THIS WEEK AT BCHS Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

January 10 - 14, 2022

Return to School

This week the government announced that we will be returning to live learning. On <u>Monday</u> <u>January 10</u> all students will return to in person learning, and are expected to be in class for their learning. If your student is unable to return to in person learning due to sickness please refer to the student absence section below. As outlined in the <u>letter</u> from our superintendent, we have been informed that students will be receiving at home rapid test kits and medical grade masks to increase everyone's safety. Students will also have access to provincially created online tutoring resources.

As we return to live school here are some important things to note:

- <u>School Operations / Increased Health Measures:</u> In order to keep everyone safe as we re enter school, our school division has strengthened the protocols in the Re-Entry Plan for CRPS Families. Please read here for details on this plan. (<u>click here to read</u>). Please note how these changes will impact <u>operations at Banff Community High School.</u>
 - <u>Masks</u>: Masks are to be worn at all times in the building by staff and students. This includes during physical activities in the gym and while seated in the classrooms. Please send your students to school with a mask daily.
 - <u>Extra Curricular Activites:</u> At this time sports teams are postponed. All practices and games are canceled until further notice. Clubs like student council and Green Team / High Hopes must take place virtually.
 - <u>Closed Campus</u>: BCHS will be operating as a closed campus. Students are expected to remain in their classes for the duration of the ylearning day. Students will be asked to leave the school at 3:25 pm.
 - Lunch Students will eat lunch in the classroom that they have before lunch hour. Students may leave the building to go home for lunch, but cannot bring food back into the building. The school doors will be locked over lunch and students will be allowed access back into the building at 1:45 pm before last period. <u>Please send your student to school with</u> the snacks and nutrition they require for a full day of school.
 - Students with Spare Blocks Students with spares are expected to work in the Learning Commons or should exit the building.

- Students are not allowed to congregate in public spaces in the school. Eg.
 Purkis Hall / Student Lounge Students are not permitted to utilize the student lounge at this time.
- **Music:** After school band classes have been suspended this week until further notice.
- **Foods Classes** Students cannot eat food that they have made in Foods class at school. It must be taken home.
- <u>Alignment Classes</u> Students will continue to travel between schools at this time.
- <u>Health Measures:</u> We continue to ask that people use the AHS daily <u>checklist</u> to determine if they should come to school. *Anyone that reports COVID-19 symptoms is directed by AHS to stay home, seek health care advice as appropriate and fill out the AHS Online Self-Assessment tool.*
- <u>Student Absence from School:</u>
 - <u>To support both students safety and Please contact the school if your</u> <u>student is going to absent for sickness.</u>
 - Teachers have worked to make Learning Management Systems (Google Classroom/Moodle) comprehensive so that students are able to complete learning tasks when they are required to stay at home from school. Students are expected to contact classroom teachers to determine what work is to be completed while away from school.

Exams

The provincial government has announced that there will be no diploma exams in January. This means that marks for students taking grade 12 courses will be entirely based on their school based classmarks. As a result of this decision and the holiday extension, we have canceled our exam week at the end semester 1. Instead we will continue regular classes based on the following schedule:

- Monday January 10 Friday January 28, 2022 Regular class schedule
- Monday January 31, 2022 First day of Semester 2 classes.

Please note that individual classes may have summative final assessments that will be scheduled during regular class times. Students are encouraged to develop study plans with their classroom teacher to successfully wrap up their current courses.

Bear Wear



Due to the extended winter break, we have extended the 2022 Bear Wear Order Deadline until next **Thursday**, **January 13th**.

We have LOTS of new styles of hoodies and crew neck sweatshirts available this year for PRE-ORDER ONLY as well as sweatpants, shorts, toques, t-shirts, and bucket hats. Show your spirit and get your BEAR WEAR!

Attached is a PDF of all of the styles being offered currently.

