



PALLISER

BEYOND BORDERS

Palliser Beyond Borders January 2017 Issue

Happy New Year Principals, Students and Parents

Registration Open for semester 2.

- Students will experience a delay in access to their online course if they do not have a Palliser @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->

Outreach Sites closed:

- January 19 and 31

New Courses Now Available Online:

- [French 10 – 3 year program](#)
- [French 20 – 3 year program](#)
- Contact Jacob.Fraser@pallisersd.ab.ca for more information



Notes from your Palliser Beyond Borders Principal

School Review at Palliser Beyond Borders and Outreaches

Several years ago Palliser Regional School Division introduced a process for reviewing its schools and since 2005-06 a review team has visited all schools in Palliser in order to assist the school's staff and administration with school planning. Palliser Beyond Borders and its Outreaches in Calgary, Vulcan, Picture Butte and Coaldale are scheduled for a review at scheduled time between January and March. Multiple focus groups with students and parents, and teacher meetings at our sites are being planned. Parents will receive emails from our staff inviting parent participation. Surveys will be distributed to students, teacher and parents. If parents require translation help with the survey please contact Alison.Hancox@pallisersd.ab.ca so arrangements can be made.

Parent Focus Groups: You will be able to share your views and opinions with the Superintendent and other Palliser Senior Administration.

“**Calgary Parent Focus Group**” session at our Calgary Outreach campus: **Suite 120, 2635 37 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB, T1Y 5Z6** on Wednesday Feb 15 @ 4:30 pm- 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to attend this session by [completing this form](#) or by contacting Elvira.Pagsanghan@pallisersd.ab.ca by email or phone at 1-403-291-0584.

“**Palliser South Parent Focus Group**” session at our Picture Butte campus: 334 Highway Avenue, Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0 on Monday Feb 13 @ 12 noon. Please RSVP to attend this session by [completing this form](#) or by contacting Lola.Mix@pallisersd.ab.ca by email or phone at 1-403-732-5810.

Student Focus Groups: A sample group of students will attend. Parents and students will be notified of dates and times.

For Grade 10 students and parents: If you are a Grade 10 student currently taking classes through Palliser Beyond Borders we ask that you follow the instructions into complete an Alberta Education survey. The email will be sent to you in January. Parents will receive a letter in the mail from Alberta Education the week of Jan 23, 2017. The link <https://public.education.alberta.ca/APOS/> is to complete the survey by Feb 24, 2017.

For concurrent students:

If you have completed this survey at your other Palliser School, we would like you to complete it again, this time thinking about your experiences at Palliser Beyond Borders.

Finishing Semester 1 and Preparing for Semester 2

Students: January 16 is the start of diplomas.

Diploma review session information is posted in your diploma course and also on our website under the [Current Students tab](#).

Arrive 30 minutes early to the site you at which you plan to attend to get settled and to log on to a computer if you are writing part A of Social Studies or English using a word processing tool.

If you need to reschedule please contact the admin assistant [at the site you plan to write](#).

[See these resources to help you prepare for exams and diplomas](#)

Diploma preparation is available from www.rockthediploma.com in Calgary and Lethbridge. [See the website for details](#).

[Alberta Education Diploma Information](#)

Diploma Exams Schedule: January 2017

Diploma exams **must** be administered according to the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exams, except those that are asterisked , remain secured after administration.		
Monday, January 16	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*
Tuesday, January 17	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*
Wednesday, January 18	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Part A*
Friday, January 20	9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Monday, January 23	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Tuesday, January 24	9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
Wednesday, January 25	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2
Thursday, January 26	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Friday, January 27	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Monday, January 30	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Physics 30 Science 30

If you are unable to write your diploma as planned in January please let your teacher and lola.mix@pallisersd.ab.ca know when you plan to write. You can choose to write in April if the diploma is available or again in June 2017. See the deadline dates that apply for diploma course completion.

For all students: See the deadline tables below to help plan for successful completion of your courses. As always, please speak to your teacher or drop in to our [Blackboard study hall](#) to get help with your learning <https://goo.gl/gnsmFL>

Best Regards,

Alison Hancox, MET. Principal, Palliser Beyond Borders

Off Campus Programs @ Palliser Beyond Borders

We offer the credits in the following [off campus programs](#):

- Work Experience
- Registered Apprenticeships
- Green Certificates

For more information contact
Jennifer.Nieboer@pallisersd.ab.ca

Upcoming Deadlines

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

We will be doing major upgrades to our server this summer. All courses must be completed by June 9 to ensure that student work can be assessed for credit before changes are made to the courses over the summer.

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 synervice 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 synervice 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.

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 MARCH 22, IF YOU PLAN ON WRITING AN APRIL DIPLOMA. DIPLOMAS START APRIL 5

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

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.

Declare your intentions to complete a diploma course: [Please complete this form](#) and update as necessary. This form is also linked in your diploma course. This form is also linked in your diploma course. Our deadline to register you for April diplomas is February 8th. YOU must state your intention before that date for April. All your course work must be completed by March 22, 2017.

Confirm with your teacher and Lola.Mix@pallisersd.ab.ca if you require accommodations. Our deadline to apply to Alberta Education is February 27, 2017 for April diplomas. You must use accommodations during your course for us to demonstrate the need to request accommodations. Please discuss this with your teacher.

Please Note: February 22, 2017 is the deadline for students to self-register for rewrites and pay fees for the April Diplomas. We cannot register you.

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACHES:

Palliser Beyond Borders rebranding continues to take shape, with board approval of a new naming protocol for outreach schools.

Palliser Beyond Borders is the division's online school, as well as the umbrella for Palliser's international student program and outreach schools at Coaldale, Vulcan, Picture Butte and Calgary.

To bring consistency to the outreach campuses, the board approved seeking Alberta Education approval for renaming Palliser Alternative Outreach School – the division's newest outreach program in Calgary – as Palliser Beyond Borders at Calgary. The outreach campuses in the other communities would be similarly named:

- Palliser Beyond Borders at Calgary
- Palliser Beyond Borders at Vulcan
- Palliser Beyond Borders at Picture Butte
- Palliser Beyond Borders at Coaldale

NEWS PALLISER BEYOND BORDERS AT COALDALE

Our campus in Coaldale will be relocating to a new site in the spring. We will keep you posted about dates of the move and the location.

NEWS PALLISER BEYOND BORDERS AT VULCAN

We now offer the following off campus programs for students in good standing:

- **Work experience**
- **Health Mentorship:** Students will have opportunity to learn about the Health care field and work with local experts while earning 7 credits toward AB diploma.
- **Literacy Mentorship:** students provide literacy support to Vulcan Prairieview students under the guidance of a literacy facilitator from Rainbow Literacy. 5 credit program
- **Solar Energy: in planning for next year.** High School students will have opportunity to learn about electrical principles and solar energy. Students will work with an industry expert and learn from the work done here in Vulcan and earn 4-6 credits
- **More information:**
Lee.Porath@pallisersd.ab.ca

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

Any Palliser student who wants to order hoodies or T-shirts please see the administrative assistant at your Outreach site.

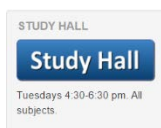
Our Teachers Teach Live Online!

	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

- **Blackboard online drop in schedule** <https://goo.gl/B0AGKc>



- **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, Trinity Christian, Menno Simmons** have instructional times timetabled outside of this schedule. Your teacher has the details posted in your courses.



- **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](#)

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 \(click here\)](#)

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.

Outreaches and PBB																																									
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR																																									
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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)																											
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May 1, 2017																												February 21, 2017													
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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)													
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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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