



## Aden Bowman Newsletter–February 2012

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful Family Day long weekend recharging your batteries with family and friends. Since our last newsletter we have wrapped up semester one final exams and started semester two. It was extremely encouraging to see nearly 100 students attend our teacher assisted Study Hall on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Well done Bears! In February, Aden Bowman students began registration for the 2012-2013 school year, and it is our hope to complete this process by March 9<sup>th</sup>. You can assist our efforts by ensuring your student has chosen their classes and handed in the white registration form to Student Services. Looking toward next year, Aden Bowman's Open House was held on February 9<sup>th</sup> for prospective grade nine students in which approximately 200 grade eights came to visit. We are confident our new grade nine class will be strong! Thank you to all students and staff who helped make this night a success!

I am pleased to report that we are having some work done to spruce up the school, and want to thank teachers Ron Vause, Carmen Adams and Stefan Scott for their work in placing a mosaic of multicultural plaques at Aden Bowman's entrance to represent and honour our diverse student population. In addition, our Art Club is recreating a prominent mural in the Social Centre and we look forward to the finished project.

On the extra-curricular front we are pleased to announce our SRC fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research raised a total of \$1400.00 in just five days. Thank you to all students and staff for their generous donations. Our basketball, wrestling and cheerleading teams have been on a roll and are once again filling our display cabinets with hardware! Congratulations to all. In the Fine Arts, we look forward to the many activities in the month of March, including our **One Act Plays February 29<sup>th</sup>- March 2<sup>nd</sup>** as well as our **Jr. Music Concert on March 6<sup>th</sup>**. March will also see our Bands traveling to Edmonton for the Alberta International Music Festival, and to Calgary for a concert and workshop tour! Good luck Bears.

We will once again be holding our **Student Progress Interviews March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**. There will be an email and phone message encouraging families to sign in for interview times beginning Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding the process, please call our main office at 683-7600. In addition to the school events listed above, Saskatoon Public Schools is pleased to present Dr. Dylan Wiliam, international authority on formative assessment on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Centennial Collegiate Theatre. For tickets, please call 683-8438.

As always, the doors of Aden Bowman are open to our community. We hope that you will join us.

Brent Hills, Principal

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## Student Progress Interviews–March 15 & 16

**March 15th: 6:30 to 9:00 pm (6:30-7:30 unscheduled)**  
**March 16th: 1:30 to 3:30 pm (1:30-2:30 unscheduled)**



Aden Bowman's Student Progress Interviews will once again be held prior to the distribution of report cards on Thursday, March 15th and Friday, March 16th. As a staff, we feel that through an early interview your son or daughter's progress can be discussed and corrections, if needed, be implemented before their first report. Students will receive their report cards on Friday, April 27th. For semestered classes, this will be a mid-term report. For non-semestered classes, this report represents the third quarterly evaluation of their course work.

You may choose from among four time blocks in planning meetings with teachers. Please see the attached instructions on how to book an interview using our online scheduler. In the time blocks from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Thursday, and 1:00pm to 2:00pm on Friday, the interviews will be held in order of parents' arrival (unscheduled time). From 7:30pm to 9:00pm on Thursday, and 2:00pm to 3:30pm on Friday, you will need to book times with each teacher through our online scheduler, or by phoning our main office. The online interview scheduling software will be open to the community at 9:00am on Thursday, March 8, one week prior to the interviews.

**Student  
Progress  
Interviews are  
now booked  
online!**

All interviews will be scheduled for 5 minutes. You are advised to allow for 5-minute intervals between appointments to allow you to reach your next appointment. The teachers will be prepared to discuss each student's achievement and work habits. We suggest that you come with specific questions in order to make the best use of time. You are strongly encouraged to bring your son or daughter to the interviews. If you wish to see particular teachers for longer sessions, please arrange another meeting time with them.

