

Buffalo Trail Learning Hub

January
Newsletter

2024

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone and a very Happy New Year. It will certainly be a busy start to 2024, as the 1st semester wraps up for Senior High students this month. That means it is final exam (and possibly diploma exam) time again. I especially encourage all grade 12's to study and put in the hours early, as their marks on these exams can help shape their future. Some hard work now can pay off big later on. These final marks could mean the difference between being accepted and not being accepted into a post secondary program.

All students, please be aware that the last day for assignment submission for Semester 1 is fast approaching. Also, be sure to connect with your teachers to arrange to complete your finals. Students should have a real academic focus this month, as we encourage them to finish strong.

Dave Sherbinin
Principal

Upcoming Events

Semester 1 assignments deadline
January 12

Semester 1 final exams deadline
January 19

No School - PD days
January 31, February 1 and 2

Semester 2 begins
February 5

Hub Happenings

2023 wrapped up with many fun student activities occurring in December. Our annual Christmas dinner was held on Dec. 6th and we enjoyed a nice meal, prepared by staff, and enjoyed by students, parents and other guests including our Board members, our Superintendent and our Assistant Superintendent.

Now we have made it to January in a new year and the winter promises to show its face with snow (finally) and cold (brrrr!).

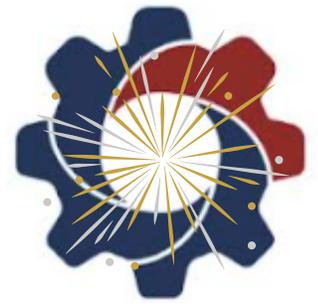
This month has a real academic focus as students complete their courses and take final exams. If students are concerned about their progress in a course or about their education plan as they move forward, we ask that they please be sure to connect with teachers or the principal to go over this.

The new year is a good time to break bad habits (if you have any), set realistic goals, and strive to do your best. We want to ensure that you are set up for success.

Consider this: Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Family Literacy Day 2024 Theme: Let's have a family party! Celebrate 25 years of Family Literacy Day and learning together as a family by having a party! Make food, sing songs, and play games. The possibilities for learning are endless – and it's fun when you do it together.



January



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

No School for students this week

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Diploma Exams: ELA 30-1 Part A ELA 30-2 Part A	11 Diploma Exams: Social 30-1 Part A Social 30-2 Part A ★ Hub Open Until 7:00PM	12 Last day to submit HUB course assignments	13
14	15	16	17	18 ★ Hub Open Until 7:00PM	19 Last day to complete HUB final exams	20
21	22 Diploma Exams: Math 30-1 Math 30-2	23 Diploma Exams: ELA 30-1 Part B ELA 30-2 Part B	24 Diploma Exams: Social 30-1 Part B Social 30-2 Part B	25 Diploma Exams: Biology 30	26 Diploma Exams: Chemistry 30	27
28	29 Diploma Exams: Physics 30	30 Diploma Exams: Science 30	31 No School For Students (BTPS Staff Learning Day)		NOTE: ALL DIPLOMA EXAMS START AT 9:00 AM	

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December Events

We had a great December at the Hub, with lots of daily fun activities, including our annual Christmas dinner for students, guests and staff.





Post Secondary Information for Students

Students: January will be a very busy month preparing for your final exams and diploma exams. Be careful that the time doesn't creep up on you and do not wait until the last minute to start preparing.

During exam week, it is also a good time for you to complete applications for scholarships and for post secondary admissions. With so many career opportunities available to you, it can be a daunting task to decide what type of post-secondary institute best suits your needs.

First of all, not one type of post-secondary institute is better than another. It is up to you to choose what sort of an institute provides the best academic and social fit for you. Whether you choose a university, college or technical institute, you can be assured that you will receive a quality education.

At a **university**, you will receive a broad based education deeply rooted in theory. After three to five years of successful university study, you may be eligible to receive a Bachelor's degree. With campus enrollments of up to 35,000 students and classroom sizes often exceeding 350 students, a university typically offers a less personable post-secondary learning environment. Although a university enrolls thousands of students each year, keep in mind that admission is academically competitive. If you are interested in pursuing a professional career in a field such as law, medicine, dentistry or if you wish to conduct graduate research, you will eventually attend a university. However, I would encourage you to consider starting your university studies at a college.

Did you know?

We are open late most Thursdays

The Hub is open until 7:00PM on most Thursdays each month to accommodate those who are working, those who need some extra support, and even those who like to sleep in :) Check out the [calendar](#) of events on our website to confirm that we are open.

Most **colleges** allow you to finish your first one to two years of university study in a college setting. Smaller classroom sizes, lower tuition, less stringent entrance requirements, along with an increased accessibility to instructors and facilities create a personable learning environment. Colleges also offer career specific training, which allow you to earn a transferable academic credential after one to two years of successful study. Many programs, including apprenticeship training, combine academic study with practical experience.

Similar in many ways to a college, a **technical institute** provides hands-on training specific to industry. By offering one-year certificates, two-year diplomas, applied degrees and apprenticeship training opportunities, most technical institute programs include a work-experience component. Tuition and entrance requirements vary tremendously not only from one technical institute to another, but also from one program to another.

For more information on post-secondary education, feel free to contact us at the Learning Hub. Fill out those applications as soon as you can.

Check this out!

Students/parents can check out this website to find practice exams for all diploma subjects:
www.exambank.com

Ask for the ID and password from your teachers.



Community Events



Vermilion and District Rotary Music Festival

The 2024 Festival will be held April 15th to 20th, 2024.

Registration will open the first week of January!

Visit our Website often for updates and information.

<https://www.vermilionmusicfestival.ca/>



JIM SMITH MEMORIAL JUNIOR BONSPIEL

Friday-Saturday January 26-27, 2024

Maximum 30 Teams

Divisions: High School, Junior High, & Grades 4-6

\$20/player

Entry Deadline: Jan 19, 2024

High School & Junior High (3) 6-end games

Grades 4-6 (3) 4-end games

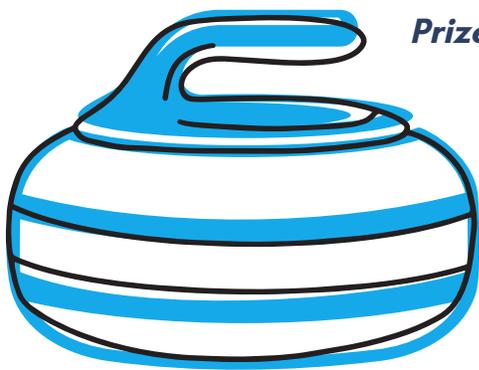
Points Format

Saturday Supper following the last draw

Pizza, veggies, and dessert (included in entry)

\$10/plate for Family & Coaches

Prizes to follow supper!



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