

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

January 30 - February 3, 2023

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

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

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

### Reminder to Grade 11 and 12 students

Please return your textbooks to the Library. You will not receive new textbooks for Semester 2 until you have returned your textbooks from Semester 1.

### High School Planning and Alignment for 2023-2024

Monday is the **first day of the second semester** so we are halfway through the school year already! Report cards will be available in PowerSchool (parent portal) on Friday, February 3 and parents will be able to celebrate the successes in learning with their children. While our students are looking forward to their new courses, different priorities, resetting goals and juggling school-life balance we also need to hear from them about their thoughts on the 2023-2024 school year to help us with our planning. Canadian Rockies Public Schools intends for all our high school students to have as much choice as possible in their learning and provide them with varied opportunities to graduate with courses that inspire and engage them. In order for students to be knowledgeable about all options for learning with CRPS, administration will visit Grade 10 and 11 classes this week and explain their choices for the 2023-2024 school year. Students will complete a survey to let us know what courses they **might** want to take next year, what options there are at BCHS and CCHS and whether or not they would consider travelling to CCHS if the option is based at CCHS in Canmore. We are not asking students for final commitments at this stage (that will come in the Spring - along with Parent information sessions prior to course selection); the survey results will help us with schedule planning and staffing.

### Absence from School During the School Day

Grades 10 - 12 have the privilege and the responsibility of signing themselves out during the school day for an appointment although we still require a phone call or email from the guardian or parent as a follow up to excuse this absence. If the senior high student is feeling unwell we will endeavour to contact home. Grade 9 junior high students who leave school during the school day for an appointment or who are feeling unwell will need to have their absence excused by a parent or guardian prior to leaving the building. Please call the office ahead of time or we will contact home to check that this is an excused absence **prior to the Grade 9 student leaving.**

## **Career Internship (Grade 10 - 12) Opportunity**

This is a pilot program for Grade 10 - 12s starting in Semester 2. Students should see Ms. Miles if they are interested or email Mr. Hans Holthuis at [hans.holthuis@crps.ca](mailto:hans.holthuis@crps.ca) if you are an employer who would be interested in hosting a student for this opportunity.

- **Intent:** Allow students to personalize their high school experience and build on or develop their career passions and interests.
- **Employer time commitment:** 25 hours total offered typically every two weeks on Friday afternoons between 1:00 - 4:30 pm (7 times in the Fall Semester or 7 times in the Winter Semester).
- **Student remuneration:** Students can be paid or unpaid for their time at the worksite.

## **Extra Curricular News**

Practices are included in the week ahead and can be found in the [following spreadsheet](#). Please contact our Athletic Director [ian.higginbottom@crps.ca](mailto:ian.higginbottom@crps.ca) if you have any questions about our sports program.

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Monday, January 30, 2023**

- Semester 2 and Quarter 3 start

### **Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

- Student leadership council meeting at lunch
- Basketball: Girls JV "Black Team" game @ BCHS - 5:30 pm

### **Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

- WimWe grade 10.1 Cross country Ski to Great Divide Trail - Weather dependent so watch for email to confirm or postpone
- International students meeting at lunch
- Green Team / High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Boys JV "Black Team" game @ OLS - 6 pm

### **Thursday, February 2, 2023**

### **Friday, February 3, 2023**

- Semester 1 report cards issued
- Boys JV "Gold Team" Basketball Tournament. First Game: Bears vs St. Martin de Porres @ 12:30 pm. Games run Friday through to Saturday night.