All teachers will be located in the Taylor Street wing (maps will be provided). Student guides will be on hand to assist you with directions. If you have any questions about your son's or daughter's attendance, you may wish to see Mrs. Donaldson (secretary) in the main office during the afternoon sessions. During the evening sessions, please see Mr. Janzen or Mr. Hills in regard to attendance matters.



Staff members identified below will be away due to extra-curricular commitments, part-time contracts or alternate programs. There will be a form available at the school that parents can use to leave a message, phone number and email for the teacher to follow-up with.

Mr. Hills and Mr. Janzen will be available to answer any questions about school operations. Refreshments provided by the School Community Council will be available in the LRC, distributed by our ABCI Bear Ambassadors.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Career Exploration – [www.myBlueprint.ca](http://www.myBlueprint.ca)

This year, Aden Bowman has been selected as one of three Saskatoon high schools to pilot a new online career and post-secondary education planning software, myBlueprint. To date, all Grade 10 students at Aden Bowman have participated in a one-hour tutorial session on how to use the software. We want to encourage all ABCI students to sign up for an account, and with it, be able to utilize the following myBlueprint features:



[www.myBlueprint.ca](http://www.myBlueprint.ca)

- Interactive course planning software helps students pick courses relevant to their interests and career aspirations
- Credit-tracking software helps students ensure that they are meeting graduation requirements
- Online career exploration and interest evaluation program helps students match their interests and abilities to future high school courses and career opportunities
- Goal planning software helps students set meaningful and actionable targets for themselves
- As students use the planning software, the Pathway Eligibility Indicator automatically shows students the impact of their course selections and unlocks all eligible possible post-secondary options, including university and technical programs, apprenticeship opportunities and career cluster opportunities
- Allows students flexibility in planning for their future by encouraging them to build several educational plans based on different areas of study
- Reduces post-secondary planning effort by allowing students to compare post-secondary programs and career opportunities across a variety of disciplines and cities in one page
- Online resume building and employment portfolio-building software

Please see Mr. Dunbar for help with your resume, cover letters, interview skills or for general career advice!



We would like to encourage you to review and use this online tool with your son or daughter. The website is located at [www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca). If your student already has an account, they can log in from the homepage.

If your grade 9, 11 or 12 student would like to register for an account, please be sure to enter the following code into the “New User” box (“enter activation key”) when signing up: **adenb3**

This ensures that your student will see all of the courses we offer at Aden Bowman and use them to build their own blueprint for success.

If you have any questions about the software, please contact our Career Facilitator, Mr. Dunbar at 683-7600 or [dunbarbr@spds.sk.ca](mailto:dunbarbr@spds.sk.ca).

## Graduation 2012 Update

Thank you to all parents who attended the Aftergrad meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 and to all students who attended our Orientation to Graduation Meeting on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. For those that were unable to attend these meetings we have organized the timeline below for your information.



### February

- A preliminary list of graduates will be posted in Student Services.
- Grad Committee formed of Period 2 homeroom volunteers.
- Sign up for grad photos with cap and gown starting February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Room 2 with Mr. Smith.

### March

- Graduation portraits will be taken from March 5-7<sup>th</sup> in the Jr. Football Team room with a sitting fee of \$25.00 to be paid on site.

### April

- Nominations open for Valedictorian.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - Grade 12 Graduation meeting during period 2 in Castle Theatre
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - Parent Graduation meeting at 7:00pm in the Aden Bowman Library.
- Banquet and Dance tickets go on sale after school on Tues. April 24<sup>th</sup> and Wed. April 25<sup>th</sup>

### May

- Interviews for banquet MC and toasts
- Auditions for banquet entertainment
- Valedictorian speeches and election

### June

- Graduation rehearsal.
- Final exams from June 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Participation list of graduates posted.
- **Graduation exercises are on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at TCU Place.** Graduates must be backstage at 1:00pm for assembly of graduands. There is no charge for guests to attend the exercises.
- The **Banquet** will be held at TCU Place at 6:00 p.m. with the dance to follow from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Everyone attending, including the graduate requires a ticket.
- After Grad activities will begin at 11:00 p.m. Tickets are required for this event as well.

