

THIS WEEK AT BCHS
Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety
September 13 - 17, 2021

Extra Curricular News



This week our students have returned to some of the activities that help create a well rounded high school experience. We are thrilled to see the return of our concert band, sports teams like volleyball, cross country running and golf.

As a school we are working hard to balance the requirement to keep our students safe with social distancing, good hand hygiene and masking, with extra curricular initiatives. We do ask that students who are not directly working with teachers or involved in an extracurricular activity leave school at 3:30 so that we can properly clean our spaces.

Please note: **We are still looking for volunteers to support both our grade 9** boys and girls teams. Right now, we have volunteers willing to work with someone to share the role. Please contact either Mike Shoemaker or Ian Higginbottom if you are interested in supporting our program.



September 30, 2021 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30, 2021 will be a day of observance for the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action. TRC #80 states:

“We call upon the federal government in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples to establish as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.”

Please see the letter sent from our district that outlines this change to our calendar. Note there will be no school on this day. Our school is also planning a learning opportunity on September 29, 2021 to learn together about Truth and Reconciliation.

Information From Alberta Health Services

A letter was sent from the school regarding the Alberta School Immunization Program. CRPS is presently working with local Alberta Health Services staff to deliver immunization to students born 2009 or earlier. We ask that interested families print off, complete and return the attached consent to your child's school no later than Friday, September 17th. Please find the appropriate forms in an email with the subject line "COVID-19 School Immunization Program"

COVID INFORMATION

We continue to follow the both directives outlined by [Alberta Health Services](#) and the Canadian Rockies [Reentry plan](#) for 2021/22. Within these plans, families are asked to follow the AHS daily screening checklist for signs and symptoms of COVID. Anyone with COVID symptoms is asked to follow the isolation guidelines as directed by AHS. Please call 811, to inquire with AHS to clarify isolation if you have concerns about your student's health

This year we have returned to live learning. Please note that we are not using virtual learning this year. Students who are required to stay at home should contact the school to excuse their absences and should contact their classroom teacher for updates on missed work.

Hike Day

Hike day is an important tradition in our school. In order to support social distancing and the transportation of our students we will have hike day on two separate days. Grades 11 and 12 will have hike day on September 21 and grades 9 and 10 will have hike day on Thursday September 23..

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 13, 2021

- Wild Parent Virtual Meeting 7pm

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Friday September 17, 2021

- Staff PD. Half Day Dismissal -Students dismissed at 11:40

Upcoming Dates

- **Monday September 20:** School Council Meeting @ 4:15 (Virtual - Link to follow)
- **Wednesday September 22, 2021-** Immunizations at BCHS for students that have requested them.
- **Thursday September 23, 2021 Hike Day for grades 9 and 10**
- **Week of September 27 :** Truth and Reconciliation Week

- **Wednesday September 29:** Terry Fox Day
- **Thursday September 30:** No School National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- **Thursday October 7: Honours Society Presentations will be held at school during school hours**
- **Thursday October 28, 2021: Photo Retakes**
- **Tuesday November 2, 2021: Last day of Quarter 1 classes**

Missing important happenings at BCHS, but are awash in emails? Find information through one of the mediums 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](#).

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.
- **Bow Valley Settlement Services Information Newsletter now posted– [Now found here](#).**
- 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.
- Please click this link for the [2021 - 2022 School Calendar](#)

Please feel free to contact the Principal, Chris Rogers (chris.rogers@crps.ca) with feedback or suggestions or use our feedback [link here](#).