



**THIS WEEK AT BCHS**  
***Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect,***  
***Safety***  
***December 21 - January 3***

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

### **Happy Holidays**

Throughout the fall of 2020 Banff Community High School has worked through re-entry rules, social restrictions and changes to our learning formats. As we reflect on the opening months of our school year, we do have lots to celebrate. As the world has changed around us, our students have demonstrated that they are positive, flexible and resilient people. Together, our community has worked hard to stay connected and on top of student learning.

While 2020 has been a challenging year for everyone, our staff, students and families have continued to make BCHS a great place to learn and come to school. We hope that everyone takes the time to enjoy a well deserved holiday break and we wish all the best to our BCHS learning community.

### **Tools for Parents**

[Keeping the Brain Healthy](#)

[The Teenager’s Pandemic Survival Guide](#)

### **AT Home Learning**

We will be taking a holiday break from Friday December 18 at noon until January 3, 2021. At-Home Learning will recommence on Monday January 4 through to Friday January 8. The plan at this time is to resume with live classes again on Monday January 11, 2021. The return to live learning is dependent upon information from the provincial government. We will continue to update families with information as we receive it.

## Staying Connected

We are encouraging everyone to stay connected by sharing creative outputs in our morning virtual announcement. Contributions will be shared on our morning and archived on our [announcement slideshow](#).

## Diploma Exams

The provincial Government has announced that diplomas will be optional for the remainder of this school year. Students that elect not to write the diplomas will be exempted from them and their final grade will be based upon their classmark as determined by their teachers.

Students that do wish to write the January diploma exam need to **confirm with the office by January 5** that they plan to write. Please send an email to Mike Shoemaker or Chris Rogers, if your student plans on writing their diploma this quarter.

## [2020-2021 School Calendar](#)

### The Week Ahead:

#### Monday, January 4 (Day 3)

- **First day of school in 2021**
- **At Home Learning continues Jan 4-8**

#### Tuesday, January 5 (Day 4)

#### Wednesday, January 6 (Day 1)

#### Thursday, January 7 (Day 2)

#### Friday, January 8 (Day 3) Full Day Friday

### Some Key Dates you do not want to miss.

- January 5th - Deadline for electing to write diploma exams for Quarter 2 - please contact Mike Shoemaker or Chris Rogers if you plan to write your final exams
- Monday January 11 - English Diploma Exam Part A - only for students that are electing to write the provincial exams
- Tuesday January 12 - Social Diploma Exam Part A -only for students that are electing to write the provincial exams

- 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 [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). 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 <https://powerschool.crps.ca/public/>.

If you have any questions about School Fees, please contact Joanne Geyer. [joanne.geyer@crps.ca](mailto: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 ([here](#))
- Join us on Twitter for quick updates. <https://twitter.com/bchs bears?lang=en>
- Follow us on Instagram – [https://www.instagram.com/bchs\\_banff/](https://www.instagram.com/bchs_banff/)
- Check out our Daily School Announcements [here](#).
- 2020/2021 [Student Handbook is here](#). 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 [click here](#). 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 ([myPass.alberta.ca](http://myPass.alberta.ca)). Grade 10 marks will first appear after the first semester.

## News

**Bow Valley Settlement Services Information November Newsletter now posted– [Now found here.](#)**

Please take the time to review our new Student Parent Handbook. It is now posted on our Website [here](#)

\*\*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](mailto: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](#).