### July

- The Saskatchewan Ministry of Education mails the student's transcript to his/her home. This is the official diploma that acknowledges a student has graduated. Students can pick up request forms from Student Services to have their transcripts sent to the post-secondary institute of their choice.

GRAD 2012!



**More detailed information will be provided at our Parent meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the ABCI Library. If you have questions about the graduation events sponsored by the school, please call Gail Bartlett at 683-7600.**

## Drama—Student Directed One Act Plays

Wednesday, February 29th to Friday, March 2nd: 7:30pm



This year's plays offer a selection of comedy, tragedy, and absurdism which is sure to challenge and entertain. *Where the Heart Is* is written and directed by Zach T and explores the feelings of a 15-year-old boy whose parents tell him that they are separating.

*A Peck of Dust*, written by Sinan Unel and directed by Emily H, is a tragi-comedy set in a hospital that questions why people who have nothing to complain about complain the loudest, and those that have real concerns do not complain nearly enough.

The third selection is *'Dentity Crisis* written by Christopher Durang and directed by Celeste N. This play is a mix of dark comedy and absurdism that looks at a depressed teenage girl and all the wacky characters who surround her life. It makes the audience question who is truly "insane".

We look forward to sharing these three unique pieces with you. There is a coarse language warning for *Where the Heart Is*, so we warn that the evening may not be appropriate for younger children.

The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, and free with an activity card.

Student-Directed One Act Plays will be featured at Robert Hinitt Castle Theatre from Feb 29 to March 2.

## Upcoming Career Exploration Events

Please encourage your son or daughter to register for the following events:



**May 3, 2012**—Digitized is a A program for students in grades 11 and 12, which highlights careers in Information Technology. This is a partnership with the University of Saskatchewan Computer Science department. Youth participate in hands-on training, seminars and workshops. Learn more at <http://www.cs.usask.ca/digitized/index.php>

**May 10, 2012**—A career discovery opportunity that is offered to students in grade 11 and 12. The program's focus is for those students interested in the trades and those looking to participate in the Summer Youth internship Program. They will be provided with educational information into the programs at SIAST and receive hands-on information by visiting construction sites and speaking with professionals in the trades. Learn more at: <http://www.futurepaths.ca/events.php?id=10>



**June 1 to August 31, 2012**—A program which provides youth with an opportunity to experience and work in the construction, manufacturing, automotive and tourism industries. Grade 11 and 12 students apply for these positions, are interviewed and selected for the program. The SIEC Project Coordinator works with both employers and students to ensure a successful internship. These students are compensated for their labour and receive apprenticeship credit hours where applicable. Learn more at: <http://www.futurepaths.ca/events.php?id=7>



## Senior Girls Basketball

The Aden Bowman Senior Girls' Basketball Team is having a successful season so far. In league play, their record is 10-3 and they have had some good showings at tournaments as well. In the Bowl Classic in December the Bears won Bronze, and they repeated as champions at MIT in early February!

After the break, the Bears return with three more league games and then head into playoffs. Go Bears!



Emily H  
Meghan Z  
Abby T  
Maddy H  
MC M  
Hope F  
Hannah T

Team Roster:

Macy S  
Devon B  
Amanda B  
Katie F  
Kendall K  
Elizabeth M

## Junior Girls Basketball

The Aden Bowman junior girls basketball team concluded their season with a strong playoff run resulting in a third place finish, beating out the Bethlehem Stars 48-43. The team showed tremendous improvement over the course of the season and should be very pleased with their achievements. One particular highlight was the consolation final at the Rochdale Invitational Tournament in Regina where the Bears played one of their best games against Winnipeg's Sturgeon Heights. We're looking forward to more great basketball from this group in the coming years!

