

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

March 20 - March 24, 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 24. 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:

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

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday for 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. Students with their teachers will 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 the 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 to 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 presentation students will complete their 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 - 6:00 pm Grade 10s (Gym) and 12s (room 115) transition meeting
- 7:00 - 7:30 pm Grade 9s (Gym) and 11s (room 115) transition meeting

March Madness Student Leadership Week Events

Our Student Leadership Council has organized the following events for the week and they encourage everyone to participate and help create a sense of belonging in our school:

Monochrome Monday and Peer Pong Tournament

Dapper Tuesday

Winners (Black and Gold) Wednesday

Jersday Thursday and Chess Tournament

Funky Friday and Battle of the Air Bands

All students who participate in either the spirit dress-up or the tournaments will get points for their grade. The winning grade will be awarded a pizza lunch courtesy of our Student Leadership Council.



We need to borrow some chess sets to make the chess tournament happen on Thursday. If you have a full chess set that you can donate to us or loan to us for the week please let us know (lee.luders@crps.ca)

Awards Assembly and Other Events

On Wednesday we have our second Awards Assembly for the year and we will celebrate our basketball teams' successes and players. Please join us in the gym from 11:52 through to 12:52. The Banff Bears Grade 12 vs Staff All Stars basketball game will wrap up the basketball season at the end of the assembly.

In addition to the spirit week events we also have the return of the annual Iron Chef Contest on Tuesday and we move into the quarter-finals of the BCHS Badminton Championship.

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 20, 2023

- Monochrome Monday
- Peer Pong Tournament at lunch
- Badminton practice at 3:30 pm
- Girls Rugby practice at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

- Student leadership meeting at lunch
- Second Awards Assembly at 11:52 am
- Iron Chef Contest at lunch
- Dapper Tuesday
- Badminton Championship Tournament at lunch
- Badminton practice at 3:30 pm
- Boys Rugby practice at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

- Green Team / High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Winners Wednesday
- Awards Assembly at 11:52 am and Basketball game
- BCHS Open House and Transition Meetings for 23/24
 - 5:30 - 6:00 pm Grade 10s and 12s transition meeting
 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm Open House for all grades and Grade 8 BES students and parents
 - 7:00 - 7:30 pm Grade 9s and 11s transition meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2023

- PE 20/30 classes go curling
- Course selection for 2023-2024 opens
- Jersday Thursday
- Chess Tournament at lunch
- Boys Rugby practice at 4:00 pm
- Girls Rugby practice at 6:00 pm

Friday, March 24, 2023

- PE 20/30 classes go curling
- Funky Friday
- Battle of the Air Bands at lunch



Upcoming:

- **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

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

	<p>Instagram: banffbchsbears</p>
	<p>Facebook: Banff Community High School</p>
	<p>Twitter: @BCHS Bears</p>

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 March 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](#).