

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

January 24 - January 28, 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/>

### School Council Meeting

We held our School Council Meeting on Monday, January 17 at 4:15 pm. Unfortunately, we have had a low turnout over our past few meetings. Our School Council plays an important role in the operation of the school and does need to meet quorum in order to vote on key decisions. Currently, we are trying to determine how to spend some of the School Council funds to enhance student learning. We need your vote!

**In order for us to attract more families to our meetings please provide us with input through the brief form below.** We will do our best to create agendas that are timely and meaningful for our school community.

### [FEEDBACK ON SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS](#)

Please see the [minutes](#) from our January meeting. Our next meeting will be held virtually on **Monday, February 14, 2022 at 4:15 pm.**

### COVID Information

Thank you to all families for following Alberta Health Safety protocols and sharing information about student absences with us at the school. We continue to inform our school community of COVID cases through confidential cohorted letters. These letters serve to inform parents about potential case contacts and provide you with timely information about cases in your student's classes.

Currently, there continues to be COVID related absences in our school and community that support maintaining our current COVID protocols. As outlined in a [letter](#) from the office of the

superintendent, these protocols will continue to be **reviewed weekly** based upon information from our schools and Alberta Health Services. Please continue to encourage your student to:

- Do the AHS [daily health screening](#)
- Wear a mask at all times in the building
- Limit social interactions
- Socially distance

The following school protocols will remain in place for the week of January 24-28.

- **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. Please note how these changes will impact operations 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 access 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 should exit the building.
  - Students are not allowed to congregate in public spaces in the school. Eg. Purkis Hall / Student Lounge.
- **Music:** After-school band classes have been suspended until further notice.
- **Foods Classes:** Students cannot eat the food they have made in class, within the classroom.
- **Alignment Classes:** Students will continue to travel between schools at this time.
- **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, and if illness-related, please provide the symptoms.
  - 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.

## **Student Schedules - Semester 2**

Please note that the last day of Semester 1 is on **Friday, January 28, 2022**. With the suspension of exam week, we will continue with our regular schedule through to the last day of the semester.

Semester 2 classes will commence on **Monday, January 31, 2022**. Student schedules have been set up based on student requests. Students should be reviewing their schedules to confirm that their courses meet their academic goals and requirements.

Please note the following scheduling expectations for students:

- Students in grades 9 - 11 are expected to have a full timetable (20 credits per semester)
- The last day to make changes to a student's timetable is Friday, February 4, 2022
- Grade 10-12 students, should have an Alberta "MyPass Account," to allow them to track progress towards a diploma.

## **The Week Ahead**

**Monday, January 24, 2022**

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

### **Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

- 7 pm Public School Board Meeting: follow the [link](#) to view the agenda and get the link to the virtual meeting.

### **Thursday, January 27, 2022**

- Virtual Student Leadership Meeting

### **Friday, January 28, 2022**

- Last Day of Semester 1 Classes

### **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



### **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](mailto: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/](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](https://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](mailto:chris.rogers@crps.ca)) with feedback or suggestions or use our feedback [link here](#).