

In Our House
Home of the Jaguars
April 2025

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating spring break. We were excited to see all of our JSS students and staff back on Monday, March 31, 2025. Now, on with the last leg of this 2024/25 school year. We have observed great leaps in student learning, social-emotional development and connections with others. We plan for our students and staff to finish the school year strong.

Thank you to all our JSS parents/guardians and students who attended our **Parent & Teacher Interviews (PTIs) & Student Led Conferences (SLCs)** the week of March 17, 18 and 20, 2025.

Student attendance has the greatest impact on student learning and success. Please help us out and ensure your child(ren) regularly attends school. Certainly, if they are ill or have an appointment, they will be marked excusably absent.

Did you know...a) students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation, b) frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty, c) By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school, d) By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores, and d) Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

We look forward to the warm weather and puddles in April. Please remember to send with your child their **splash pants and rubber boots on warm days and snow pants and winter boots on cooler days**. We want our students to enjoy their time outside during recess. Thank you to our JSS parents/guardians and staff who have gone above and beyond each day to ensure students are safe, cared for and have an optimal learning environment for all students.

Just a quick reminder...**pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration** for the 2025/26 school year opened at the start of February 2025. Here is the new link:

<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/registration> (More information can be found here...<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/learning/pre-k-and-kindergarten>)

JSS has been part of **Real-Time Reporting** (RTR) since March 2024. Prior to March 2024, report cards were used to inform parents/guardians of student performance at a specific period in time. With that move to RTR through PowerSchool, BRSD parents/guardians now have real-time access to their child's academics and growth through the parent portal or the PowerSchool phone application. All schools in BRSD and school divisions throughout the province of Alberta have also made the move to digital reporting with positive results. Now, teachers work to provide regular and consistent updates in their markbooks, which will include comments about student achievement attached directly to the assessment items in the

PowerSchool markbook. The change to reporting was intended to ensure you can: stay in close communication with teacher(s) and have real-time information on your child's learning, partner in your child's learning (collaborate as more than an observer), check on assessment results anytime and help your child in a more timely manner (not limited to 3 times per year when report cards were traditionally released), and readily access teacher feedback on assignments and better support student learning. Please note that any parents/guardians who want a printed report card may contact our school office with your preferences, however please note report cards do not have traditional report card comments any further. Now, you can expect your child(ren)'s marks and comments showing up in PowerSchool, so be sure to set up your PowerSchool account and download the app (if you have not already). If you need support, please call our office.

At JSS, we continue to recognize students who say and do the right thing, especially when no one is looking. When our students get "Caught in the Matrix" by taking care of themselves, others and our school, they are presented with **Jaguar Cards**. Students are excited to submit their jaguar cards to the office Jaguar draw box. Each week two students are randomly selected from the draw box to receive various prizes provided by our local community. 219 JSS students received Jaguar Cards in September, 308 in October, another 154 in November, 182 in December, 242 in January, 251 more in February, and recently 207 in March for a grand total of 1563 Jaguar Cards so far this school year. We are very proud of all our students and staff living the school pledge each day. Thanks to the local businesses and our entire community for supporting this program. Stay tuned for our April totals and beyond.

Thank you to ...

- Our grade 5 Safety Patrollers and Office Helpers who regularly show up for duty.
- School (Parent) Council who advocates for our new Inclusive playground, and the generous contributors from our community who are helping achieve our goal.
- Kara Damberger and the other parents/guardians that continue to help out with our School (Parent) Council Hot Lunch program.
- Ms. Erica Easton for coaching our Grade 4 Basketball team this year.
- Mr. Brett McCarroll for coaching our Grade 5 Basketball team this year.
- Mrs. Atema, Ms. Ewasko and our School (Parent) Council for supporting our "Pink Shirt" day.
- Parents/Guardians who have helped prepare parfaits on "Pink Shirt" day, supervise field trips and assist in our classrooms.
- Camrose Kodiaks for actively engaging in learning activities with our students and being such great role models
- Our grade 5 Student Leaders and Mrs Radchenko who organized and facilitated our Grade 3-5 Chocolate Bar Bingo and Kindergarten to Grade 2 Movie Event.
- Our grade 5 Student Leaders, Mrs. Wakaruk and Ms. Easton who organized and facilitated our Kindergarten to Grade 5 Talent Show. Big shout out to all our student performers. Jack Stuart students have talent!
- Ms. Broekhuizen for facilitating our grade 2-3 and 4-5 Art Clubs this year.
- Ms. Biletski and Mrs. Raynard for coordinating the breakfast program.
- Community volunteers who continue to give of their time working with JSS kiddos.

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BRSD Information and Links...

Dear Parents and Guardians, please remember to take part in the Municipal Census which opens on April 14, 2025. Your participation will not only assist BRSD with our future planning needs but will provide much needed funding for City services. For further information visit the City of Camrose website at www.camrose.ca/census

Please find the link to the **Battle River School Division (BRSD) Annual Education Results Report (AERR) video** here: <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/our-division/news/post/aerr>. It has also been posted to each school's website.

BRSD Board Highlights...<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/download/492976>

BRSD Senior Leadership Letter to Parents and Guardians

...<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/our-division/senior-leadership>

BRSD Families...<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families>

BRSD Calendar...<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/our-division/calendar>

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