

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

**March 28 - April 1, 2022**

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Please check out the BCHS Events Calendar <https://bchs.crps.ca/>.

### **World Hearing Day**

***March 3 was World Hearing day - "To hear for life, listen with care"***

The World Health Organization has taken "**To hear for life, listen with care**" as the theme for this year's World Hearing Day. It focuses on the importance and means of hearing loss prevention through safe listening. See this attachment for more information about the importance of recognizing this [day](#).

If you have concerns about your child's progress in school, please reach out to our Learning Support Teacher who can help determine strategies and interventions for success. Hearing might be something that needs to be addressed.

### **Purple Day**

**March 26 was Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness**

Did you know that more people have epilepsy than those who have Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, and Cerebral Palsy combined? 1 in 26 will be affected by epilepsy and there are over 65 million people living with epilepsy worldwide. Purple day for Epilepsy Awareness is a grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness worldwide. Purple day was March 26, but BCHS recognized this day on March 25 (Friday).

### **Spring Break**

As a reminder, the last day of school before spring break is on Friday, April 1. The school will be closed from April 2 through April 17 and classes will commence on Monday, April 18 which is the last day of Quarter 3.

## **Student Leadership**

Our student leadership committee is planning “March Madness,” for the upcoming week. Celebrate school spirit by getting involved. Student dress up days will be posted around the school. Start on Monday, March 28 by dressing up as a BEAR for BEARware Monday.

## **Graduation 2021-22**

Jostens will be at the school on Tuesday, March 29 over lunch with samples of school graduation jewelry. Students and families interested in ordering graduation memorabilia are invited to check out the offerings. For more information see our school announcement slides [here](#).

Our graduation committee has been working hard to fundraise and plan this year’s ceremony. At this time, the 2021/22 Graduation is planned for June 30th at the Banff Springs Hotel from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.

## **Parent Information Session**

### **Suicide Awareness**

You are invited to a **Parent Session on Suicide Awareness** hosted by Banff Elementary School and Yvonne Law from the Town of Banff. This session will provide you with information such as what is suicide, warning signs of suicide, and some tips on how to talk to your child about suicide.

The session will be happening on **Thursday, March 31st, at 6:30 pm at Banff Elementary School** and will last about 1.5 hours. To register for this session, please fill out this [Registration Form](#) or email [megan.jenniex@crps.ca](mailto:megan.jenniex@crps.ca) so that the hosts can be appropriately prepared. Tea and snacks will be provided.

## **The Week Ahead**

**Monday, March 28, 2022**

- Dress Up days - BEARware
- 3:30 pm Girls Rugby Practice

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

- Dress Up days - favourite character
- 3:30 pm Badminton Practice
- 4:30 pm Boys Rugby Practice at CCHS

**Wednesday, March 30, 2022**

- Dress up days - celebrate your culture
- 5:00 pm Girls Rugby Practice

**Thursday, March 31, 2022**

- Dress up days - sports
- 3:30 pm Badminton Practice
- 5:00 pm Boys Rugby Practice
- 6:30 pm BES Parent information session - suicide awareness

**Friday, April 1, 2022**




- Dress up days - Villain hero duo
- 11:40 am Badminton Practice
- Last day of school before spring break
- 11:41 am ½ day of school dismissal

**Upcoming Dates**

- April 2 - April 17 - Spring Break
- April 18 - First day back from Spring Break
- Tuesday, April 19 - First day of Quarter 4
- Tuesday, April 26 - Parent information night
  - 6:30 pm - Grade 8 Welcome
  - 7:30 pm - Grade 9 - Transitioning to Grade 10
- Thursday, April 28 - Parent information night
  - 6:30 pm - Grade 10 - Transitioning to Grade 11
  - 7:30 pm - Grade 11 - Transitioning to Grade 12
- Monday, May 2 - 2022-2023 course request forms due
- Monday, May 9 - School Council Meeting

## Social Media

A great way to stay connected to our school is through our social media platforms. Make sure that you follow our school social media sites at the following addresses:

	<b>Instagram:</b> banffbchs bears
	<b>Facebook:</b> Banff Community High School
	<b>Twitter:</b> @BCHS Bears

Also remember that our calendar and school information can all be accessed through our website <https://bchs.crps.ca/>.

## Town Of Banff - Youth Drop-In, Basketball, Sticks, and Pucks

The Town of Banff is providing youth drop-in opportunities on Sundays at Banff Elementary School from 1:30 to 2:45 pm. Come alone or bring along some friends and join in a casual game of pickup basketball. Basketballs and pinnies provided. Open to all genders and abilities. More information is posted here:

<https://app.booking.ca/banffpub/calendars/courses/index.asp>.

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 BANFF - CANMORE - ALBERTA

**Become a Host Family for CRPS International Students in 2022-23!**

CRPS is looking for Canmore & Banff families to host our next incredible cohort of 50 international students arriving in August 2022! Make meaningful connections, share your different cultures, learn a new language, build life-long memories & friendships! Commitments of 5 months and 10 months are available, with monthly remuneration provided. For more information and to apply, contact [international@crps.ca](mailto:international@crps.ca) or 403-609-6072.

**Bear Celebrations**

If you have a BCHS Celebration that you would like to share with our community, please email [mike.shoemaker@crps.ca](mailto:mike.shoemaker@crps.ca).



### **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**

**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/banffbchsbears/>
- 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 January Public School Board Meeting.

## COVID Protocols Update - AHS Step 2

On March 1, 2022 the Alberta Government moved to “Step 2,” of our public health measures. CRPS sent out a letter earlier this week outlining how Step 2 has adjusted our protocols for safety. For further information on these adjustments, please see the attached divisional [re-entry plan](#). Here are some highlights:

- Students are no longer required to cohort - as a result, social areas like Purkis Hall have been reopened
- Students are permitted to leave and reenter the building during lunch hour
- Staff and students are no longer required to wear masks in the building
- Students using public transportation for Alignment classes at CCHS **are** required to wear masks
- Students are still required to isolate and follow the daily [AHS checklists](#) when they have COVID symptoms
- The school will no longer be reporting to families individual COVID cases
- Extracurriculars and sports may continue

*Please note that throughout the school day, our doors will remain locked. Visitors should make appointments before entering the building. Visitors are asked to ring the new doorbell at the Purkis Hall doors.*

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

