



## Principal's Corner

With semester 1 in the books, I want to commend the students and staff for their commitment to the positive learning environment we have here at the school and the dedication everyone has to academics. I look forward to the new learning opportunities semester 2 will bring for both students and staff.

On February 27, we will be having our next **School Council meeting at 7 pm** at the school. All parents are encouraged to attend.

This month also brings the annual two-day teacher con-

vention for teachers in our area. Since this falls just prior to the Family Day long weekend, students will not have any school from Feb. 15-19.

As always, February is survey month. I would like to remind parents of Grade 7 and 10 students to fill out and return your Alberta Education Accountability Pillar APORI survey that you should have received in the mail. The results are very important planning information for the school and school division. Our Grade 7-11 students will be completing similar surveys in the

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## Around the School

Grade 9 Arts students working on their art projects



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**School Calendar**  
[http://irrobson.btps.ca/  
Calendar.php](http://irrobson.btps.ca/Calendar.php)

### Facebook:

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**App**  
<http://bit.ly/JRRapp>



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month of February as well.

February also marks the return of inter-school extra-curricular activities. Both our curling and basketball teams are eager to get back at competing.



## Yearbook 2024

J. R. Robson's '23-'24 yearbook is already under construction. As usual, the hard-cover book will feature the current year's memorable moments in 68 full-color pages. There are 3 ways to order:

- Visit the [Friesens Store](#)
- Scan this:



ALL Graduates of 2024 will automatically receive a book of their Grade 12 year! (Grade 12s do not have to order one.)

There are also a few copies remaining of the '22-'23 book available for purchase at the office for \$40 each.

## Europe Trip 2024

Reminder: February 21st is our final pre-departure meeting for the Italy and Spain trip, 6:30 pm at JRR

## Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest

The 12th Annual Buffalo Trail Public School Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest provides an opportunity for students in BTPS to be involved in an event that will display their public speaking abilities. The competition is meant to acknowledge the importance of public speaking as an essential skill for today's youth.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Place:** J.R. Robson School – North Training Center

**Entry Deadline:** April 17, 2024. If interested in participating, please see Mrs. Hart (when she returns)

[Category Information and Submission Form](#)



## Counsellor's Corner

Welcome Back to Semester 2. New courses mean new challenges. Enjoy the change and always strive to do your best.

### For Senior High

- **February 14 will be the last day to add or drop courses for the second semester for high school students.** Grade 12 students please see Mrs. Polishuk if you need timetable changes, due to Mrs. Hart's absence from school.
- Saturday, February 17, 2024 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. What will you do for kindness today?
- **Hairstyling Level 1 and 2 - March 11 - 15, 2024** [Hairstyling registration form](#) There is still room if you would like to enroll in the Hairstyling courses which will be held on the Lloydminster Campus of Lakeland College. In the absence of Mrs. Hart, please contact Mrs. Scully for more details regarding enrollment in this course.
- **MyPass Account:** Students in high school are strongly encouraged to register for a MyPass account. Through this account you will be able to see diploma marks, order transcripts for post-secondary schools, view your detailed academic report, or register to write or rewrite diploma examinations. For those who do not have an account yet, here is the link <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass>. Alberta Education sends you a time sensitive password in the mail through Canada Post. Do not delay, get your account activated today.
- **Grade 9 - 11 - Registration** for classes for the 2024-25 school year will occur during the month of March. Watch for further information.
- Remember the **STRONG Interest Inventory** is available through Mrs. Polishuk, Mrs. Hart or Ramona, our

VIBE coach, for any grade 11 & 12 student who is having trouble deciding on a future occupation. It is a great way to start the career planning process.

- **Scholarship information** is available on our school website. Use the **MENU** at the top of the screen, in the top right hand corner, choose **Students**, then in the top left-hand corner, you will see a menu: **Counseling, Awards, Scholarships**. Any new scholarships are added to our website for your use. If you have additional questions please see Mrs. Scully or Mrs. Hart.
- **Lakeland College** will be hosting Information Sessions on March 7 (Lloydminster) and March 8 (Vermilion). It's more specific than Open House, where students pick their program of choice and dive into that for the day. They get an opportunity to meet and chat with future professors, hear from current students, and get specifics about the program and what to expect next.

