



## Fall 2017: Banff Community High School



Happy Thanksgiving! There is so much to have been thankful for over the last month at BCHS. Both the junior and senior hikes took place in September due to good fall weather. We are thankful for our new Canada 150 mural in Purkis Hall that has Bear 148 (or so I like to imagine) guarding over us. Students are settled into classes and we have welcomed students from Spain, Slovakia, Japan, Mexico, Barbados, Cuba, Germany, Australia, Philippines, BC, Saskatchewan, NWT and Ontario. We are thankful for the focus on Health and Well-being in our school with Terry Fox's legacy celebrated through a run and walk along the Bow River, our grad class treating us to a hot dog lunch and having fruit bowl donations at break times. Enjoy your weekend with friends and family everyone.

Ms. Miles, Acting Principal

### [2017/2018 School Calendar](#) (Click)

All BCHS staff email addresses are [firstname.lastname@crps.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@crps.ca)

The web address is <http://bchs.crps.ca/>



<https://www.facebook.com/BCHSBears/>

### **All students and parents are encouraged to create a MyPass account.**

**STUDENTS/PARENTS/GUARDIANS\*\*** Alberta Education has now provided students with a powerful new tool (MyPass) to track their progress in completing their High School Diploma.

MyPass is an Alberta Education secure self-service website for high school students to:

- √ View and print diploma exam results statements
- √ Order transcripts
- √ View progress towards a credential (diploma or certificate)
- √ View and print detailed academic reports (DAR)

Visit [myPass.alberta.ca](http://myPass.alberta.ca) to request access

## **School Fees**

Bill 1 has been introduced to lessen the burden of school fees for Alberta families.

Because of this, you will see a reduction in your fees for the 2017/2018 school year.

As per Canadian Rockies School Division's Administrative Procedure 503 payment for school fees is due 30 days after invoicing.

All school fees are due November 6, 2017

Payment can be made by cash or cheque at the school office. Debit or credit card payments can be made online through your Parent Portal <https://powerschool.crps.ca/public/>. Please contact the school office to make payment arrangements. Delinquent accounts are sent to a collection agency after June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**Note: International students and Banff Hockey Academy students (other than local) please disregard the school fee invoice.**

## **S.A.L.T.S.**



**Next Trip Date: March 2018**

Parent Information Document

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TCiJRIOGqHiYK5iOWOrZ4YpJX6C-hXhAuPyciJ1A30/edit?usp=sharing>

Google Intent and Deposit Form

<https://goo.gl/forms/0C8mwO29OwR25foe2>



## **BCHS Learning Commons**

The library is open Tuesdays after school from 3:30-4:40pm. A teacher is present to help students with their work, groups can work on projects, or students can study independently. Everyone is welcome!

## **Sports**

Golf, volleyball and cross-country are currently taking place at BCHS



Jr High Basketball Coaches needed. Contact Susan Reid [susan.reid@crps.ca](mailto:susan.reid@crps.ca)

## **Parent/Teacher Interviews 2017/2018**

November 1, 2 evening. November 3 morning.

Booking on line will open on Monday October 30 at 9:00 AM. Watch for an email.

Please be sure to book appointments. Some great questions to ask during an interview include:

- What activities does my child enjoy the most?
- What do you appreciate about my child?
- What skills does my child need to develop further? What are the main challenges?
- What can I do at home to help my child develop skills?
- How can I best support my child in each subject?
- How can I follow up on those suggestions?
- How does my child get along with other students?
- Is there anything about my child's performance or behaviour you would like to share?
- What is the best way to contact you? How can we best work together?

## **October at BCCHS**

### **Calendar of Events (CLICK)**

October 6	11:40 Early Dismissal
9	Happy Thanksgiving-School is closed
11	Cross Country Zones – Sundre
13	Grade 8 Girls Volleyball-Bearspaw Christian School
13	11:00 AM The Rainbow Alliance (formally the GSA) pride flag raising
13, 14	Sr. Boys Volleyball – Brooks
14	Grade 8/9 Girls Volleyball to Bearspaw
20	11:40 Early Dismissal
20, 21	1:00 PM Sr. Girls Volleyball home tournament
20, 21	Grade 8 Girls Volleyball – OLS
27/28	Grade 8/9 Girls Volleyball-CCHS
November 1	Evening - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
2	Evening - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
3	Morning - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
3	No school all day for students
3	Grade 8 Girls Volleyball – LGMS PM
4	Grade 8/9 Girls Volleyball-Rally Pointe



## **Bear Ware School Clothing**

School clothing is always available.

