

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

March 13 - March 17, 2023

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

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

School Calendar

[2022 -2023 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

Annual Parent Survey - Request and Reminder

We hope that Grade 10 parents and guardians complete the annual survey from Alberta Education about their children's experiences at school and their own experiences in relation to their involvement with the school. The deadline is this Friday, March 17. The survey results are more powerful as a representative voice if as many Grade 10 parents as possible can complete the survey. Thank you for your time on this!

Upcoming events and dates

There are additional dates in our school's calendar for the month of March. Look below and make note of any event that applies to your child (new events are in **bold** type). In particular:

Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations March 15 -17

It is an important time of year when parents, with their children, can meet face-to-face (or virtually) to discuss student progress with teachers. We strongly encourage all parents to attend these meetings regardless of which grade their child is in and to bring their child with them to the meeting. As we are well into Semester 2 students are studying new courses either for the

semester or the quarter so there may be new teachers to meet. In order to allow for a smooth transition from one meeting to another we are trialing having **ONLY** in person meetings on Wednesday evening, **ONLY** virtual or telephone meetings on Thursday evening, and then any type of meeting on Friday morning. Please book according to your preference and availability but be aware of these formats.

- **Wednesday, March 15, 2023:** 5 - 8 pm **IN PERSON ONLY**
- **Thursday, March 16, 2023:** 4 - 7 pm **VIRTUAL OR PHONE ONLY**
- **Friday, March 17, 2023:** 8:30 - 11:30 am **IN PERSON, VIRTUAL OR PHONE**

The online appointment bookings are currently open and will close on Monday, March 13 at 4 pm to allow teachers the time needed to set up the virtual meetings. You can choose between in person meetings, virtual (online meetings), or phone. Please contact Renee Husdal at renee.husdal@crps.ca or 403-762-4411 if you have any questions or need support with this process. We look forward to seeing you all.

BCHS Open House and Transition Meetings for 2023-2024 March 22 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

On behalf of Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS), we would like to invite all families with high school students to our Open House on March 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Banff Community High School. Please join us as we celebrate learning and the unique interests of students served at our school. Volunteer students will join teachers to help showcase what they have been learning in their courses. We hope that Grade 8 parents and students will also join us so they can explore our school as students begin to consider the transition to high school.

In addition, and we know this is earlier than usual, we will be holding our **2023 - 2024 Transition Information Sessions** on the same evening. These sessions are for parents and students to help them navigate the next grade in high school, understand graduation pathways, and launch our course selection process for the 2023-2024 school year. The presentations will be available on our website after the events but we strongly encourage you to come listen and ask questions in person. Following this evening students will complete course selections by **Tuesday, March 28.**

There will be two sessions running concurrently in two locations. Attend the session for the grade ***in which your child will be entering*** in August 2023.

- 5:30 - 6 pm Grade 10s (Gym) and 12s (Room 115) transition meeting
- 7 - 7:30 pm Grade 9s (Gym) and 11s (Room 115) transition meeting



Student Leadership Council Request

During the week of March Madness, one of the activities will be a chess tournament. If you have a full **chess set** that you can donate or loan for the week please contact Mr. Luders at lee.luders@crps.ca.

Extra Curricular News

March is the last month for our basketball teams' season of play. Basketball practices can be found in the [following spreadsheet](#). Rugby practices have now started. See the bottom tabs in the spreadsheet above as we juggle gym time because the two sports overlap seasons. Badminton practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 pm.

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 13, 2023

- Appointments for Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences close at 4 pm
- **10.1 Class Wim WE Snowshoeing at Sherbrooke Lake**
- **School council meeting 4:15 pm - [Agenda with virtual Meeting Link](#)**
- Cross country skiing Grade 9 PE, 20/30 PE classes

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

- Student leadership council meeting at lunch
- Grad 2023 photos

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

- Green Team / High Hopes meeting at lunch
- PE 20/30 classes go curling
- Grade 9 Vaccinations am
- **10.2 Class Wim WE snowshoeing at Sherbrooke Lake**

- CRPS Public Board meeting 7 pm at Canmore Board office
- **Parent student teacher conferences 5-9 pm IN PERSON ONLY**
- Grad 2023 Photos

Thursday, March 16, 2023

- **Parent student teacher conference 4-7 pm VIRTUAL/TELEPHONE ONLY**
- Grad 2023 Photos - last day

Friday, March 17, 2023

- No school for students
- **Parent student teacher conference 8:30-11:30 am ALL FORMATS**
- Teacher PD afternoon

Upcoming:

- Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24 - March Madness Week
- Wednesday, March 22 - Second Awards Assembly
- Wednesday, March 22 - BCHS Open House and Transition Meetings for 23/24
 - 5:30 - 6 pm Grade 10s and 12s transition meeting
 - 6 - 7 pm Open House for all grades and Grade 8 BES
 - 7 - 7:30 pm Grade 9s and 11s transition meeting
- Tuesday, March 28 - Course selection deadline for 23/24
- Friday, March 31 - Last day of school before Spring Break
- Monday, April 17 - Back to school

WimWe Snowshoeing Date/Times

March 13, 2023 - BCHS Class 10.1

March 15, 2023 - BCHS Class 10.2

8:30 am - Depart **BCHS**

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

9:45 am - 1:45 pm - Snowshoeing

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

3:15 pm - Arrival **BCHS**

WINTER GEAR LIST for Snowshoeing

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

Clothing:

-Gloves or mitts (2 pairs)

-Toque (warm hat)

-Neck warmer/buff

-Pants:

~Base layer: long underwear bottom

~Insulating layer: fleece or polyester (not cotton)

~Waterproof outer layer: snow/ski waterproof pants

-Tops:

~Base layer: long underwear top (not cotton)

~2 insulating layers: fleece or polyester (no cotton or jeans please), and/or down

~Waterproof outer layer: snow/ski waterproof jacket

Outdoor Gear:

-Day pack (30 L)

-1 Litre Water bottle (must be 1 L)

- snowshoeing: winter boots or insulated hiking boots (for snowshoeing and outdoor activities)

**NEOS Overboots will be available to borrow (these fit over your shoes and are insulated and waterproof)

-hearty lunch and snacks

-Snowshoes will be provided by the OLC

Personal Items:

-Personal Medications

-Lip Balm




-Sunscreen

-Sunglasses

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 2022 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>

Social Media

	Instagram: banffbchs bears
	Facebook: Banff Community High School
	Twitter: @BCHS Bears

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:

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

Host an International Student This September

- ▶ Say “yes” to hosting an international student this fall! CRPS' International Student Program is looking for host families who can provide accommodations for five or ten months beginning September 2023. Host families will commit to providing a private bedroom, three meals a day, and inclusion in family and community activities. Remuneration is provided. Learn more by visiting CRPS' [International Student Program webpage!](#)

[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.

Other Information

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

News

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

Follow the [link](#) to view the Board Highlights from the February 15, 2023 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). 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) with feedback or suggestions or use our feedback [link here](#).