

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

BRANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2019

In our attempt to be environmentally friendly, we will be emailing newsletters home on the 3rd Thursday each month. This is our preferred method of communication for most correspondence throughout the school year, excluding that which requires completion by parents or signatures. We will try our best to keep emails to a minimum throughout the school year but for any communication where an answer is required immediately, email is the easiest and quickest communication tool. If you do not have an email address, please contact the school office at 403-684-3752.

Your September calendar is attached to this newsletter.

Coming up in October:

Oct. 1st – DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Go to: www.schoolcashionline.com

Oct. 3rd – Hot Lunch – Hot Dog Day

Oct. 4th – Friday OFF - No School

Oct. 10th – SCHOOL PICTURES

Oct. 10th – Hot Lunch – Pizza

Oct. 11th – Friday OFF – No School

Oct. 14th – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

Oct. 17th – Hot Lunch – Subway

Oct. 18th – Friday ON – Regular School Day

Oct. 24th & 25th – ACSI Teacher Convention – No school for students

Oct. 31st – Hot Lunch – Taco in a Bag

**ALL VISITORS (INCLUDING PARENTS)
MUST VISIT THE OFFICE AND SIGN IN
PRIOR TO ENTERING THE SCHOOL.**

PEANUT/NUT ALLERGY ALERT

Due to severe allergies, Brant Christian School is a PEANUT and NUT FREE environment. Please check labels on foods and do not send foods containing traces of peanuts or any nuts to school.

Thank you for your cooperation to ensure the safety of all of our students.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

New this year Palliser Regional School Division requires parents to complete and submit Student Verification Forms (for returning students) online.

Our school office staff will be emailing a link and individual “snap codes” to access your child(ren)’s information, complete and submit the forms.

We require this to be done by the end of September. Thank you!

Important Procedures for Picking up a Student Early

1. Students must be signed out in the office prior to leaving the school.
2. If your child is being picked up by someone other than you, we need to be notified beforehand and please make them aware that they will be required to show ID at the office if they are unknown to our staff. New Families: Parents may be asked to present ID until our staff has been introduced.



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM



Our Hot Lunch program will begin starting in October on Thursday each week. Our program alternates between Hot Dogs/chips, Pizza, Subway and Taco in a Bag.

Hot Lunch orders can be made by going to www.schoolcashionline.com.

New Families - Please see below under Palliser District Fees to get started by creating an account online.

Deadline to order for October



Tuesday, Oct. 1st



Medications

Palliser policy is that no medications can be administered to students without an "Authorization to Administer Medicine" form on file. Please contact our school office if your child might require school staff to administer prescription and/or over the counter medicine at any time during the school year. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERING AT BRANT

We have many volunteer opportunities at Brant Christian, including but not limited to:

- Field Trip chaperone
- Classroom special projects
- Driving for special events (field trips, sports, etc.)

It is Palliser Regional School policy that ALL VOLUNTEERS have the following documents on file with Brant Christian School:

- **Volunteer Package** (all necessary forms completed)
- **Criminal Record Check** (current within school year)
- **Drivers Abstract for all volunteers driving for events/field trips/sports etc.** (current within school year)

Parent volunteers are an important part of many school activities. Volunteer packages went home in report cards in June and with new family information during the summer. We are asking parents to please consider having your volunteer information to our school office by the end of September if you think you will volunteer anytime during the school year. Drivers abstract can be done through Palliser Regional Schools at a very reasonable cost ONLY until mid-October after which you will need to go to your registry office and obtain at a higher cost to you. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding volunteer requirements or if you require a Criminal Record Check letter to take to your local detachment.

Palliser District School Fees:

District fees include, but are not limited to, technology fees, gym strip (mandatory for gr. 5-8), hot lunch, field trips, some fundraising and yearbook. We will make every effort to inform you when new fees are added for trips, lunch, etc. and if a fee is paid to someone other than Palliser Regional School district. Invoices will not be sent home unless requested. Please go to the web link here to see fees attached to your child(ren) enrolled at Brant Christian and pay: www.schoolcashionline.com

New at Brant Christian School?

Follow these 3 easy steps below to get started!



Go to the address below or click the *School Cash Online* link on our website. www.schoolcashionline.com



Take a few minutes to register and add your child to the newly created account.



Review and purchase your child's back to school items using direct online payment.

Please feel free to contact our school office if you have any questions regarding school or society fees. Thank you 😊

Brant Christian School Society Fees:

NOTE: These are **NOT** Palliser District Fees paid through schoolcashionline.

Society fees include bussing, Christian Education & Society Membership, Auction Fundraiser and Golf Fundraiser, donations, as well as some of our league sports (usually Sr. High). Methods of payment for society fees include:

Etransfer: to bcssfes@gmail.com (password: brantschool) Please include description of payment in comment section.

Paypal: Go to our website at www.brantchristianschool.ca under the admissions tab - School Fees, scroll to the bottom to see the big PAY button.

Auto Withdrawl: For bussing only, form required, please contact the school office.

Cheques/Cash: Least preferred method of payment. Please check with the school office to find out who to make the cheque out to.

