

THIS WEEK AT BCHS Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety January 11 - January 15

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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>

Return to In Person Learning January 11

Happy New Year. We would like to thank our entire learning community for successfully bridging the gap between live and AT-Home learning. Teachers have worked hard to continue to provide a regular learning schedule so that students have been able to stay on track with curricular learning outcomes. Our BCHS students have also worked productively and responsibly while Albertans have stood together to keep one another safe. We are also thankful for the strong support that our BCHS families have provided our school in the continuance of student learning.

While we have been able to continue student learning during this past circuit break, we know that the richest learning happens live in the classroom. We are excited to welcome our students back for live learning on **Monday January 11**. We will continue to follow our protocols that are outlined in our <u>school re-entry plan</u> as students return to school. Students are reminded to wear a mask when entering and moving around the building, remain in the learning cohort, sanitize their hands regularly and to maintain social distancing when in the school.

As a reminder, families that intend on changing learning formats need to first contact either Mike Shoemaker, or Chris Rogers to develop an effective learning plan. Students will only be allowed into At Home stream after this conversation.

Summative Assessments and Quarter 2 wrap up

Please note that we have adjusted our calendar to reflect changes in both our school's and the province's expectations for summative assessments in Quarter 2. Please see the <u>attached</u> joint message from superintendent Chris MacPhee and Principal Chris Rogers. Alberta Education has made writing diplomas optional for grade 12 students in quarter 2. Please note that the deadline to request to write grade 12 diplomas has passed and was on Monday January 5.

Regularly scheduled classes will resume for all students through to, and including Tuesday January 26. There are no classes for students on Jan. 27/28.

- Wednesday January 27 is reserved as an assessment make up day for Grade 11/12 students that may have missed writing classroom assessments.
- Quarter 3 will begin on Friday January 29.

2020-2021 School Calendar

The Week Ahead:

Monday, January 11 (Day 4)

• Return to In Person learning

Tuesday, January 12 (Day 1)

• Student Council Meeting at Lunch - link shared via email to interested students

Wednesday, January 13 (Day 2)

Thursday, January 14 (Day 3)

- Friday, January 15 (Day 4) ¹/₂ Day Friday
 - Half day of school

Some Key Dates you do not want to miss.

- Tuesday January 26 Last Day of classes for Quarter 2
- Wednesday January 27 Assessment make up day Grade 11/12 no school for students
- Thursday January 28 no school for students
- Friday January 29th First day of classes for Quarter 3

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 January 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 here.

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.