

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

January 17 - January 21, 2022

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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/>

COVID Information

Banff Community High School students have demonstrated that they are understanding of the temporary measures that have been put into place to keep everyone safe with our return to school. Our students have been supportive of wearing masks at all times in the school, limiting their movement, and adhering to social distancing protocols. We will continue to evaluate the recommendations from AHS and the information in our community to maintain a healthy balance between student safety and wellness.

As sent out in a message to all families, students and staff have all received a box of 5 rapid test kits and 10 medical-grade disposable masks.

Click here for a [how-to video](#) for parents and a [rapid test program fact sheet](#) translated into multiple languages which offer tips on how to use the rapid test kits. Both are also available online at <https://www.alberta.ca/k-12-learning-during-covid-19.aspx>

Live Learning

We continue to operate with face-to-face learning. Students who are not present in school are expected to contact teachers directly for clarity on the work that needs to be completed during student absence. In order for students to demonstrate that they have met curricular course requirements; students must complete all assigned tasks.

School Council Meeting

Our next School Council Meeting is on Monday, January 17 at 4:15 pm. Please use this virtual meeting [link](#). Our School Council serves a number of important purposes including:

- Advising the principal on different aspects of the school
- Acting as a bridge between the school and the community
- Advising on what is best for students in our community
- Identifying opportunities to enhance learning for our students

All families are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. The agenda for this month's meeting is [here](#).

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 17, 2022

- 4:15 [School Council Meeting](#)

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 - Sunday, January 30, 2022

- Banff Snow Days

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Friday, January 21, 2022

Upcoming Dates

- January 19 - 30 - Banff Snow Days
- Monday, January 31, 2022 - First Day of Semester 2
- Friday, February 4, 2022
 - 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

Return to School (Review from January 10 This Week)

The government announced that we will be returning to face-to-face learning. On **Monday, January 10** all students returned to school and were 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 [letter](#) 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:

- **School Operations / Increased Health Measures:**

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. ([click here to read](#)). Please note how these changes will impact operations here at **Banff Community High School**.

- **Masks:**

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.

- **Extra Curricular Activities:**

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.

- **Closed Campus:**

BCHS will be operating as a closed campus. Students are expected to remain in their classes for the duration of the learning 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 back into the building at 1:45 pm before last period. **Please send your student to school with 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 work from home.
- 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.

- **Alignment Classes:**
Students will continue to travel between schools at this time.

- **Health Measures:**
We continue to ask that people use the AHS daily [checklist](#) 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](#).***

- **Student Absence from School:**
 - To support both student and teacher safety; please contact the school if your student is going to be absent from school.

 - Teachers have made Learning Management Systems (Google Classroom/Moodle) comprehensive so that students are able to complete learning tasks when they are required to stay 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 classroom assessments. As a result of this decision and the holiday extension, we have canceled our exam week at the end of 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.



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 [click here](#) for more information and the Norquay form.

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 <https://powerschool.crps.ca/public/>. If you are unable to make full payment at this time please contact Joanne Geyer at joanne.geyer@crps.ca to make payment arrangements.

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](#).

Missing important happenings at BCHS, but are awash in emails? Find information through one of the media listed below. Get connected, become involved.

- Follow us on Facebook [here](#)

- Join us on Twitter <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 and newsletter

[Click Here](#)

Follow the [link](#) to view the highlights from the November 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 [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 start to 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.
- Some universities are now offering information sessions ... Please check with Ms. Piekenbrock for more information.
- 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](#).