### **Upcoming:**

- Monday, February 6: WimWe Grade 10.2 Cross Country Ski to Great Divide Trail
- Wednesday, February 8: Dual Credit Olds College courses applications close
- Friday, February 10: Half Day Friday
- Friday, February 17: Pink Shirt Day
- Monday, February 20 - Friday, February 24: no school for students
- Monday, February 27: School back in session
- Friday, March 3: Half Day Friday
- Monday, March 13: WimWe Grade 10.1 Snowshoe at Sherbrooke Lake
- Monday, March 13: **School Council meeting** (Note: no meeting in February)
- Tuesday, March 14: Grad Photos
- Wednesday, March 15 - Friday, March 17: Parent Student Teacher Conferences
- Monday, March 13: WimWe Grade 10.2 Snowshoe at Sherbrooke Lake
- Friday, March 17: no school for students
- Wednesday, March 22: Second Awards Assembly
- Friday, March 31: last day of school before Spring Break

## **Grade 10 WimWe Cross Country Ski days**

### **Gear list:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1laJLBTjn6dcq3VDI9kJEj-RWWn81k32lf2\\_MuM0\\_BMeU/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1laJLBTjn6dcq3VDI9kJEj-RWWn81k32lf2_MuM0_BMeU/edit)

We will provide all cross country skiing gear. We also have extra clothing layers, winter jackets, gloves, toques (no snow pants).

**Busing:** We will leave the school around 8:30 am and return by 3:15 pm.

**Location:** Great Divide Trail in Lake Louise. (Alternate location pending conditions and temperature is Pocaterra in Kananaskis or the Canmore Nordic Centre.)



## **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 or if you have any questions.

## **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>

## Dual Credit Courses with Olds College

These are the courses available in Semester 2. See Ms. Miles or Ms. Bekar for further details.

### BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL!



#### Are you interested in a career within the Business Industry?

Through project-based learning, you'll have the opportunity to practice applying foundational business concepts to real world problems. Working alongside business owners and clients, you'll complete a semester-long project identifying business problems through research and the development of meaningful and effective solutions supported by evidence.

#### ACT 1011 / TERM: WINTER 2023 Accounting Principles

Feb 27 - May 19, 2023 | Online, Asynchronous

In ACT 1011, students will have an introduction to financial accounting focusing on the accounting cycle and the preparation of financial statements. Topics include accounting for merchandising activities, internal control, accounting for cash, temporary investments, accounts receivable, inventories, cost of goods sold, and current liabilities.



### BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA SPORTS MANAGEMENT MAJOR

Does a career in athletic training interest you?

#### SPRING 2023 / TERM: WINTER 2023 TRAINING FOR PERFORMANCE

Feb 27 - May 19, 2023 | Online, Asynchronous

In SPN 1020, students will learn about many aspects of training for athletic performance while working on the design of an athletic performance plan in a chosen sport of their choice. They will analyze the basic science behind activity, energy systems, and macronutrients in sport training. Students will also explore how training for athletic performance relates to diverse populations, training facilities, equipment, schedules, budgets, as well as individual and team training preferences. At the end of this course, the student project will have produced a complete athletic performance plan that they can modify in the future to fit any sport.

#### EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL

Prepare for an exciting and fulfilling career in sports administration with the Business Management diploma, majoring in Sports Management. This two-year program combines the administration of sport with the foundations of business to provide you with the skills to become leaders and planners in this ever-changing field.





The growing use of technology in modern agriculture is mind-blowing! Do you want to see if you may have a future career in this industry for you?

## Precision Agriculture Techgromony Diploma

ATE 1007 / TERM: WINTER 2023

### Electronics & Control Systems in Precision Agriculture

Feb 27 - May 18, 2023 | Online, Asynchronous | 16 Credits (10 required)

During this course you will learn in detail about low hardware, software, and electronic components and their programming in agricultural systems. From GPS/GNSS to precision agriculture controllers, and the systems design, programming, and troubleshooting that accompanies them, you will develop detailed technical understanding and skills that can be applied to real-life applications and opportunities in precision agriculture. Taking this course will change the way you think about technology. Every time you see a tractor driving straight up and cover a field, a sprayer turning on or off beam sections, or a combine unloading grain, you will begin to think "How does that work?" or even better "I know how that works!"

#### EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL

The Olds College Precision Agriculture Techgromony Diploma prepares graduates for entry into careers that bridge the gaps between agronomy, agriculture machinery management, and data science caused by the rapid evolution of high-speed technology.



## Land & Water Resources Diploma

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL

Are you interested in a future career related to land sustainability and restoration?

