



Cougar News

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BHS Newsletter September 2019

PLEASE NOTE:

If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, make sure we have your email address in the office. We will have paper copies in the office available for your student to pick up. As well, we will have it online on our website – <http://bretonhs.wrsd.ca>

Upcoming Events

September 17-Picture Day
September 20-No School
September 30-Fees Due to the office
September 30-Orange Shirt day



Message from Principal

Welcome back, Cougars! We are about to embark on another great year. Sports, arts, and academics are all gearing up for great success in 2019-2020. We are very excited to have Mr. Ruston returning to us to head up our Math department and physics and Ms. Prusko coming back to teach Language Arts, Social Studies and Foods. A new face this year is Mrs. McLean who will be working 0.5 in Science, Health/Career, and PE. Mrs. Parent joins us to become our Student Support Facilitator; she also works at Drayton Valley Community Outreach. We are very excited to be welcoming these people to our team!

We have done some revamping with our enRICHment program, our Collaborative Response Model, and are constantly growing and improving our practice. As always, the main priority at Breton High School is supporting our learners through a 'RICHER' learning environment to reach one's full potential in all aspects of life. We strive to produce Confident Engaged Learners, which will be our theme for the school year.

In advance, I would like to thank all of our community and staff volunteers for their support of our programs throughout the year. Without your volunteered passion and dedication, none of our extra-curricular programming would exist. Thank you for all that you do for our students!

Wishing you a great year of Wellness, Learning and Leading!
-Ms. Jollymore



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A reminder for the new school year

School doors do not open until 8am.



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Volleyball

Senior Girls started practice on September 4th and have an upcoming tournament

Junior Girls-there is a sign-up form in the gym

Senior Football

The Senior boys are practicing Monday through Friday mornings. They have upcoming games in Cold Lake, Rimbey and a home game against Brooks on Sept 19th.

Cross Country

Here's upcoming dates and locations. Permission forms will be available in the office.

Sept 11th-North Central Zone Meet

Sept 12th-Bashaw Cross Country

Sep 19th-Viking Cross Country in Camrose

Sep 25th-LDAA Cross Country in Wetaskiwin

Oct 3rd-New Norway Spartan Run

POWERSCHOOL

New students will receive login information for parents/guardians on how to sign into PowerSchool. <https://powerschool.wrsd.ca/public/home.html>

Do you have access to PowerSchool? Remember that there are no midterm report cards being printed school wide this year! If you would like to have a printed copy of the report card sent home, please contact the office. The Parent Portal in PowerSchool is live and allows parents to check student marks at any time! Please make sure you have access if you are not requesting a copy of the report card.

STUDENT FEES

All students will also receive a fee statement. Fees are due by Sept 30, 2019. If you are unable to pay the full amount, please contact the office to make payment arrangements. In the office we accept cash and cheques. School Cash Online allows parents/guardians to pay school-related fees online safely, quickly and easily. School Cash Online puts all of the school fees available for your student(s) online to purchase. You can have students in different schools and choose to pay fees online through credit card, eCheck and myWallet. School cash online now accepts Visa Debit & MasterCard Debit cards (select "payment type – credit card NOT Interac if using these types of payments). Check it out.....<http://kevgroup.com/intro/>
To create an account online.....<https://wildrose.schoolcashionline.com>



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SCHOOL MESSENGER/SAFE ARRIVAL

Just a reminder that we will be sending phone calls home when your child misses class. We use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up. If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-855-756-2797 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is officially on Monday September 30. Orange Shirt Day is a day to remember how First Nations children were taken from their homes to live in residential schools. The date was chosen because this is the time of the year when children were taken. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. <http://www.angeshirtday.org/>



The Breton Museum Presents: [Surveyors of Alberta Exhibit](#) until September 27



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Breton Food Bank

The Breton Food Bank has planned their annual Food & Fund Drive for the week of October 6 to 12 with the Village being canvassed on Thursday, October 10, 2019 between 7:00 and 9:00 pm. We are hoping that the schools in our service area will be marking their calendars in an attempt to participate in this necessary annual event by collecting food during the Drive week. With the collected food we create hampers to hand out to families in need. Hampers are very appreciated by our clients many of which have school children. Your participation allows rural community residents a cost effective alternative to donate food without driving into town. Without your help, the County of Wetaskiwin and the rural east end of Brazeau County would have a difficult time donating. We appreciate any help, and truly hope we can partner together as a community to feed our dear friends and neighbors in need.

School Guide

SchoolGuide is a free app that brings the latest reminders, news, events and emergency alerts from Wild Rose School Division and your local school right to your phone! Download SchoolGuide today from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)!

OverDrive



Students can borrow Ebooks from our library collection for

Available to be read anytime on phone, tablet or computer. For more information, stop in to see Mrs. Carson or Mrs. Holmgren.

Cell Phones are no longer permitted to be visible. Cell Phone pocket organizers will be in every classroom, and students will be required to place their phones in these pockets, which is hanging beside the classroom door. Furthermore, Chromebooks may only be used at the discretion of the teacher; just because a student has a Chromebook, it does not mean that the teacher will be permitting the use of the Chromebook for a particular lesson. Students are expected to adhere to our electronic device policies.



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"I appreciate the text, Kate, but next time you can just raise your hand."



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Breton Women's Wellness Day

Courage, Change & Chocolate...
the Seasons of your Life



Saturday October 19, 2019
Breton Community Centre

A day filled with learning, laughter, fabulous food,
giveaways with a sprinkle of chocolate!

Your \$25 ticket includes:

- Keynote address by Shelby Varughese, Image Consultant
- 2 Breakout sessions - addressing Meditation, Solo Travel, Style Personality, Chalk Couture, Essential Oils and Fraud Awareness
- Gourmet Lunch
- Cooking Demonstration with ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen
- Vendor Shopping area
- Door Prizes and Swag Bags

Tickets available at the Village of Breton Office
Hosted by Breton FCSS, Alberta Health Services and PCCS
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