

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

**December 5 - December 9**

*(For archived Newsletters please click [here](#))*

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

Check out our Daily School Announcements [here](#).

### **High Hopes Team Winter Coat Drive and Giving Tree**

Our High Hopes Team have launched their annual request for donations of new or gently used winter coats. They will be accepting donations until December 19. Members of the team will distribute these donations to community members that are in need of a warm coat.

They have also launched their Giving Tree which supports seniors at St. Martha's House at the Mineral Springs Hospital. Please have your child sign up in the office, take a tag, and buy and wrap the gift with the tag on it and bring it to the office. No wrapping paper? No problem! We have some elves that can wrap it for you as long as you get it in two days before the deadline. Too much for one person? No problem! Get a group of students together to go in on it. The elves will deliver it to the seniors on your behalf.

### **Extra Curricular News**

Basketball season has started and we had one of our JV Girls teams score their first win against CCHS. Practices are included in the week ahead and can be found in the [following spreadsheet](#). We have found coaches for our JV Girls (9/10) team - thank you! Please contact our Athletic Director [ian.higginbottom@crps.ca](mailto:ian.higginbottom@crps.ca) if you have any questions about our sports program.

### **Flu Season and COVID reminders**

Please remain at home if you are displaying **flu or COVID-19 symptoms** and follow the current recommendations for staying away from work or school if displaying symptoms. We request that

parents do not send their child to school if they feel ill. Please let us know they are absent due to an illness so we can keep track of any potential outbreaks which are considered 10% or more of the student population. Read this [letter dated November 2023 from the Interim Chief and Senior Medical Officers of Health](#) in relation to the rise in influenza cases seen in school recently. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 please read the advice for isolation: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17239.aspx>



## **Caribou Kids Ski Pass**

Banff school students will enjoy a (almost) free season's ski pass again this winter! In its 16th 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. Please [click here](#) for more information and the Norquay form.

## **School Fees**

School fees are now overdue. You can find your child's fees on PowerSchool Parent Portal. Debit or credit card payments can be made online through your Parent Portal. Please contact Renee Husdal at [renee.husdal@crps.ca](mailto:renee.husdal@crps.ca) to make payment arrangements if you are unable to pay within 30 days or if you have any questions.

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Monday, December 5, 2022**

- JV Girls "*Gold Team*" Basketball Practice - 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm
- JV Boys "*Black Team*" Basketball Practice - 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm

## **Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

- Student Leadership at lunch
- JV Boys “*Gold Team*” Basketball Practice - 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm
- JV Girls “*Black Team*” Basketball Practice - 5:15 pm - 7:15 pm
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## **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

- Green Team meeting at lunch
- Open Court for Shooting - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm for all basketball teams
- JV Boys “*Black Team*” Basketball Practice - 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm

## **Thursday, December 8, 2022**

- Rainbow Alliance at Lunch
- JV Boys “*Gold Team*” Basketball Practice - 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm
- JV Girls “*Black Team*” Basketball Practice - 5:15 pm - 7:15 pm

## **Friday, December 9, 2022**

- Half day Friday

## **Upcoming.**

- Monday, December 12: Banff Community Concert Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday, December 13: Seniors Tea at Banff Springs Hotel - Senior Band
- Wednesday, December 14: WimWe Grade 10.1 AST Field Day / Banff Community Concert
- Thursday, December 15: WimWe Grade 10.2 AST Field Day / Banff Community Concert
- Friday, December 23: Winter Break starts 11:40 am



## **Banff and Lake Louise** *Holiday Community* *Supports*

Follow the link to learn more about all the [Holiday Supports, Resources and Events 2022](#)

### **Defending Awesome: Holiday Meal Draw**

Information coming soon!

Please check out their social media pages for more information

### **Banff Food Rescue: Community Dinner**

Dec 14, 6 - 8 pm, by donation

Catharine Robb Whyte Building, 101 Bear Street

### **Holiday Community Table Lunch**

December 21, 12 - 1 pm, by donation

Catharine Robb Whyte Building, 101 Bear Street

### **Soups On: Soup/Bread/Tea/Coffee**

Tuesdays 11 am – 1 pm FREE

Banff Park Church, 455 Cougar St

### **Chili Night**

Fridays 6:30 pm – 8 pm FREE

Banff Park Church, 455 Cougar St

Veg and meat options available

Recreation room access after dinner to play ping pong, pool, foosball and board games

### **Banff Food Rescue**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 6 pm - 7 pm

Lower level in Sundance Mall, 215 Banff Ave

Check the Banff Food Rescue Facebook page as times are subject to change




### **Banff Food Bank**

Tuesdays 11:45 am – 12:15 pm

Banff Park Church, back door entrance, 455 Cougar St

## **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> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/banffbchsbears">banffbchsbears</a>
	<b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BanffCommunityHighSchool">Banff Community High School</a>
	<b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/BCHSBears">@BCHS Bears</a>

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



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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, and 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 [natasha.miles@crps.ca](mailto:natasha.miles@crps.ca).

## Other Information

**Missing important happenings at BCHS**, but are awash in emails? Find information through our social media. Get connected, become involved.

- Check out our Daily School Announcements [here](#)

## News

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information and newsletter [Click Here](#).

Follow the [link](#) to view the Board Highlights from the October 19, 2022 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.
- **The 2022/2023 Student / Parent Handbook** is [here](#).
- 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](http://myPass.alberta.ca)). Grade 10 marks will start to appear after the first semester.
- Please click this link for the [2022 - 2023 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](#).