

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

September 06 -10

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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/>



Welcome Back BEARS

We are excited to have students back in classes for live learning to start the 2021 / 22 school year. While we continue to operate with parameters in place to keep students safe, we have been able to bring back both courses and extracurricular activities that make our school a dynamic place to learn. Here is important information about upcoming events and activities in our school.

Extra Curricular News

Volleyball - Senior High Boys will start up on **Wednesday September 8 between 5 pm- 7pm** and our girls Senior High Volleyball will begin **Thursday September 9 between 3:30 - 5:30** All senior high students interested in participating are encouraged to come to our first practice and team meeting.

Cross Country Running - will begin Tuesday at lunch with Mr. Higginbottom and will continue on Tuesdays at lunch and Thursday after school.

Golf Team - we are planning an inter school tournament with CCHS students. Please see Mr. Higginbottom immediately if you are interested in participating on the Golf team.

Hike Day - is an important tradition in our school. This year we will be doing our school wide hike day on September 21, 2021. Please note that we do need adult volunteers support our hikes. If you are interested in helping support this tradition please contact Mike Shoemaker at mike.shoemaker@crps.ca.

School Council

Our first parent council meeting will be held virtually on **September 20 at 4:15**. This first meeting will be held virtually and the link to the meeting can be found below in the upcoming events and on our website calendar. This will be both our AGM to wrap up the 2020/21 school year, followed by our regular monthly meeting. Executive positions for the upcoming year will be determined at the AGM.

Please note that this year, our school is scheduled to run a casino at the Blackfoot Inn Calgary. This is an important fundraising event for our school and it supports important school wide initiatives like student transportation, student supports and school wide initiatives like our recent Art Gallery, Learning Commons Beautification and Purkis Hall improvements.

We need your support. We will be looking for a Chairperson to coordinate volunteers, as well as require 30 volunteers over the two days. We will require parent volunteers on **Monday, November 15th and Tuesday, November 16th**. Typically our school runs a casino event every three years and our last drive brought in over Forty Thousand dollars to our school.

Please note that this initiative will be discussed at our parent meeting. Please attend our council meeting to realize how you can support our school.

Optional Study Guide Purchase

Castle Rock, our study guide supplier, has created an online ordering portal to enable families to choose the resources they require. These can be workbooks or an annual digital account. The digital account allows access to up to 10 courses annually. These are optional resources and if you are not sure if your student would benefit from these please speak with your classroom teacher. Orders can be placed between **September 1 to September 11, 2021**. Another purchase opportunity will be opened in February 2022. Please [click here](#) for more information and the ordering link.

Other Information

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 [click here](#).

School Fees

School fees are not yet finalized; however they will start to appear on Parent Portal as we work on the fees. Payment options and details will be provided when invoiced.

The Week Ahead

Monday September 6, 2021

- **Labour Day - No School for Staff and Students**

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Friday September 10, 2021

- **Last Day for schedule changes for Semester 1**
- **Welcome Back BBQ - please note students, to remain socially distanced, will be called down to our courtyard one grade at a time to enjoy a hot dog, drink and a treat.**

Upcoming Dates

- **Friday September 17: Staff PD. Students released from class at 11:40 am**
- **Monday September 20: School Council Meeting @ 4:15 (Virtual - Link to follow)**
- **Tuesday September 21: Hike Day for all students: note our back up day for inclement weather will be held on Thursday September 23, 2021**

- **Wednesday September 29:** Terry Fox Day
- **Thursday September 30:** Orange Shirt Day
- **Thursday October 7:** Honours Society Presentations will be held at school during school hours
- **Thursday October 28:** Photo Retakes
- **Tuesday November 2:** Last day of Quarter 1 classes

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](#).

News

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information Newsletter - [click here](#).

Follow the [link](#) to view the Highlights from the Public School Board Meetings.

BCHS Bear Tools

- Parents please ensure you can log on to Parent Portal. Look for the PowerSchool Quick Link 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.

- 2021/2022 Student / Parent Handbook ** coming soon. Find important BCHS dates such as parent/teacher interviews, course change information, exams and much more.
- Some universities are now offering information sessions ... Please check with Ms. Piekenbrock for more information.

**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@crops.ca) with feedback or suggestions or use our feedback [link here](#).