### Yearbooks

The deadline for ordering yearbooks for the 2011-12 school year has been extended to April 2nd. If you are not sure if you have ordered a yearbook, please stop by the main office.

All fees must be paid before ordering a yearbook

### Student Fees

There are still student fees outstanding for the 2011-2012 school year. If your son/daughter's fees are unpaid, we would welcome payment at your earliest convenience. Post-dated cheques are also welcome.

Grade twelve students must have all fees paid in full before graduating.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Donaldson at 683-7611.



### Bus Passes

It is recommended that students personalize their Go-Pass at Transit Customer Services: 226 - 23<sup>rd</sup> St. E. Saskatoon (306) 975-3100. If the Go-Pass is personalized, Saskatoon Transit can replace it if it is lost or stolen. The school cannot replace it.

## Collegiate Renewal

On behalf of Collegiate Renewal, Saskatoon Public Schools proudly presents Dr. Dylan Wiliam:



International Authority on Formative Assessment

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

7:00 PM

Centennial Collegiate Theatre

160 Nelson Road

Saskatoon, SK

Research tells us that formative assessment has the greatest impact on student learning, but what exactly is formative assessment? Dr. Wiliam will explain the difference between evaluation and assessment and the impact daily formative assessment has in the classroom and on student learning.

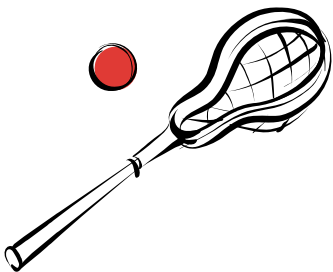
Dr. Wiliam will also address the three key processes involved in the formative assessment process: finding out where learners are in their learning, finding out where they are going, and finding out how to get there.

For more information and a complimentary ticket, please contact the Collegiate Renewal office at 683-8438 or [nyborgs@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:nyborgs@spsd.sk.ca) by March 1, 2012.

## Collective Voice

Collective Voice will be doing a Garage Sale at the school on **Saturday, March 3** – Taylor Street doors! All proceeds go toward the students' New York City Field Experience! Great Prices – great deals!!! If you want to donate something to the Garage Sale, please leave a message for Shelly Loeffler at the office. Thanks for your support!

Support our  
Collective  
Voice program  
by attending  
the March 3  
Garage Sale at  
Aden Bowman!



## Saskatoon Field Lacrosse League

Divisions from Grade 1 to 12—May and June  
Registration—Saturday, March 17—1:00pm to 4:00pm  
Al Anderson's Source for Sports

For more information, please contact:  
Shirlene Palmer  
[saskatoonfieldlax@gmail.com](mailto:saskatoonfieldlax@gmail.com)  
[www.saskatoonlacross.com](http://www.saskatoonlacross.com)

## Seedy Saturday



**Saturday March 10th, 2012 at E.D. Feehan Catholic High School, 411 Avenue M North, from 11 am - 4 pm** featuring 35 exhibitors, hourly workshops, the SaskTel Mendel Art Caravan for children, and lunch. Visit our new demonstration area. Admission is \$2. Lunch, pay what you can. Watch for updates at [www.chep.org](http://www.chep.org).



Seedy Saturday is a family-friendly eco-fair promoting open pollinated and heirloom seed-saving, biodiversity and sustainable living. It's the perfect time to celebrate spring!

## Music Department

Spring 2012 is a busy and exciting time for the music department:

**-Junior Concert** – Choir, 9, 10 Bands perform Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. everyone welcome to attend.

**-Senior Concert** – Choir, Senior Concert and Jazz perform Tuesday, April 13 @ 7:00 p.m. everyone welcome to attend.

-The three concert bands are performing at the Saskatoon Music Festival in March:

-Tuesday March 27 the grade 9 concert band and grade 10 concert band perform

-Thursday, March 29 the Senior Concert band performs

**Jazz night at the Bassment:** 202 4th Avenue North the Aden Bowman jazz band is performing a half our set at the High School Jazz night. Come on out and hear some great jazz and support the A.B.C.I. Jazz Program.

