



THIS WEEK AT BCHS
Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect,
Safety
December 14 - 18

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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/>

At Home Learning

This upcoming week is our last week before the Christmas Holidays. In order to maintain school spirit and to stay connected as a community our student leadership group has planned events throughout next week. Please see the description in the Week Ahead below.

Quarter 2 – student achievement update - Grade 11/12

Your grade 11 or 12 student’s marks are currently up to date on the classroom Moodle. Please review their current progress with them. If you have concerns or would like to better understand the curricular outcomes that have been covered to date please contact your student’s classroom teacher directly to set up a conference. Teachers are scheduled to discuss your student’s progress on the evenings of **Monday December 14th** and **Tuesday December 15th**.

What’s for Dinner Hampers

The Wim and Nancy Pauw Foundation is offering food hampers prior to Christmas. Families can choose a variety of payment options depending on the amount that can be afforded. Please see this [link](#) for more information and the order form.

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 announcements and archived on our [announcement slideshow](#).

Student Leadership

Our Student Leadership group has created ideas for a Spirit Week. Students please show your holiday spirit by participating in the daily activities that are posted in the school calendar.

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 class mark 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, December 14 (Day 2)

- **Parent Council Meeting - [Meeting Link](#)**
- **Grade 11/12 - Parent Teacher Conferences (Book appointments through classroom teacher)**
- **Holiday Sweater Day - Wear your best or ugliest holiday sweater**

Tuesday, December 15 (Day 3)

- **Grade 11/12 - Parent Teacher Conferences (Book appointments through classroom teacher)**
- **Santa hats - Wear a holiday hat to class**

Wednesday, December 16 (Day 4)

- **Holiday Colours Day - Wear festive colours to class (green, red, gold ...)**

Thursday, December 17 (Day 1)

- Progress Reports grade 11/12 - Quarter 2
- Dress up like a famous holiday character - get creative

Friday, December 18 (Day 2) ½ Day Friday

- School closed for the holidays at noon
- Pajamas and Pancakes - bring you breakfast pancakes to class

Some Key Dates you do not want to miss.

- January 4 – First day back to classes – At Home Learning continues Jan 4-8
- 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
- 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.

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/
- 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). Grade 10 marks will first appear after the first semester.

News

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information December 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) 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](#).