



# PALLISER

BEYOND BORDERS

## June 2016 Palliser Beyond Borders News

### Greetings Palliser Beyond Borders Students and Parents

#### Summer School Registration is now open.

- July 4 is the last day to register for summer school and August diploma exams.
- [More information is on our website](http://palliserbeyondborders.com/current-students/summer-school)  
<http://palliserbeyondborders.com/current-students/summer-school>



- Summer school runs July 4 - August 4.
- If students register now they will have early access to courses, but may not be assessed until the summer semester begins.
- Students must complete the Getting Online (GO) orientation if they have not done so in the past. The GO course must be done by July 11.
- Students may be registered in one course and have one course pending at any given time.
- For example: Students may register for one additional course after GO to ensure completion by August 4.

- No requested courses will begin after July 12 for summer completion for those who miss the GO deadline.
- Plan on committing 5 hours a day to complete a 5 credit course by August 4.
- Diploma course diplomas start the following week. [See more information](http://palliserbeyondborders.com/current-students/high-school-information/diploma-exam-information)  
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- [Registration: http://palliserbeyondborders.com/canadian-students/online-studies/current-palliser-student](http://palliserbeyondborders.com/canadian-students/online-studies/current-palliser-student)
- There is a \$25 summer registration fee for all students currently enrolled with Palliser Regional School regardless of when they began their courses.

**Fall registration:  
Registrations entirely completed by  
September 1: students will have access to  
courses on September 6 start date**

- If registrations are received after this date students will experience a delay in access to their online course.

[Registration for the fall:  
http://palliserbeyondborders.com/canadian-students/online-studies/current-palliser-student](http://palliserbeyondborders.com/canadian-students/online-studies/current-palliser-student)

**Palliser Principals:** Information regarding [helping student evacuees from Fort McMurray](#) is available [here](#).

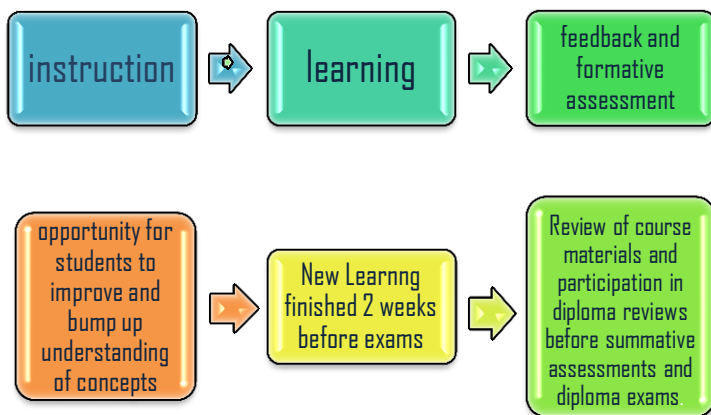
If you are receiving students who are evacuated from Fort McMurray we can help in three ways:

- We can copy a course for a school so you have learning materials you can use with a student in your classroom. Your teacher would be responsible for assessing student learning.
- We can register the student to be online with Palliser Beyond Borders while they attend your school. Our teachers are responsible for instruction and assessment.
- [Students may register for summer school with us up until July 4.](#) summer school runs July 4 - August 4.
- Direct all inquiries to Principal, Alison Hancox.



### From Palliser Beyond Borders Principal: A note about the learning and teaching process as students wind up this semester

Our goal is to empower all our students in all grades and courses in learning and assessment in a meaningful and effective manner. Your role is to manage your time wisely, identify ways you learn best and reach to demonstrate your understanding. Calculate how many weeks left before you must finish the course and divide up by weeks what you have left to complete in your course. Commit to the schedule. We believe at Palliser Beyond Borders that the learning and teaching process consists of 6 stages:



**For student success:** This process must happen before students complete summative assessments so students have every opportunity to enrich understanding before final assessments. For this reason we do not want students to expect that they can submit a whole course the night before an exam or diploma exam and accept that it is ok to “take the bad mark”. We feel bad if students don’t do well on exams and want to support every effort for students to demonstrate their very best understanding in our courses. Students are beginning to understand this process and with parent support we are seeing improved results in course marks and final assessments.

**Course Reviews:** The discrepancy between our diploma marks and course marks closed quite significantly for those students who wrote diplomas in April. The common factor was that students made sure they had the time to participate in diploma course reviews either online or face to face. Part of our course expectations is for students to attend these course reviews. Review dates are posted on [our website](#)

<http://palliserbeyondborders.com/current-students/high-school-information/diploma-exam-information>

**Finishing your course on time by meeting posted deadlines:** If students do not meet the deadline dates for completing courses particularly for diploma courses, students must plan to write the diploma in the next cycle or complete the course in summer school. We want you to have the review time you need after teacher assessment is complete to ensure you are ready for the summative assessment. If you need help or additional support, please contact your teacher.

