

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

May 02 - May 06, 2022

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

Course Selection 2022/23 School year

This week, we hosted our parents' students information sessions for students transitioning between grades. In these sessions, we covered what students require to graduate from school, how students can select courses for next year and how to get involved in our school. The next step is for students to complete course registration forms. Please note that grade level forms can be found by clicking on the link to the appropriate grade level presentations on our website.

In addition to our evening presentations, we have also gone into classes to support students with understanding this process. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Shoemaker, or Mr. Rogers with questions.

We are asking students to complete the course selection form based on the following timelines:

Grades 9 - Deadline Monday May 2, 2022

Grade 10/11 - Deadline Thursday May 5, 2022



BCHS Concert Band

On Thursday we had our first music concert since COVID protocols were introduced. It was wonderful to have a live student performance in the building. The BCHS concert band collaborated with the Crossfield Senior band to prepare a mini band performance for our Banff Elementary Students on Thursday April 28.

Get Loud for Mental Health

During the week of May 2, our school will be participating in activities to learn and promote good Mental Health. Throughout the course of the week, we will have discussions about what good mental health means and strategies to support wellness. There will also be activities to remind ourselves of how to maintain a balanced lifestyle. Don't forget to wear a hat for mental health on Wednesday May 4, 2022.

BEAR News

Rugby and badminton seasons are in full swing. This week our boys' team played a game at STS in Okotoks and our girls at WH Croxford in Airdrie. 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!

The Week Ahead

Monday May 2, 2022

- Grade 9 course selection forms due (next year's 10s)
- Classroom presentations to support "Get Loud for Mental Health Week."
- JV Boys Rugby at Rundle 4:30 pm
- Girls Practice 4:00 pm

Tuesday May 3, 2022

- Yoga/mediation in the gym at lunch
- Class 10-2 Snowshoeing (Ms. Bulas' STEM class - see gear list below)
- 3:30 Badminton Practice
- 5:00 Boys Rugby Practice

Wednesday May 4, 2022

- Healthy Breakfast to welcome students in the morning
- Hats on for Mental Health
- Running Club at Lunch
- 4:00 Girls Rugby Practice
- 5:00 Boys Rugby Practice

Thursday May 5, 2022

- Grade 10/11 course selection forms due (next year's 11s and 12s)
- Yoga/mediation in the gym at lunch
- 3:30 Badminton Practice
- Girls Rugby game at Springbank 5:00 pm
- Sr. Boys Rugby game at Springbank 6:30 pm

Friday May 6, 2022

- 1/2 Day of School 11:41 dismissal

Upcoming Dates

- Monday May 9 - School Council Meeting

- Friday May 20 - Full day Professional Development, no school for students
- Monday May 23 - Victoria Day, school is closed

WIM WE - Snowshoeing Day Gear List/Agenda

Please find below a reminder of your child's date and gear list for full day snowshoeing. CROLC will provide snowshoes for all students and staff. Please see the gear list below.

Please reach out with any questions to crolc@crps.ca

Snowshoeing Times:

8:30am - Depart **BCHS** on CROLC bus

9:45pm - Arrive Sherbrooke Lake Trailhead (Great Divide Lodge)

9:45am - 1:45pm - Snowshoeing

2:00pm - Departure from Sherbrooke Lake Trailhead (Great Divide Lodge)

3:15pm - Arrival **BCHS** on CROLC bus

WINTER GEAR LIST for Snowshoeing

Please bring all of the following items for each day of the program. It is important for the comfort, safety, and enjoyment of the entire group that all participants are outfitted appropriately.

Clothing:

-Gloves or mitts

-Toque (warm hat)

-Pants:

~Base layer: long underwear bottom

~Insulating layer: fleece or polyester (not cotton)

~**MANDATORY: Waterproof outer layer: snow/ski waterproof pants**

-Tops:

~Base layer: long underwear top (not cotton)

~Insulating layer: fleece or polyester (no cotton or jeans please)

~Waterproof outer layer: snow/ski waterproof jacket

Outdoor Gear:

-Day pack (30 L)

-1 Litre full Water bottle or more (must be 1 L)

-**MANDATORY: winter boots or insulated hiking boots**

-hearty lunch and snacks-optional: trekking poles

Personal Items:

-Personal Medications




-Lip Balm

-Sunscreen

-Sunglasses

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:

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|  | Instagram: banffbchsbears |
|  | Facebook: Banff Community High School |
|  | Twitter: @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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 international@crps.ca
 (403)609-6072

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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 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.

School Fees

Banff Community High School fees, along with sport, band trip and Grad Hoodie 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

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/banffbchs bears/>
- 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 March 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) with feedback or suggestions or use our feedback [link here](#).