### Tour Season

-9 Band tour to Edmonton Alberta International Music Festival Monday, March, 12 & Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

-10 Band tour to Calgary - Concert and workshop tour Monday, March 19, 20 & 21

-Senior tour to Rapid City South Dakota Concert and workshop tour Wednesday, May 9 to Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>

-Final Salute to the Grads Concert is Tuesday, May, 29<sup>th</sup>

Catch the Aden  
Bowman Jazz  
Band perform at  
the Bassment!

## SRC

In December, the SRC held a Saskatoon Food Bank fundraiser. Students and staff filled a whole truck with non-perishable food items. Aden Bowman took part in Wired's Really Big Pile of Food contest. Aden Bowman won LMFAO and Deadmau5 concert tickets for donating the truck load of food.



Valentine's week was a busy one for the SRC. From February 6th-10th the SRC put on a fundraiser for Breast Cancer. We sold breast cancer bracelets, and had a Hershey Kisses guess jar. As well staff and students could donate everyday in their classes. We set up a thermometer and at different amounts teachers agreed to do different activities at the Pep Rally. It was very successful, we surpassed our goal and raised \$1400.00.



On Valentines Day, we had our Pep Rally. It was a huge success and was filled with lots of laughter as Mr. Janzen had his legs waxed by Ms. Styles, Mr. Placatka got pink goo dumped over his head, Mr. Dunbar sang and Mr. Loose, Mr. Dubray and Mr. Smith had a dance off. Ms. Onufreychuk had her pony tail cut off to be donated to Wigs For Cancer. We would also like to thank Ms. Hamilton for dying her hair red, Ms. Katz for dying the tips of her hair pink and Mr. Hills for dying his beard pink!



Thank you to everyone who made this Pep Rally a huge success!



**2012- 2013 Course Offerings** will be available in April 2012. Talk to your school counsellor about taking internet based courses or call 683 – 8313 for more information.

We offer a wide variety of internet based courses open to students across the province. Daily access to a computer with internet is required.

Our semester based courses are teacher directed. Students work independently through content set out by their instructor and need to be prepared to present their ideas using discussion boards, blogs, journals and other web tools.

A complete listing of our courses is available on our website:

<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca>

**Talk**

Sexuality Education regarding sexuality. Parents can inform their children, but they are often viewed as being "a

To prepare for the future, parents should discuss the morals, religious and cultural values. There are numerous factors that will affect sexual health decision making.

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Health  
Region

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Conversations regarding sexual health or what to say. It is important to understand that they are

forming their own thoughts, and to respect their child's values and beliefs.

In order to form healthy sexual relationships, children need the following. They need accurate information, skills in communication and decision-making, a clear set of values and a strong sense of self-worth.

Parents can help their teenagers in the following ways:

- **Start talking about this topic early.** Parents have a unique opportunity to talk with their children before they become misinformed through friends or media messages. Questions such as, "How do you feel", are good conversation starters.
- **Inform yourself.** Parents can benefit from continuing education on teen health issues. There are many great websites specially geared to support parents on this topic.
- **Answer questions honestly and accurately.** Together you can seek out information you don't know. Don't expect to have all the answers.
- **Admit if you have discomfort with the topic.** Acknowledge the discomfort and explain it to your child.
- **Listen to your teen intently.** Your teen may share more with you this way.
- **Be relaxed and non-judgmental.** This will lead to mutual trust and respect and your teen will share with you more freely.
- **Communicate your values.** Children will want and need moral guidance from their parents.
- **Discuss the consequences.** The range of consequences includes such things as pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and HIV, but try to balance this with positives such as, "Sex is a positive life force, when the time is right".
- **Use "teachable" daily moments.** Everyday opportunities present themselves while driving or watching television during which you can talk to your teen regarding sensitive issues.
- **Encourage healthy choices.** Encouraging the postponement of sexual activity is a healthy choice. We know that most teens are not sexually active, in spite of the myths that "everyone is doing it". Discuss with your children how to say, "no", and how they can stick to their beliefs and values so that if they encounter a situation under pressure, they know what to do and what to say.
- **Discuss "safer sex" choices.** If and when they are ready for this adult activity, you will have discussed the use of latex condoms for disease prevention and some reliable form of birth control.
- **Remember you are their guide and resource in this important aspect of their life.** Do not tell your teen what to do, rather, encourage conversation, be supportive and listen.

