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Principal's Corner

Our next School Council meeting on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there. We were able to experience a unique event on November 1. It was declared Oilers Day at the school and in the afternoon we were visited by the Oiler Entertainment Group. All students gathered into our gymnasium to welcome Oiler alumni Kevin Lowe and Ladislav Smid. Hunter and the Orange and Blue Crew also were here and Hunter was a hit with the students. Mr. Lowe and Mr. Smid addressed the students and then did a Q&A with them. Thank you to the Oiler Entertainment Group and the Town of Vermilion for organizing and including us in the event. (See

pictures of the event below.) October was a very busy wrap-up month for many of our volleyball and cross country running teams. Cross country runner Linden Adams placed 7th in the province at the ASAA Cross Country Provincial competition in Trochu. Congratulations Linden. Our annual Spooktacular was also held at the end of the month with 30 junior high volleyball teams competing. A big thank you to all our coaches and community volunteers who provided some excellent leadership for our students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Basketball season will be starting shortly, if students are interested in play-

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School Council

Tuesday, Nov. 21

7 pm in the Learning Commons

Everyone welcome!

Around the School



Website:

jrrobson.btps.ca
School Calendar
<http://jrrobson.btps.ca/Calendar.php>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>
App
<http://bit.ly/JRRapp>



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ing please see Mr. Woodward.

There is no school for students the week of November 6-10. Our Remembrance Day ceremony will occur at 1:00 pm November 3 in our gymnasium. Thank you to Mr. Maier for organizing. Teachers will be busy with professional development on November 6 and 7. On the 6th we will be completing three workshops; the morning will focus on technology and Artificial Intelligence and the afternoon we will work with Lana Lane on literacy. On the 7th the entire BTPS teaching staff is at our school for an ATA organized day of learning. While Christmas seems a long ways away, once students get back on November 13 we

will have six weeks of uninterrupted instruction. During that time expect most high school courses, especially Diploma courses, to be close to completing a majority of the critical content before the Christmas break. Our first Diploma Part A exam is January 10, three days after students get back from the Christmas break. As we get closer to January and semester end, it is a stressful time for students. I just ask that parents be aware and help with that healthy balance in activities if they see their student start to feel overwhelmed with all they are involved with.

Explore, Create, and Achieve

Grade 9s students viewing some of the watercolor paintings on display at the Upper Level Gallery on mainstreet in Vermilion during Art class



Grade 7 students Clayton Clevenger,



Korbin Betz, and Keifer Perrault chanced upon an on-site artist, Mr. Darren Meunier of Cactus Creations and were able to ask him questions about his metal sculptures.



Cassie Cameron works on a wood project in Industrial Arts class



ELA 8 students read an adaptation of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and then became "mad scientists" as they created their own monsters on Halloween.



Counsellor's Corner

Congratulations to our athletes in volleyball, football and cross country programs. Your season is quickly coming to an end. We want to welcome basketball and curling activities to our extra-curricular list. Good luck to all of our teams.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies will be held on **November 3 at 1:00 pm. Parents are invited to attend if you wish to.** May we take this opportunity to reflect and thank those who have sacrificed their time so we may live the life we enjoy in Canada today. It is also **Formal Day** to honor our veterans.

On November 3 at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium, we will host our annual **Awards Ceremony.** Congratulations to all of our winners. To those who do not receive an award, as long as you continue to work to the best of your ability, you are already winning your own award. Just do your best!

November 6-10 is a week off for students to recharge, relax and spend time with family. Enjoy your week away from school .

For high school students, open houses continue for post-secondary institutions during the month of November. Most post-secondary institutions are more than willing to give private tours as well. See Mrs. Hart or Mrs. Scully for more details. Here is a chart outlining the open houses occurring in November:

Post-Secondary Institution	City	Open House Dates
Canadian Armed Forces	Kingston Ontario	No open house
MacEwan University	Edmonton	November 4
Medicine Hat College	Medicine Hat/Brooks	November 8 or March 4
Portage College	LacLaBiche, St. Paul, Cold Lake	November 6-8 or March 4-6
Prairie College	Three Hills	November 18 or March 8 or May 25
SAIT	Calgary	November 3 & 4

Many post-secondary institutions above waive the registration fee if you attend an open house and register on that day. Some post-secondary schools encourage students to come and be a student for the day and have separate days allotted for just that. Please see the ELAA link below for more details on how to contact a post-secondary school.

<https://elaa.b-cdn.net/uploads/pdf/DAGdocx.pdf>

Graduation Portraits - sign up in the office for your grad photos on Tuesday, November 14 and Wednesday, November 15.

For grade 12 students, if you need assistance with your post-secondary applications, see Mrs. Hart. Once you receive confirmation from the post-secondary school, be sure to check their email system for updates on your application process. You may need documents from J. R. Robson to finalize your registration, so it is very important you keep checking for communication from the post-secondary institution you applied to. Once again - for all correspondence from post-secondary institutions, please use your own home email account.

J. R. Robson uses online reporting through PowerSchool to monitor your child's progress. Please contact the office for more information on how to become digitally connected to PowerSchool. Our last evening of **Parent-teacher interviews will occur on November 16** to address your concerns and the learning needs of your child. Here are a few tips to help your teen be successful in school. (<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/school-help-teens.html?view=ptr&WT.ac=p-ptr>)

The J. R. Robson Website or JR-admin Robson Facebook Page, continues to be methods of communication to parents and students about upcoming events.

For students in **work experience/RAP/Green Certificate students,** please continue to submit hours and complete necessary paperwork on a regular basis. Grade 10 & 12 -

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see Mrs. Hart, Grade 11 - see Mrs. Kaye to enroll in this program or complete required paperwork.