Order your items by THURSDAY, JANUARY 13th at <u>bit.ly/bchsbearwear</u>

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 10, 2022

• Students return to live in school learning

Tuesday, January 11, 2021 •

Wednesday, January 12, 2021

Thursday, January 13, 2021

Friday, January 14, 2021 (½ day Friday)

Upcoming Dates

- Semester 1 regular class schedule: Monday January 7, 2022 Friday January 28, 2022
- January 19 30 Banff Snow Days
- Monday January 31, 2022 First Day of Semester 2
- Friday February 4
 - Report Cards, Semester 1 available on Parent Portal
 - Last day for class changes for Semester 2
 - Last day to withdraw from courses for Semester 2 Grade 12 only

School Fees

Banff Community High School fees are available on PowerSchool Parent Portal and **are now due**. Debit or credit card payments can be made online through your Parent Portal <u>https://powerschool.crps.ca/public/.</u> If you are unable to make full payment at this time please contact Joanne Geyer at joanne.geyer@crps.ca to make payment arrangements.

COVID INFORMATION

Note, our AP 413 COVID-19 HARM REDUCTION is now in place. The purpose of this administrative procedure is to mitigate the risk of spread of COVID-19 infection in all Division facilities in order to protect staff, students, and their families from a highly contagious illness during the global pandemic.

This Administrative Procedure applies to all employees and School Board Trustees of CRSD. It also applies to all persons carrying out duties, or activities on Division property and volunteers of the Division. Any new employees, contractors, guests and volunteers to the Division on or after November 24 th , 2021 will require proof of full vaccination or proof of rapid testing for COVID-19 as a condition of employment or volunteering except as specifically exempted as outlined in the AP.

We continue to follow the both directives outlined by <u>Alberta Health Services</u> and the Canadian Rockies <u>Reentry plan</u> for 2021/22. Please be certain to do the regular student screening. <u>Updated COVID checklist</u>. A reminder to families as per our CRPS reentry plan -

"If a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, as per the Alberta Health Daily Checklist and as determined by school staff, parents must be contacted immediately to pick up their child."



information and the Norquay form.

Caribou Kids Season Ski Pass at Banff Mount Norquay

Yes! Banff school students will enjoy free (almost) skiing again this winter!!! In its 15th year, Banff Lodging Co and Banff Mount Norquay remain committed to offering the Caribou Kids Season Ski Pass program for students enrolled at Banff schools, even as we hope to rebound from recent challenging economic conditions. Please <u>click here</u> for more

Sports Information

Basketball Practice Schedule 2021					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30	Girls Tournament		Sr Boys	Gr 9 + Girls Local	
4:00	3:30 - 5:30		3:30 -5:30pm	4:00 - 5:45pm	Optional Open Practice Slot
4:30					
5:00		Jv Boys			
5:30	Gr 9 Boys	5:00-6:45	Gr 9 Boys	Girls Tournament	
6:00	5:30-7:15pm		5:30 -7:15pm	5:45 - 7:30pm	
6:30		Sr Boys			
7:00	Girls Local	6:45-8:45pm	Jv Boys		
7:30	7:15 - 9:00pm		7:15-9:00	SR/JV Boys	
8:00				7:30-8:30	
8:30					
9:00					
9:30					

See information above for information on Basketball League Play

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 <u>click here</u>.

Settlement Services December Newsletter

<u>Click Here</u>

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 <u>https://twitter.com/bchsbears?lang=en</u>
- Follow us on Instagram <u>https://www.instagram.com/bchs_banff/</u>
- Check out our Daily School Announcements <u>here</u>.

News

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information and newsletter can **now be found here**. Follow the **link** to view the highlights from the October 20th Public School Board Meeting.

BCHS Bear Tools

- Parents please ensure you can log on to Parent Portal. Look for the PowerSchool Quick Link on our school webpage or <u>click here</u>. 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 posted 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.
- Please click the link for the 2021/2022 Student / Parent Handbook. 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 <u>link here</u>.