THIS WEEK AT BCHS Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety February 15 - February 26

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Please check our "This Week at BCHS" posted on our website along with an up to date BCHS Events Calendar <u>https://bchs.crps.ca/</u>

Family Week Reminder: No school for students Feb 15-19

As a reminder, Family day is on Monday February 15th. Our school calendar outlines that because of system closures, and Teacher Convention, there will be no school for students from **Monday February 15 to Friday February 19**. We hope that students are able to enjoy this time away from school.

Student Leadership

Our student leadership group was able to create a strong sense of community and belonging through our Valentines Candy Gram sales. Our school purchased a total of 300 Bears paws. Thank you to Mountain Chocolate for supporting this initiative.

Green Team / High Hopes

Our Green Team / High Hopes had it's first meeting on Friday February 12. This group meets to discuss and work towards solutions on global, and local issues. The group will continue to meet every full day Friday over lunch. A link to the virtual meeting can be found on the school website calendar.

Virtual Learning

This past week, our grade 9's were able to take a virtual tour in partnership with Telus Spark. Through partnerships and technology, our students continue to access the knowledge and support of external experts.

Grad Portrait Sittings

Just a note to our Grad students that Grad Portrait Sittings are coming up @ the school March 15-18. Booking for portrait sittings will open on February 15th. Find all the information you need on our school website - <u>here</u>.

CRPS Homestay Program - Hosts needed 2021/2022

Our homestay families are an integral part of the International Student Program. CRPS is now accepting host applications for the Homestay Program for the 2021/2022 school year. Remuneration of \$1,025 is paid monthly per student. CRPS has COVID-19 protocols that international students must follow prior to arriving and upon arrival, including a mandatory 14-day quarantine period. For more information please <u>click here</u>.

Teenagers and gaming addiction

Concerned about the amount of time your child has been gaming or spending time online? <u>Read this article to learn more</u>.

2020-2021 School Calendar

The Week Ahead: <u>Monday, February 15 - 19 (Family week No school for students)</u> Monday, February 22 (Day 2) Tuesday, February 23 (Day 3) Wednesday, February 24 (Day 4) • Public School Board Meeting February 24, 2021 @ 7pm (<u>link here</u>) Thursday, February 25 (Day 1) Friday, February 26 (Day 2) - Full Day Friday

Some Key Dates you do not want to miss.

- March 1 4:15 <u>virtual</u> parent council meeting
- March 8/9 Grade 11/12 Parent Teacher Interviews Q3
- March 12 Grade 9/10 Progress Reports
- March 15 18 Graduation Pictures more information available <u>here</u>
- March 17/18 Grade 9/10 Parent /Teacher Interviews 5pm 8pm.
- March 19 Regular Class for all students. Students released from classes at 11:30 am.
- March 29 April 09 Spring Break

How to Pay School Fees

The Banff Community High School preliminary school fee invoices are now available on <u>PowerSchool Parent Portal</u>. As the 2020/2021 school year is based on a quarter system with the flexibility to change learning preferences, we will charge course fees on a quarterly basis. As cost-incurring activities in Physical Education are limited at this time, fees are not currently being charged. Fees may be added as opportunities arise. Included on this invoice are our general fees and if applicable, any course fees for Quarter 1 options.

Debit or credit card payments can be made online through your Parent Portal <u>https://powerschool.crps.ca/public/</u>.

If you have any questions about School Fees, please contact Joanne Geyer. joanne.geyer@crps.ca.

Missing important happenings at BCHS, but are awash in emails? Find information through one of the medium listed below. Get connected, become involved.

- Follow us on Facebook (<u>here</u>)
- · Join us on Twitter for quick updates. <u>https://twitter.com/bchsbears?lang=en</u>
- · Follow us on Instagram -<u>https://www.instagram.com/bchs_banff/</u>
- Check out our Daily School Announcements <u>here</u>.
- 2020/2021 <u>Student Handbook is here.</u> Find important BCHS dates such as

parent/teacher interviews, course change information, exams and much more.

Upcoming

- Some universities are now offering virtual tours and open houses ... Please check with Ms. Breymann for more information.
- Parents please ensure you can logon to Parent Portal. Look for the PowerSchool button on our school webpage or <u>click here</u>. This is where you will access daily updates on your student's marks and attendance, school fees and more. Final term report cards are also shared with you through Parent Portal and are not mailed out from the school.
- ** Alberta Education has now made student access to their official transcript of marks available to all grade 10- 12 students available through a myPass account (<u>myPass.alberta.ca</u>). Grade 10 marks will first appear after the first semester.

News

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information February Newsletter now posted-<u>Now found here.</u>

Please take the time to review our new Student Parent Handbook. It is now posted on our Website <u>here</u>

**In response to parent feedback to make the "This Week" more streamlined we have moved much of the recurring information such as how to Pay School Fees, Excuse Absences, Get a Transcript of Grades etc... to this HOW TO page. We hope this helps. Please feel free to contact the Principal Chris Rogers (chris.rogers@crps.ca) with feedback or suggestions or use our feedback link <u>here</u>.

Caribou Kids Season Pass

We are fortunate at Banff Community High School to have strong community partnerships that support access to sports and healthy activities for all of our students. Banff Lodging Co and Banff Ski Norquay are again, supporting Banff Community High School students with a year of skiing through the Caribou Kids Season Pass Program.

Please take the time to read this attached letter from Caribou Properties that outlines this incredible program.

Banff schools ski free program 20-21 v1.pdf

If your student is interested in participating in the Caribou Kids Season Pass Program, please complete this form and return it to Banff Ski Norquay.

Caribou Kids& Youth Form 2020-21.pdf

Check out our Daily School Announcements here.