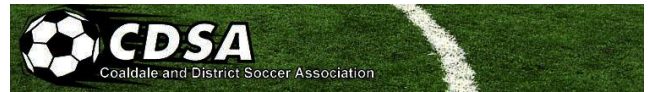
KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE.

Setting goals that are unrealistic sets you up for failure. While it's good to set high goals for yourself, be sure not to overdo it. Set goals that are difficult yet reachable.

Consider these tips, but personalize your habits so that they suit you. If you set priorities that fit your lifestyle, you'll have a better chance of achieving your goals.

This information came from www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/college-success.

Lavonn Mutch Family/School Liaison Counselor



It's Happening!

Coaldale is getting new sports fields!!

Come to a Steak Supper/Silent Auction fundraiser in support of the new fields!

Place: Jenny Emery School

Date: Saturday, March 12th

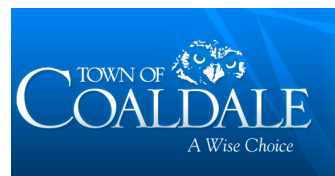
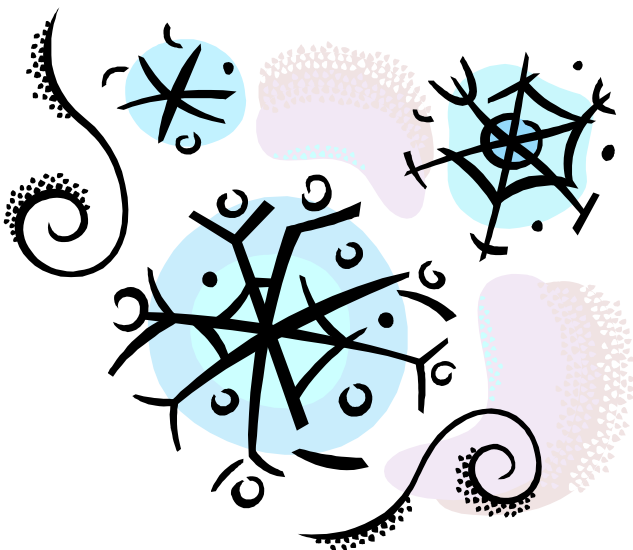
Time: 6:30

Catered by the Coaldale Bakery

Entertainment by Tom and Curt

Tickets available from Coaldale Lumber or committee members

Limited number available so please book early



~ February 2011 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4:00 9 Girls vs WCHS 5:15 9 Boys vs WCHS 6:30 Jr/Sr Boys	2 3:45 9 Girls 5:30 9 Boys Jr/Sr Boys @ Stirling Jr/Sr Girls @ Cardston	3 3:45 5:30 Sr Girls @ Rebel Classic Jr/Sr Boys @ ICS 9's @ STF B - 4:-00 , G - 5:15	4 Sr Girls @ Rebel Classic Jr Girls @ Coalhurst Sr Boys @ PBHS	5 Sr Girls @ Rebel Classic Jr Girls @ Coalhurst Sr Boys @ PBHS
6	7 3:45 9 Boys 5:30 9 Girls 7:15 Jr/Sr Girls	8 3:45 Jr. Girls 5:30 7:00 Sr Girls vs LCI Jr/Sr Boys @ PBHS 9's @ Chinook G - 4:-00 , B - 5:15 SKI TRIP	9 3:45 Jr/Sr Boys 5:00 Jr Girls vs Med Hat 6:45 Sr Girls vs Med Hat	10 3:45 9 Girls 5:30 9 Boys 7:15 Jr/Sr Boys	11 Sr Girls @ McCoy Invite	12 Sr Girls @ McCoy Invite
13	14 3:45 Jr/Sr Girls 5:30 Jr/Sr Boys 7:15 LSAA ¼ Finals	15 3:45 Jr/Sr Boys 6:00 Jr Girls vs Magrath 7:45 Sr Girls vs Magrath	16 3:45 Sr Girls 6:00 Jr Boys vs Willow 7:45 Sr Boys vs Willow	17 3:45 Jr/Sr Boys 6:00 Jr Girls vs LCI	18 12:30 2:00 6:00 Jr Girls vs Myers 7:45 Sr Girls vs Myers	19
20	21 Family Day	22 Family Day	23 Day in Lieu	24 Teacher Convention	25 Teacher Convention	26
27	28 3:45 Jr/Sr Boys 5:30 Jr/Sr Girls	Notes:				