

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

**April 25 - April 28, 2022**

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

### Course Selection 2022/23 School year

Next week, we will be hosting parent-student transition nights based on the following schedule:

- **Tuesday, April 26 @ 6:30:** Current Grade 8 families transitioning into grade 9 in the fall
- **Tuesday, April 26 @ 7:30:** Current Grade 9 families transitioning into grade 10 in the fall
- **Thursday, April 28 @ 6:30:** Current Grade 10 families transitioning into grade 11 in the fall
- **Thursday, April 28 @ 7:30:** Current Grade 11 families transitioning into grade 12 in the fall

At our transition nights, families will be informed about their child's next steps in high school. We will also walk you through how students can access our online form to select courses for the upcoming school year. This is an important evening to help families understand transitions and pathways towards graduation and learning goals.



### **BEAR News**

Rugby and badminton seasons are in full swing. This week our boys' team played a game at STS in Okotoks. Thank you to all our community coaches and volunteers who support our local athletics.

### **Graduation Committee**

Students in our Fashion and Design class are supporting graduation through a scrunchy fundraiser. Large scrunchies will be sold for \$3 each and small ones for \$2. Get your hair up in support of our grads!

### **BCHS Concert Band**

On April 27 and 28 the BCHS Senior Band will be hosting the W.G. Murdoch Senior Band from Crossfields, Alberta. Over W.G. Murdoch's two day visit, the BCHS and W.G. Murdoch ensembles will be rehearsing and performing together to conclude with a joint performance for Banff Elementary School on Thursday April 28. The concert will be for students only and the program consists of pieces by both ensembles and ending with a mass band performing 'Prayer for Ukraine' and 'Kings & Queens' by Ava Max. This is an exciting opportunity for our music students to showcase their hard work with the return to live performance.

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, April 25, 2022

- 4:00 pm - Girls Rugby Practice
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### Tuesday, April 26, 2022

- 3:30 pm - Badminton Practice
- **Parent information night (grade 8 / 9)**
  - 6:30 pm - Grade 8s Welcome - Please join us in the BCHS Gym ([virtual link if you cannot make the in person meeting](#))
  - 7:30 pm - Grade 9s transitioning to Grade 10 - Please join us in the BCHS Gym ([virtual link if you cannot make the in person meeting](#))
- 5:00 pm - Sr Boys Rugby game @ Strathmore

### Wednesday, April 27, 2022

- 3:30 pm - Collaboration between BCHS Band and Crossfields
- 4:00 pm - Girls Rugby Practice

### Thursday, April 28, 2022

- 8:30 am - Collaborative Band Performance for BES grades 6, 7, 8
- Grade 10.1 is on the WIM WE Snowshoeing trip (complete gear list will be emailed to parents)
- 3:30 pm - Badminton Practice
- 4:00 pm - Boys Rugby Practice
- 6:30 pm - Girls Rugby Game @ Croxford
- **Parent information nights (grade 10 / 11)**
  - 6:30 pm - Grade 10's - transitioning to Grade 11- Please join us in the BCHS Gym ([virtual link if you cannot make the in person meeting](#))
  - 7:30 pm - Grade 11's - transitioning to Grade 12 - Please join us in the BCHS Gym ([virtual link if you cannot make the in person meeting](#))

### Friday, April 29, 2022

- Full Day of School
- 1:00 pm - Badminton Practice




### Upcoming Dates

- 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:

	<p><b>Instagram:</b> <a href="#">banffbchsbears</a></p>
	<p><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="#">Banff Community High School</a></p>
	<p><b>Twitter:</b> <a href="#">@BCHS Bears</a></p>

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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### **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](#).