Empower your children with accurate sexual health information. Be supportive and guide them to make responsible decisions about sexuality. Trust your instincts and begin the conversation.

For more information, please call the Sexual Health Program at 655-4642.

# LET'S TREK!



JOIN your community RAISE funds for a great cause PROMOTE awareness



4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Trek for  
Tourette**

## **The Victoria Boathouse**

Sunday, March 25, 2012  
Victoria Park & Spadina Cres West  
(Behind Riversdale Pool and Riverside  
Badminton & Tennis Club)  
2pm

For more information please call Rachelle at  
306.371.8348 or visit [www.tourette.ca](http://www.tourette.ca).



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La Fondation canadienne  
du syndrome de la Tourette

## Dates to Remember—2012

### March

- 1-2 One Act Plays (Robert Hinit Theatre)
- 6 Junior Music Concert
- 7 Wrestling City Finals (Bethlehem)
- 8 Variety Night (7:00pm)
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- 9 **Staff PD (NO CLASSES)**
- 9-13 Grade 9 Band Trip (Edmonton)
- 15 Student Progress Interviews (Evening—6:30pm—9:00pm)
- 16 Student Progress Interviews (Afternoon—1:00pm—3:30pm)
- 16 Wrestling Provincials (Regina)
- 17 Basketball—City Finals @ Uof S
- 20 Cheer & Pom City Championships @ Centennial
- 21 SCC Meeting (Library)
- 22-24 HOOPLA (Regina)
- 23 **Staff PD (Convention—NO CLASSES)**
- 29-31 Grade 10 Band Trip (Calgary)

### April

- 3 Senior Music Concert (7:00pm)
- 6 **Good Friday (NO CLASSES)**
- 9-13 **Spring Break (NO CLASSES)**  
Report Cards
- 16 Track & Field begins
- 17 SCC Meeting (Library)
- 24-27 Musical Performance (7:00pm)
- 17-21 Sr. Band, Sr. Jazz & Choir to Banff
- 27 Report Cards

### May

- 1 Badminton City Final @ WMCI
- 4 **Staff PD (NO CLASSES)**
- 12 Badminton Provincials (Melfort)
- 11-14 Band Tour to South Dakota
- 15 SCC Meeting (Library)
- 18 Last day to drop Sem 2 Classes
- 21 **Victoria Day (NO CLASSES)**
- 23 City Track Championships (Griffiths)
- 29 Salute to Grads Music Concert (7:00pm)

### June

- 1-2 Track & Field Provincials (Yorkton)
- 5 Athletic Awards Banquet
- 7 Fine Arts Night
- 10 Athletic Banquet
- 18 P. 5 Exam p.m. (Gr. 12)
- 19 P. 1 Exams
- 20 P. 2 Exams
- 21 P. 3 Exams, Textbook Return (8:30-12:00)
- 22 P. 4 Exams, Textbook Return (8:30-12:00)
- 25 P. 5 Exam (Gr. 9-11), Textbook Return (8:30-12:00)
- 26 Last day of school for secondary students
- 27 Graduation Ceremony 2:00 pm @ TCU Place
- 27 Graduation Banquet 6:00pm @ TCU Place
- 28 Grade 8 Orientation
- 28 Last day of school—Report Cards (9:00am)