Grade 12 students, your applications to post-secondary institutions should be completed by the end of the month as many post-secondary institutions do not accept registrations after March 1.

**Grade 11 students** – please see Mrs. Scully, if you need information about career planning or about courses for next year. Parents are always welcome too, if you have questions or concerns. Please make an appointment and she will be happy to meet with you.

Students enrolled in off-campus courses: RAP/Green Certificate/work experience please continue to enter your hours on a regular basis and keep your paperwork up-to-date. **Green Certificate students need to see Mrs. Hart to complete the**

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**Agriculture 3000 safety unit which is the prerequisite for this course. Next testing dates will be May 2024.**

As I write this version of Counsellor's Corner, I am reminded about the value of Random Acts of Kindness. Too often we are too busy to take the time to do simple acts of kindness, such as: opening a door for someone, saying please and thank you, or simply offering to help someone who can use our help. To some others these kind gestures are huge mental health boosters. Take time to be kind-hearted, caring and compassionate. You will never know who's day you will brighten even with a smile

Important Dates for this month:

February 15 & 16 - No School - Teacher's Convention

February 19, 2024 - No School - Family Day

February 28 is "PINK T-Shirt Day". Please wear pink to take a stand against bullying.

**Your positive thought for the month:**

"TOO OFTEN WE UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A TOUCH, A SMILE, A KIND WORD, A LISTENING EAR, AN HONEST COMPLIMENT, OR THE SMALLEST ACT OF CARING, ALL OF WHICH HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO TURN A LIFE AROUND."

- LEO BUSCAGLIA



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## Explore, Create, Achieve



Above: Grade 7 Outdoor Ed. Students took advantage of the recent snowfall to cook lunch outdoors.

Below: Mixed curling team Nick Woywitka, Samara Hemauer, Robbie Oddan and Britney Yarmuch.



Industrial Arts students learn how to install electrical wiring.



## Public Library Art Show

The Vermillion Public Library is hosting a pop-up art show for the whole month of February. The show is public-- anyone could submit a "tiny" art work (4" x 4" canvas) and anyone can view it the show during library hours. Several interested J. R. students from Art class in first semester have submitted entries in the show. Thank you to VPL for inviting us to participate!

4x4 submission images:

animé: Marton Dusek (gr. 10)

bumble bee: Carter Jaremco (gr. 9)

horseshoe: Katie Sargeant (gr. 10)

balloon dog: Janelle Rosher (gr. 7)



## "Snoball" Basketball Tournament

The biggest Senior High basketball tournament in the province is again happening this weekend (Feb. 8-10). The "Snoball" Basketball Tournament runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday and brings together 16 girls and 16 boys teams to compete for the title. Thanks to all the local schools including Kitscoty, Marwayne, VES, STJ, and Lakeland College for their partnership to make this event come together. Also a big thank you

to Booster Juice and Boston Pizza for sponsoring. Draw can be located on the [jrrobson athletics](http://www.jrrobsonathletics.com) website.



# Thank You!

Thank you for the very generous donations from:

- in Memory of Gwenda Gordey for our Hot Lunch Program
- Cornerstone Co-op for our snack program

## Newsletter Submissions

If there is something you would like to contribute to this newsletter or to be included on our school social media that might be of interest to our students such as community events or pictures, please email [jr.news@btps.ca](mailto:jr.news@btps.ca)



# February

2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 <b>no school</b>	2 <b>no school</b>	3
<b>HOT LUNCH</b>				Semester Break		
4	5 Subway Subs	6	7 Hot Dog & Tator Tots	8	9 Fryday fries, poutine &/or chicken burger	10
11	12 Pizza (cheese, Hawaiian, or Pepperoni)	13 Booster Juice Day	14 Taco Salad	15 <b>no school</b>	16 <b>no school</b>	17
				Teacher's Convention		
18	19 <b>no school</b> Family Day	20	21 Chili with Garlic Toast	22	23 Fryday fries, poutine &/or chicken burger	24
25	26 Nachos & Cheese	27	28 Chicken Fried Rice	29		