

From the Career & Academic Counselor ...

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Picture Butte High School

Welcome back to a new school year!! I just want to let students and parents know that I am available at Picture Butte High School to provide students with support in career exploration and planning in preparation for post-secondary endeavors.

I have almost completed my one-on-one meetings with Grade 12 students to check to make sure that they are on track to receive an Alberta High School Diploma in June. I will be sending follow up letters to parents once these are complete.

Some of the opportunities available for our students this year will be:

- Post-Secondary Fair - Monday, September 26
(1:00-3:00 at County Central High and 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Chinook High School)
- Green Certificate Information Evening – Wednesday, October 8 (Location TBA)
- Scholarship Information Evening – Wednesday, October 15 - 6:00 p.m. at PBHS
- FALL Job Shadows – Please see Mrs. Loman ASAP if you are interested
- Cardboard Boat Races – Thursday, October 30 (All day)
- We Day!! – Monday, November 3 (All Day in Calgary)
- World of Choices – Date TBA – Usually in March
- Spring Resume Workshop
- Encounters with Canada
- And more throughout the year!!

Please see below for some information regarding some interesting opportunities:

- **Encounters with Canada**

Encounters with Canada is Canada's largest and foremost national youth forum with over 85,000 alumni, to date. For 29 years, 120 high school students (ages 14 to 17) per week from across the country have travelled to the Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre in Ottawa to form a mini-Canada representation and to enjoy the experience of a lifetime. During their week-long session, teens discover their country through each other, learn about Canadian institutions, explore exciting career options, meet famous and accomplished Canadians, develop their leadership skills and live an extraordinary bilingual experience.

Program cost is \$675 per student for one week, which includes accommodations, meals, local transportation, and programming. Travel to and from Ottawa is paid by Exchanges Canada, a program of the Department of Canadian Heritage.

PBHS has already had two grade 11 students participate in Encounters with Canada this school year! Melissa Leusink and Karly Groenenboom both travelled to Ottawa from September 14-20 to take part in the **Sport and Fitness** program. Congratulations girls!!

For more information, visit the website: <https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/en/home.html> or see Mrs. Loman if you are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity.



ELAA POST – SECONDARY FAIR

Monday, September 29

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. County Central High School (Vulcan)

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Chinook High School (Lethbridge)

ELAA Post Secondary Fair

Parents and students are welcome to attend this event!! (Unfortunately this is a PBHS PD day so we will not be attending as a group).

This is an event where representatives from over 30 post-secondary institutions and agencies will be on-hand to provide information and answer questions about what they have to offer students once they have finished high school.

This is a fabulous opportunity to begin planning for the future!!

- **Scholarship Information:**

Check out the following websites to search for scholarships to help fund your post-secondary education:

<http://alis.alberta.ca/et/fo/pay/scholarships/available.html>

<http://scholarshipscanada.ca>

www.studentawards.com

