

Friday August 27, 2021

Banff Community High School Families,

The beginning of the 2021/22 school year marks the return to live learning for all students in our school. We are excited about welcoming our BCHS students back to school and continuing to build a safe and connected school community. While we are returning to live learning, there are some important guidelines that we do need to adhere to as our school year starts up. The Canadian Rockies Public School Divisional Re-entry plan outlines the guidelines for keeping students, staff and community members safe as we begin this new school year. Please note the following important guidelines that are outlined in this [document](#):

- Students in grades 9 - 12 must wear masks in common areas
- We will return to our regular semestered schedule
- Students are required to continue with daily screening practices
- we will continue to follow guidance from Alberta Health Services
- At this time CRPS will begin the year with outdoor sports
 - **Note:** Planning for volleyball may begin with practices being held outdoors where possible please [see below for more information](#).
- Field Trips are local at this time

Please review this document for further details on our district's re-entry plan.

Here are some important details to support your student's return to school in this upcoming week.

Student Schedules

Student schedules are now finalized and will be shared live through the parent portal on **Friday August 27th**. Students requesting timetabling changes will need to do so by appointment with our guidance counsellor, or by setting up an appointment with Mr. Rogers or Mr Shoemaker. We will begin setting up appointments after **Tuesday August 31**. Please note priority will be given to students who require support developing a full timetable.

School Startup

This year on Monday August 30th, students will begin the school year with grade level orientation assemblies. At this time, students will be welcomed to the start of a new school year, will be shared important details about upcoming dates and school events, understand



school wide expectations and will get organized with their lockers. Students will attend orientations based on the following schedule:

- 9:00 - 10:15 - **Grade 9 presentation** Location: gymnasium
- 10:30 - 12:00 - **Grade 10 Presentation** Location: School Gymnasium
- 1:00 - 2:15 - **Grade 11 Presentation** Location: School Gymnasium
- 2:30 - 3:30 - **Grade 12 Presentation** Location: School Gymnasium

Please note that once grade level presentations have been completed, students will not stay in school. **Our regular class schedule will commence on Tuesday August 31.**

Upcoming Important dates:

Please don't forget to stay on top of what is going on at Banff Community High School through our school website at <https://bchs.crps.ca/>. Here you will find information about upcoming events, our student handbooks and information about our programming. Please note the following upcoming events at our school:

- Tuesday August 31: Photo Day
- Friday September 3/ Monday September 6: School Closure Labour Day weekend
- Friday September 10: Last day for students to make schedule changes for semester 1
- Friday September 10: Welcome Back BBQ for students
- Evening of Wednesday September 15: Family Welcome

For up to date information about our school, we will continue to send families a weekly newsletter with information about important upcoming events and information about our school. These will be archived on our website.

We look forward to seeing all of our students next week and look forward to working with all of our families this upcoming school year. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions either by phone or email at mike.shoemaker@crps.ca (assistant principal) / chris.rogers@crps.ca (principal).

Thank you,

Chris Rogers / Mike Shoemaker
Principal / Assistant Principal
Banff Community High School



[Questions about Volleyball](#)

BCHS Volleyball - Return to Play

Aug. 27/2021

COVID Safety: Indoor Practice Guidelines

- Volleyball teams are able to practice in the gym but should be outside where possible.
- Higher intensity activities should be done outside. For example: fitness circuits, higher intensity footwork drills.
- Teams can move indoors for skill specific drills that require a net or if extremely poor weather conditions exist.
- When in the gym, coaches need to wear a mask at all times.
- Players can remove their masks while actively participating in drills. If they are not part of the drill and are waiting on the side they need to have masks on.
- Players need to have masks on when grouped together to listen to the coach explain a skill or drill and will be physically distanced.
- Players will maintain physical distancing as much as possible while participating in drills and waiting to join a drill.
- While in the gym, Coaches will attempt to design drills and activities that promote physical distancing as much as possible.
- All coaches and players will practice good hand hygiene by sanitizing hands before entering the gym, between drills where balls are shared, and after practices in the gym.

Sample Practice Plan: Mix of Outdoor & Indoor Activities

- 30 minutes: warm-up & strength/fitness circuit outside
- 15 minutes: simple ball control and footwork drills outside.
- 30 minutes: more ball control drills adding more complexity and using a net inside.
- 30 minutes: hitting/setting drills inside using a net.
- 15 minutes: game play drills inside using a net.

Please note: indoor practice guidelines will be re-evaluated after Sept.27/2021

