



# J.T. Foster Newsletter

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## Student Councils Community Calendars Fundraiser!

If you are wanting a Community Calendar, please get your orders in ASAP. Thanks!

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## Queen's Ball

Queen's Ball Season has now officially started. Dance practices are Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30. Etiquette practice Thursdays from 6:30—8:30. On October 18th they will be hosting their Fashion Show.



## School Pictures

Sr. High School photos will be taken on the morning of October 5th and Jr. High School photos will be taken on October 6th in the Gymnasium. Be sure to bring your smiles!

## **School Fees for the 2011-2012 School Year**

Invoices will be sent home  
**October 6th.**

Please be advised that **extra-curricular sports and field trips** are not invoiced with school fees this year and will be billed and collected from the team coaches. **Cheques are payable to J.T. Foster School.** These trips will only be possible on a "user pay" basis. More information will be provided to students as the situations arise. **\*\*Each Jr. and Sr. Sports team is responsible for covering the costs of their league and zone fees, ref and score keeper fees, busing, and uniform etc. These costs will be divided equally among the team members or by fundraising.**

## Demographic Forms

Demographic Forms will be sent home with the students this week. We do require that parents make the necessary corrections and have them returned to the school by September 30th. The students that return the form to the office by this deadline will have their name entered in a draw for a \$25 Cineplex gift card.

### **J.T. Foster Parent Council AGM — Meeting and Elections**

Date: October 5th

Time: 7:00pm

Place: J.T. Foster—Library

Please plan on attending!

## Principal's Message

September is always such a month of hope in a school community. As I enter my second year as your Principal I am excited for what will be a challenging and rewarding year.

We enter the 2011/12 school year with many new changes and improvements at JT Foster. Our Internet network wiring has been brought up to state of the art standard and we have experienced a "forklift evergreening" in which every computer in our school has been replaced with a brand new one.

In addition to these improvements in our general technology in the school, I am pleased to announce that we will be now offering our media and design studies program using the 10 new media/design computer stations and our in-house video studio, using the seed money we successfully applied for last year to improve our Career and Technology Studies (CTS) programming.

As part of our improved trades course offering, our shop has again been transformed, this time it has been converted to a woods shop for the fall term, before being converted back to metal fabrication for the spring at semester's end.

We are welcoming some new staff this year as well. Ms. Cindee Hansma joins our staff in the Learning Support Position, taking over from the departing Ms. Nelson. Mrs. Baxter has had the great opportunity to take a year's leave of absence to teach in China and we have had Ms. Shelley Thomas join our staff to assist in the English Department. Our new wood shop will be in the capable hands of Mr. Jaye Swanson, a recent graduate of the Alberta Education Bridges trades program. We welcome as well Brenda Schlaht who join us as Family School Liaison, coming from the Horizon School Division. I know you'll offer them the same kind introduction and welcome that I received last year.

This year at JT. Foster we are committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for our students, even in the midst of the challenges of being a small rural school in a time of restraint. We are working to find innovative ways to work with our community to change our schools to be the engine of success for our Nanton community. School staff working with students, parents and community members will be getting out into the community this year to begin a conversation designed to build a strong JT Foster for the next generation of Nanton residents.

I'd also remind parents to check out our school website for further information on all aspects of our school and to especially contact the office to get your students Pinnacle password and ID, which allows for parents to have 24/7 access to data on your student's progress.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with your questions or concerns.

- Peter Weeks, Principal

## Public Health Nursing Welcomes You To A New School Year!

**DID YOU KNOW:** “Vaccines have saved the lives of more babies and children than any other medical intervention in the past 50 years” (Public Health Agency of Canada-June 26, 2009)

### School Immunization Program

Each year public health nursing provides a variety of vaccinations through our school health program. Routinely, vaccination is offered in grades 5 and 9 to eligible students. We offer catch up vaccinations to students in grades 1, 5, and 9, as well as to students new to the school in all grades who need updates.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date please contact your local Health Unit as indicated above.

### Ask your child



### Look in the backpack!



### Consent Forms

Early in the school year children who are eligible for vaccination will come home with an envelope containing information about what vaccinations they need, and consent forms to sign and return to the school. **Please look for this package in your child's backpack and/or ask your child about where this package is!** Nurses will be starting to vaccinate in the schools as soon as late September, so prompt return of consents is greatly appreciated AND very important!

### Asthma

**FACT:** Asthma visits to the Emergency Room peak in mid-September, a few weeks after kids go back to school and start sharing their viruses.

**FACT:** Asthma is the number #1 reason for school absences, associated with colds and flus in North America.

You can prevent being part of this September rush by starting your child/teen on Asthma medication *before* school starts this year. If you haven't started already, starting now will still be beneficial.

***For more info please contact: Community Pediatric Asthma Service at***

403-943-9139 or [ican@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ican@ucalgary.ca) or [www.ucalgary.ca/icancontrolasthma](http://www.ucalgary.ca/icancontrolasthma)

 **Make sure the teacher knows that your child/teen needs quick access to their Asthma medication at all times.**



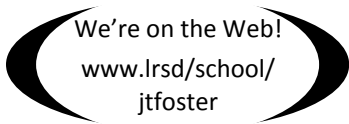
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*Just a Reminder!*

*There is no school  
on September  
23th*



Congratulations to Mr. Anderson and his wife!  
Their baby boy was born on September 15th!



**Upcoming Important Dates**

Sept 22—Terry Fox Run at 2:30pm  
Sept 22—School Dance from 8:00pm—11:00pm  
Sept 23-No School— Staff Planning Day  
October 6th— School Fees go home

**J.T. Foster's New Staff Members**

Brenda Schlaht—Family School Liaison  
Jaye Swanson—Carpentry  
Cindee Hansma—Learning Support  
Shelley Thomas—English/Drama

**SPORTS**

**Volleyball**

Grade 9 Jr. A Girls VB-practice Tuesday and Thursday  
3:45pm to 5:00pm at JT Foster.  
Grade 8 Jr. B1 Girls VB—practice Tuesday and Wednesday  
3:45pm to 5:00pm at AB Daley.  
Grade 7 Jr. B2 Girls VB-practice Tuesday and Thursday  
3:45pm to 5:00pm at AB Daley.  
Jr. Varsity Girls VB—practice Monday 3:45pm to 5:00pm at AB Daley.  
Sr. Varsity Girls VB— practice Monday and Wednesday  
3:50pm to 5:00pm at JTF.

Last year the J.T. Foster Golf Team held a raffle for 4 green fees at the Nanton Golf Course. The Draw was made on May 5 and the winner was Chuck Holmstrom. Congratulations!

**Concession News**

The concession is open Monday—Thursday from 11:40am—12:10pm  
Watch for pizza and sub lunches soon!