Santa's Anonymous will be collecting names of students and families this month. The deadline to register is December 1. If you need to access this service, please look for the form attached to this newsletter.

For Grade 12 Students who may want extra help preparing for Diploma Exams, **Diplomax** may be an option. These courses are being offered as webinar broadcasts. These courses have been very helpful to students who have participated in the past.



Alberta-wide Diploma Prep Review Instructor-led Diploma Prep Review Sessions (live **Alberta-wide** webinar broadcasts) in January and June for English 30-1, Social Studies 30-1, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Math 30-1, Math 30-2, and Science 30. Lessons are online, in person or there are study note packages available.

Instructor-led Review Session Advantages

- Review sessions accessed from home or anywhere in Alberta the student chooses (e.g. school, library)
- Register on-line (<https://diplomax.ca/>) for immediate access to a complimentary copy of the Instructor's Notes (approximately 100 pages) and MAX Results with completed registration
- Scheduled review sessions held on Saturday/Sunday between 9:00 am-5:00 pm with qualified instructors

- Instructor-led interactive review and opportunities to ask questions
- Review covers the course curriculum, provides sample diploma questions and solutions, shares test writing strategies
- If any session is canceled for any reason, the **DIPLOMAX Guarantee** (outlined on the web site) provides all registrants with alternative review support materials. DIPLOMAX registration guarantees you get support.

I attended a conference on Social Media and Youth in the month of October. This was a very informative session and focused on two websites: Common Sense Media and Media Smarts. For parents who would like more information or tips on how to help you teen be safe using social media, please refer to these websites for some good information:

<https://mediasmarts.ca/parents> or <https://www.common sense media.org/about-us/our-mission>



Marauder Football

The football playoff game scheduled for November 2nd in Vermilion vs. Slave Lake Slave Lake has been cancelled as they have chosen to forfeit. This means the Marauders automatically advance to the

league semifinals vs. Drayton Valley, which is scheduled for next Tuesday November 7th in Drayton Valley. Game time is not confirmed yet. Good luck to the players!

Halloween 2023



On Tuesday, October 31st. Marauders celebrated Halloween. Activities at the end of the day included costumes, painting pumpkins, coloring/word searches/puzzles, Tic-Tac-Toe, photo-booth, doughnut eating contest, apple bobbing, pop sipping, Pin the Face on the Ghost, pumpkin bowling and a movie.



VERMILION JUNIOR CURLING
Monday Night Open League
2023-2024

Monday Nights 6:45-8:30pm

Starting Nov 13, 2023
6 end games
at Vermilion Curling Rink

2 divisions (younger teams and older teams)

(Curlers can be in Grade 4 to Grade 12)

Teams from surrounding communities are welcome!

Entry fee \$200/team

(If you don't have a team but would like to curl, please contact Doug)

To enter call Doug: (780) 853-0062

Vermilion Junior Curling
Tuesday After-School League

Grades 4-12
Tuesdays 3:45-5:30pm

Fee: \$93.00 (includes windup pizza party and curling photo)

November 7, 2023 – March 5, 2024
Vermilion Curling Rink

Registration on November 7 at the Vermilion Curling Rink. (Registration forms for pre-registration can be requested from Joanne at 780 853-2233 - leave a message)

Come and learn the skills for the lifetime sport that rocks!

Curling equipment is available to borrow from the Junior Curling Program

Italy and Spain 2024

BTPS International Trip

⇒ **Students can still enroll on the trip** - deadline is December 10th, 2023

⇒ **Trip participant meeting:** Monday, November 20th, 6:30 pm at JR Robson School



Make a difference – volunteer!

Looking to get involved in your community? Learn new skills? Make a difference? Alberta Health Services is currently seeking enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to join our team in Vermilion, Wainwright, Kitscoty, Islay, Provost, Lloydminster CC, Dr. Cooke /Central Zone.

Volunteering with AHS is a great way to give back to your community, learn about careers in healthcare, gain valuable life experience and forge lifelong friendships.

To view current volunteer opportunities, please visit [AHS.ca](https://www.ahs.ca).

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2023 SANTA ANONYMOUS REGISTRATION FORM
Vermilion and Area, Minburn, Mannville, & Clandonald
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS November 24th 2023.

Santas Anonymous is only available for families with children that live in the same household. Pick-up and delivery will be Saturday December 9th, 2023. We will be starting deliveries at 8:30 a.m. Pickup from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Children will receive gifts and/or gift cards. Food will be in the form of gift cards.

Name: _____
Street or Box Address: _____
Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ (If you do not have a phone, another contact number is required.)
If we cannot contact you to confirm we will not provide.

Is your family's income below \$35,000.00? _____ (Combined income of both spouses based on Line 150 of you and your spouse's tax return)

First Name (and last if different) of every member in the household	Male or Female	Age of children under 18	Name of School Child/Youth attends

We require a reference to be identified by the recipient that can be contacted to confirm that the recipient is experiencing financial hardship and requires the assistance of Santa Anonamous. A reference must know which community you live in. The reference can be a staff member from Human Resources (social services), Children Services, School personnel, Clergy, Counsellors, Village or Town Administrator or Councillors, FCSS, nurse, or RCMP member. Your reference cannot be a relative. The reference must know all members of the family, including the children. If the reference information is not filled out then the application will not be considered complete and may not be processed. My reference is:

Reference's Name _____ Position _____ Agency _____ Phone # _____

Please note: Mail completed application to address at the top. If you require more information please call Barry at 853-1188. By signing this form you agree that **the Vermilion Lions Club has the right to contact the reference to confirm hardship and/or call the local schools to confirm children.**

Applicant's Signature _____