This course provides an introduction to ecological principles at the species, population, community and ecosystem levels. Specific application of ecology to sustainability and the management of forest and grassland ecosystems are studied.

EVS 1210 / TERM: WINTER 2023

### APPLIED ECOLOGY

Feb 27 - May 18, 2023 | Online, Asynchronous

In EVS 1210, students will learn to look at the natural world around you with new eyes. Ecology can be studied at a number of different levels: species (i.e. species' adaptations have allowed them to survive in specific habitats), populations (i.e. predator/prey relationships or other types of population interactions), communities (i.e. how plant and animal communities change over time), and ecosystems (i.e. how nutrients are recycled in a forest ecosystem). Specific application of ecology to sustainability and the management of forest and grassland ecosystems are studied. In addition, students will apply some of these principles to real problems such as global climate change, acidification of the oceans, loss of biodiversity in the world. Students in the class will look at problems and issues by reading short articles, watching videos about specific topics and by researching specific issues.



### AIT 1140 / TERM: WINTER 2023 Veterinary Practice: The Team Connection

Feb 27 - May 18, 2023 | Asynchronous  
Thinking of becoming a veterinarian or interested in working with animals as part of your career?

The Olds College Animal Health Technology Program prepares its graduates to be employed in the animal health industry by providing educational excellence in technical procedures, animal handling care, and client relations.

## Animal Health Technology

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL



Students will become familiar with the aspects of the service cycle within a veterinary clinic. They will explore the inner workings of appointments, veterinary software and inventory, the importance of pet insurance, dealing with end of life situations (euthanasia), client invoicing and complaints and having open communication with fellow staff and clients. Having this knowledge will make them better team players and prepare them for the different situations they will encounter in practice. As a dual credit student, this course will help you become better prepared for the expectations of working in a veterinary clinic and the importance of positive interactions with clients.



## Horticulturist Technologist Diploma

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL

Does a career in Alberta's growing food production industry interest you?

Cultivate an exciting career in horticulture with the Horticulturist Technologist diploma. This two-year program will provide you with a deep understanding of horticulture, including the production and management of plants, pests, herbicides, soils and water systems to achieve productive and sustainable systems.

HRT 1700 / TERM: WINTER 2023

### PRODUCING HORTICULTURE CROPS

Feb 27 - May 18, 2023 | Online, Asynchronous

In HRT 1700, students will learn about the production side of horticulture work in Alberta. We grow a wide variety of plants in the profiles for a variety of purposes, including vegetables, fruit, plants for sale and much more! This course will introduce you to the range of plants available for a production business and introduce learners to the fundamentals of managing land for production purposes. You'll also get a first glimpse of producing a food crop in your own window sill with some tasty salad greens.



# Hospitality & Tourism Management Diploma

Does a career in Alberta's growing tourism industry interest you? Are you ready to add skills to your resume?

## EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL!

This innovative program prepares its graduates to contribute to the growth and development of the Hospitality and Tourism industry by providing educational excellence in key sectors of the industry, including managerial, entrepreneurial and guest experience perspectives. Graduates will be positioned to take advantage of local, national and global career opportunities within this dynamic industry.




### HAT 2038 / TERM: WINTER 2023 Accommodation Management

Feb 27 - May 19, 2023 | Online, Asynchronous  
In HAT 2038, students will learn all about accommodation management in Alberta's tourism industry. Students will assess customer needs and develop strategies that create excellence of service. Students will gain an understanding of all aspects of management, including room division and evaluation of facilities. Students will learn to analyze those services and operations through the guest perspective in order to establish a strong accommodation model.



## 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>Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/banffbchs bears">banffbchs bears</a></p>
	<p>Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BanffCommunityHighSchool">Banff Community High School</a></p>
	<p>Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/BCHS_Bears">@BCHS Bears</a></p>

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



## Do you have a spare bedroom?

Become a host family

for our International Student Program!

We are looking for 5 or 10 month commitments

Remuneration Provided

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[Follow this link to find out more!](#)



## 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 November 23, 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](#).