Important Bussing Information:

- Bus Fees: Please submit or make arrangements for payments of bus fees for the 2019-20 school year.
- PLEASE NOTE: School closures or bus delays will be posted on our website at www.brantchristianschool.ca. This year we are hoping to use School Messenger for call outs regarding bus breakdowns, delays or emergencies if required. Please look forward to more information coming in the future. For now, please go to our website or expect a call regarding any delays of our buses.
- For safety reasons for drop off at bus stops, please arrange with other parents to watch for your child(ren) if you might be late arriving at the stop afterschool to ensure no students are left unattended.
- Please make sure that you let your bus driver know if your child(ren) will not be on the bus in the morning or call Southland Transportation Dispatch at (403) 938-3966.
- Bus students - Written notes are required in order for your child to ride an alternative bus or go home with a parent other than yourself.
- Non Bus Students - During the year we understand that due to a various number of circumstances students who do not normally use the bus may require to ride periodically. Fees are required for this service, so please call the school office to make arrangements.
- Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather at all times.
- If you have any questions or concerns with our bussing program, please contact the school.

CHAPELS

Our first Chapel date will be Wednesday, September 25th.

More information as well as chapel times will be published in the September 19th school newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE!

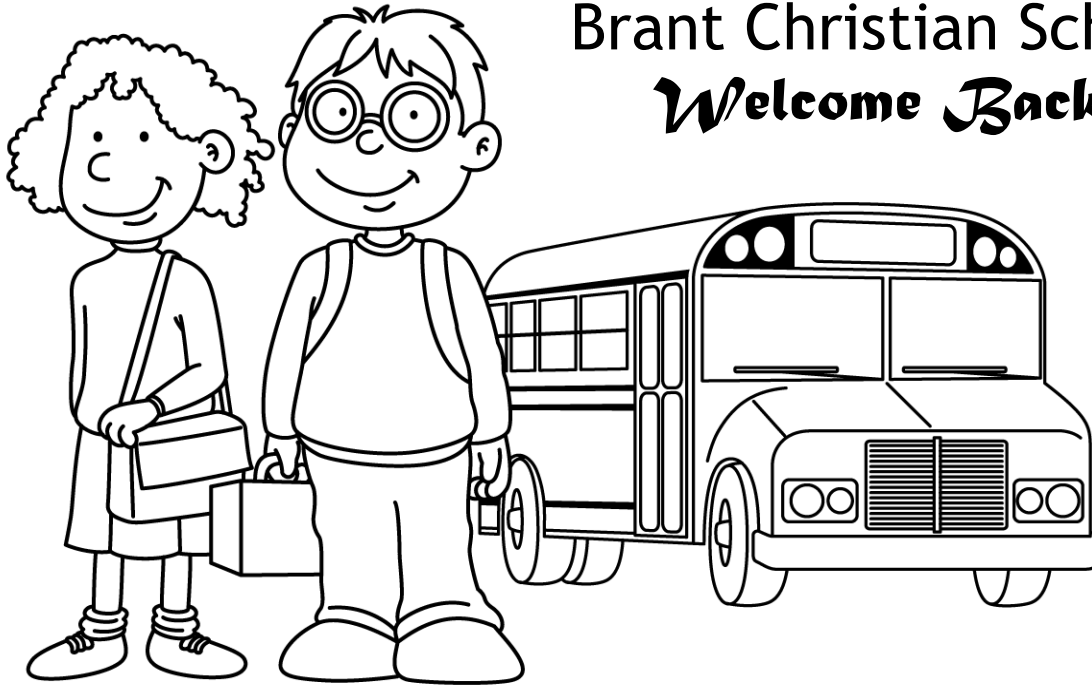
Brant Christian School Society Annual Dinner & Fundraiser *Saturday, November 2nd*

Please send a water bottle with each child to school to be refilled during the day as needed.

ADmazing Coupon Book Fundraiser

Our school sells ADmazing coupon books as a fundraiser for our End of Year Field Trip in June. This fundraiser allows us to provide these trips for free or at a very low cost to students. Things you need to know:

- Coupon books are \$25.00 each. This is a great deal with tons of savings over the year!
- Envelopes will come home with the youngest child in your family. Please list orders on the envelope and send back to the school. We have a limited number of books so please send in orders frequently and we will send the envelope back with your order of coupon books so that you can continue to sell more if desired.
- Payment can be made by going to www.schoolcashionline.com (preferred & most convenient) or by cash/cheque.
- Coupon books are available for Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Southern Alberta. For information on each area please feel free to contact our school office.
- This fundraiser begins immediately and will run to November 30th.
- We ask that each family please try and sell one or more.



Brant Christian School

Welcome Back!

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Opening Day Celebrations	4	5	6 Friday On Regular school day	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 FIELD TRIPS Atlas Coal Mine (Gr. 7-12) Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump (Gr. 1-6)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Friday Off No School	21
22	23 Teacher PD No school for students	24	25 Chapel (Times TBA)	26	27 Friday On Regular school day	28
29	30					

These trips are tentative at this point. Permission slips will come home once confirmed.

2019-20 Theme Verse:

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16