Best regards,  
*Alison Hancox*  
**Alison Hancox**, MET  
Principal  
Palliser Beyond Borders

## How is news shared at Palliser Beyond Borders?

- Regular newsletters such as this one are posted on our website under
  - [news on the homepage](#) and
  - [news under current students](#)
  - These are simultaneously posted to [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Please like and follow us.
- Newsletters are emailed home to parents via an automated synervice messaging service. Be sure we have your parent email on file if you are not receiving them.
- For Students:
  - Newsletters and messages are posted to our [Moodle dashboard for students](#) <http://moodle.prs26.ca/my/> Be sure you click on the links to open the announcements.
  - automated synervice messages are emailed to student @prs26 accounts.
- Copies of our newsletters are shared with Palliser Schools and linked on their school websites.
- Paper copies of our newsletters are available at our Outreach campuses.

### For Diploma Students writing June Diplomas:

**YOU MUST BE DONE ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND IN-CLASS EXAMS BY JUNE 1 TO GIVE YOU REVIEW TIME.**

- [Diploma Exam Information is posted here on our website](#)
- [Study resources are available here: http://www.symboloo.com/mix/exampreandt esttaking](http://www.symboloo.com/mix/exampreandt esttaking)



## Course Final Exam Protocols - students please read

Students: be aware that each course has different exam protocols depending on the subject. Be in touch with your teacher to book your exam writing. Organizing final exams requires a little coordination with your school to ensure we have a Palliser staff who will supervise and that the exam and password are made available to your school site. Please give your teacher one day notice to make the arrangements. This includes the Outreaches. If Palliser staff is not available we will need to make Procter arrangements, which require forms and signatures.

### Important Dates

Please note that courses need to be completed within one calendar year of the student's start date. These deadlines mean that all assignments and exams must be submitted on or before the date.

- **Diploma Courses: June 1, 2016** - Students who have not met this deadline must declare intentions to [complete on this form](#). There is an option to complete courses during summer school July 4- August 4, 2016 and write diplomas in August 2016.
- **Non-diploma Courses: June 10, 2016** Students who have not met this deadline must declare intentions to [complete on this form](#). To have continued access to your course you must register for summer school.
- **June 1/10:** students who have not replied to our appeals for communication and have not indicated their intention to complete a course either in the summer or fall will lose access to Moodle following the applicable deadline date above. Course marks will be reported incomplete to Alberta Education in our June filing.
- **June 24-28:** Report Cards will be distributed to Palliser High Schools and students

## NEWS FROM THE OUTREACHES:

### 1. Return textbooks before June 28.

If you have borrowed textbooks from Palliser Beyond Borders please return to your nearest Outreach site.

### 2. Year End Celebration at



Picture Butte Outreach: June 20 @ 1pm  
334 Highway Avenue  
Box 1280 Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0 Phone: 403-732-5810  
Administrative Assistant: Lola Mix

Vulcan Outreach: June 22 @ 1 pm (to confirm)  
102B First Street South  
Box 390 Vulcan, AB T0L 0B0  
Phone: 403-485-6180  
Administrative Assistant: Shila Provost

PASS+: June 23 @1pm  
2016 19 Street, Coaldale, AB T1M 1L8  
Phone: 403-345-4421  
Administrative Assistant: Kourtney Skipworth

Palliser Alternative Outreach in Calgary: June 24 @ 1pm  
Suite 120, 2635 37 Avenue NE  
Calgary, AB T1Y 5Z6  
phone: 1-403-291-0584  
Administrative Assistant: Elvira Pagsanghan



### 3. Any Palliser student who wants to order hoodies or T-shirts please see the administrative assistant at your Outreach site or complete this form and submit to [kourtney.skipworth@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:kourtney.skipworth@pallisersd.ab.ca)

## Palliser Beyond Borders School Calendar

School calendars vary slightly across our division. [Please refer to our calendar linked on our website](#) to know when teachers are available to work with students.

Palliser Regional Schools Board approved calendar is [available to download](#) from here for 2016-17 school year.

## Information Sessions about Palliser Beyond Borders

Information Sessions and an online Open House are monthly every second Tuesday at 5:30 - 6:30 pm

- Location: [online meeting room \(click here\)](#)

## [Study Hall](#) - help in all subject areas

Look for the link at <http://moodle.prs26.ca/my/>

STUDY HALL

# Study Hall

Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 pm. All subjects.

## School Advisory Committee meets online monthly

More information about Palliser Beyond Borders and our programs are available at these meetings or [posted here](#). information is posted in your courses and [here on the website](#)

### *A New Learning Landscape*

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