

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

September 4 - 8 2023

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

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

Welcome Back BEARS

It is great to have our students back after what we hope has been a varied and fulfilling summer. Our returning students have grown, and look older and wiser. Our new Grade 9 students have found their way around the school and look at home. We have a number of new students in Grades 10 - 12 as well; we welcome them and their families to our school. We also have seven international students joining us from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, and China. On **Tuesday, September 12** Mr. Chris Rogers, (Principal), Ms. Natasha Miles (Assistant Principal), and Ms. Janis Bekar (Counsellor and Learning Support Teacher) will host an information session for new parents followed by a session for Grade 12 parents. Please look for an email with more information (times, etc..) this coming week.

A big thank you to our Grade 12s who hosted students and staff on Friday to a welcome back BBQ.

School Calendar

[2023 - 2024 School Calendar](#)

myPass

Just a reminder that Grade 10 - 12 students should set up their myPass so they can access their school transcripts and track their high school credits. Here is a **step by step guide for setting up MyPass**

Extra Curricular News

Volleyball

- Senior High Boys Tues/Thurs 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- Senior High Girls Tues/Thurs 3:30 - 5:30 pm
- Junior Girls start Wednesday, Sept 6, 3:30 - 5:15 pm
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Cross Country Running

- We are looking for a team to take to Zones in October. Any interested runners should see Ms. Miles as soon as possible.

Golf Team

- Zones happen in September. Interested students have already talked with Mr Higginbottom.

Hike Day

Hike Day is an important tradition in our school. We get to meet students from different grades on all the hikes and explore Banff National Park's amazing trails. This year we will be doing our school-wide hike day on **Thursday, September 21 (reserve day September 26)** - the date still needs to be finalised based on bus availability. Please note that we do need adult volunteers to support our hikes. If you are interested in helping support this tradition please contact Mr. Higginbottom. All volunteers need to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check before volunteering. This usually only takes a few days - contact our office for more details and a form.

School Council

Our first school council meeting will be held virtually and in person on **Monday, September 18, 2023 at 4:15 pm**. The link to the meeting will be shared later and will also be on our website calendar. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend to share ideas with the school staff about initiatives that benefit our students.

School Fees

School fees are not yet finalized; they will appear on Parent Portal once they have been assessed. Payment options and details will be provided when invoiced.

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 4, 2022

- Labour Day - No School for Staff and Students

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Friday, September 8, 2024

Upcoming Dates

- September 12: Family Welcome/Grade 12 Parent meeting
- September 18: School Council Meeting @ 4:15 pm In-person and virtual
- September 21 (or 26): Hike Day
- September 22: Terry Fox Run
- September 22: Last day for Grade 12s to withdraw from a course
- September 22: Staff PD. Classes end at 11:42 am
- September 25 - 28: WILD Water Experience 15 field trip
- September 29: Orange Shirt Day in school
- September 29: Deadline for Grade 12s to hand in their Grad plan to Mr Rogers
- September 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

- October 2: School closure for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- October 5: Honours Society Presentation 7 pm at Banff Springs Hotel
- October 6: FIFTIETH ANNUAL Turkey Trot
- October 9: Thanksgiving- schools closed
- October 10: BCHS Pride Flag raising
- October 11: WimWE Grade 10 (homeroom 10A)
- October 12: WimWE Grade 10 (homeroom 10B)
- October 13: Staff PD. Classes end at 11:42 am
- October 16: ELAA Post Secondary Institutions Fair
- October 18: Photo Retake
- October 25: Parent Teacher Student Conferences 5 - 8 pm
- October 26: Parent Teacher Student Conferences 4 - 7 pm
- October 27: Parent Teacher Student Conferences 8:30 - 11:42 am

- October 27: No classes for students
- October 30 & 31: School Council Halloween Spirit Events
- November 2: Last day of Quarter 1 classes for Grade 9s

Grade 10 Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation Wilderness Experience (WimWE)

WimWE is an exciting opportunity to create deeper connections between students and their peers, teachers, our local wilderness, and ultimately themselves. Students will also learn outdoor activity and safety skills for participating in mountain recreation in all seasons. In partnership with the Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre and with generous funding from the Wim and Nancy Pauw Foundation, CRPS is excited to offer to all Grade 10 students in the division, the Wim & Nancy Pauw Wilderness Experience which offers some unique, challenging, and powerful experiences. Thank you Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation for your ongoing support to all CRPS students and for your dedication to supporting meaningful outdoor learning opportunities for our youth.

It is the expectation that all Grade 10 students participate in this program as part of their program of studies. There is no cost to families for this program.

BCHS in coordination with Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre have provided the following outdoor activity days for your child. Grade 10 students will be participating in their 10A or 10B classes.

~1 full day hiking @ Bankhead and C-Level Cirque Trail, Banff National Park

October 11 - Class 10A

October 12 - Class 10B

~Avalanche Skills Training 1 (AST 1): 5 online modules (due February 1, 2024), 1/2 day classroom presentation, and 1 field day at Lake Louise Ski Resort. Students are able to start working on the online modules now. Log-in information will be in the parent form.

February 1 - all online modules are due

February morning - AST 1 classroom presentation

February 15 - Lake Louise Ski Resort field day - Class 10A

February 16 - Lake Louise Ski Resort field day - Class 10B

~1 full day cross country skiing @ Great Divide Trail, Lake Louise

March 4 - Class 10A

March 5 - Class 10B

~1/2 day big boat canoeing @ Two Jack Lake, Banff National Park


June 6 - MORNING - Class 10A

June 6 - AFTERNOON - Class 10B

*** The Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement of Risk and Informed Consent will be emailed to you. Please complete and submit this form by **Friday, October 6.** ***

Any questions about the WIMWE program can be directed to crolc@crps.ca

Social Media

	Instagram: banffbchsbears
	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/>.



WANTED HOST FAMILIES



**CRPS is looking for new host families.
Host an international student: share your home, culture and
learn about a new one. Monthly remuneration.**

More info, please contact:

Phone: (403) 609-6072

Email: homestay@crps.ca

Address: 618 7Ave. Canmore



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

Other Information

[Help your teen connect to nature for better health](#)

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

News

Parent Resource - 6 Pillars of Well Being. <https://www.seethesigns.ca/resources/>

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

Follow the [link](#) to view the 'The Brief'; highlights from the August 29 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 2023/2024 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 - 2024 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](#).