### Prices

Mesh Shorts	22.00
Fleece Pants	38.00
Fleece Hoodie	45.00
Men's and ladies T Shirts	15.00
<b>**NEW**</b> Ladies V-Neck T	15.00

Cash is preferable or cheques made out to BCHS.

## **Work Experience**

Senior high students who are at least 15 years old and have a job or volunteer work could be eligible to earn Work Experience credits. One credit can be earned for every 25 hours. Fifteen credits can be applied towards graduation.

Sign up for work experience and earn credits!

Please contact Ms. Dafoe to sign up today!

Library or [catherine.dafoe@crps.ca](mailto:catherine.dafoe@crps.ca)

## **Parent Council**

Being part of the Parent Council is a wonderful way to stay abreast of what is happening in the school and being involved. Our first Parent Council meeting of the new school year is **Monday, October 16 4:15 pm** in the BCHS Library. We would love to see you!

## **Parent Portal**

Parents please ensure you can log on to Parent Portal. Look for the PowerSchool button on our school webpage or [click here](#). This is where you will access daily updates on your student's marks and attendance, pay school fees and more. Report cards are also shared with you through Parent Portal and are not mailed out from the school.

Students/families new to the school will have already received their log in information via email. If you have not yet received this information, please reply to this email.

## **Post Secondary Information**

Please see the post secondary updates on the [BCHS web site](#)

Also on the [web, site LOOK](#) at Services/Post secondary to apply

Great courses are offered through the [Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre](#).

[Dual Credit Program](#) click for more info.

Room 215 or [elissa.sunderland@crps.ca](mailto:elissa.sunderland@crps.ca)

## **BCHS Attendance Line**

Banff Community High School has an attendance line to assist us in tracking student attendance.

Parents are encouraged to use this tool when notifying the school. Only those absences confirmed by a parent are considered excused. Absences must be excused within 24 hours.

Please follow the procedure below when notifying the school:

- ✓ Call 403-762-4411 choose Option 1 for the attendance line
- ✓ Follow the online prompt leaving the following information:

Parent name

Name and grade of student

Date/dates and reason for absence

The family of students with an unexcused absence/late will receive an email from the school. Please follow up by replying to the email or by calling the school. Remember you can check which class was missed on your Parent Portal.

## **Student Sign In/Out**

Students must sign in when arriving late. Students must also sign out when leaving school during the regular school day. This does not excuse the student, a parent must still notify the school of the absence/late.

Junior high students cannot leave school during regular school hours (not including lunchtime) without a parent contacting the school.

“The Basement” is a new youth drop in centre in the downstairs of the Banff Canmore Community Foundation, located at [214 Banff Ave](#). It is a space where grade 7-10 students can come hang out, play games, do homework, work on art projects, create music or just socialize. Right now, this drop in is open Mondays – Thursdays from after school until 6:00 pm. There are board games, foosball, a shuffleboard table, guitars and keyboard, books, Wi-Fi and even a popcorn machine! Healthy snacks will be available daily as well. Please feel free to contact Colin at [colin.harris@banff.ca](mailto:colin.harris@banff.ca) if you have any thoughts or questions.

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- Opening/Organizational Day
- First Day/Last Day of School for Students
- Winter Break/Spring Break
- School Closure in Lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews
- School Closure

- Teacher Professional Learning
- ATA Convention
- Holidays
- Aboriginal Day

Parent/Teacher Interviews Nov 1, 2, Mar 21, 22 - Evening 5:00-8:00 pm  
 Parent/Teacher Interviews November 3, March 23 AM only



<b>BCHS 2017/2018</b>	
<b>BLOCK 1</b>	<b>8:20 - 9:02</b>
<b>BLOCK 2</b>	<b>9:02 - 9:44</b>
Break	9:44 - 9:54
<b>BLOCK 3</b>	<b>9:54 - 10:36</b>
<b>BLOCK 4</b>	<b>10:36 - 11:18</b>
Break	11:18 - 11:28
<b>BLOCK 5</b>	<b>11:28 - 12:10</b>
<b>BLOCK 6</b>	<b>12:10 -12:52</b>
Lunch	12:52 -1:52
<b>BLOCK 7</b>	<b>1:52 -2:38</b>
<b>BLOCK 8</b>	<b>2:38 -3:24</b>

**Half Day Friday**

<b>Block 1</b>	<b>8:20 -8:50</b>
<b>Block 2</b>	<b>8:50-9:20</b>
Break	9:20-9:30
<b>Block 3</b>	<b>9:30 - 10:00</b>
<b>Block 4</b>	<b>10:00-10:30</b>
Break	10:30-10:40
<b>Block 5</b>	<b>10:40-11:10</b>
<b>Block 6</b>	<b>11:10-11:40</b>