

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

September 11 - 15 2023

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

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

Invitation to Two Information Presentations

Welcome New Parents and Guardians - if you are new to BCHS or CRPS please come to an information session on **Tuesday, September 12** from 6 - 6:45 pm in the school library to meet with Mr. Rogers, Ms. Miles, and Ms. Bekar. Hear more about our school and some of the communication tools we use between school and home. You will also be able to ask questions now that your child has experienced two weeks in their new school.

Grade 12 Graduation and Post Secondary Planning - we will be hosting an information session on **Tuesday, September 12** from 7 - 8 pm in the school gym for students in Grade 12 and their parents. Find out what the road to graduation from high school looks like over the next 10 months and how students and families should start to plan for post secondary education, training, or employment.

Homework Support

Assignment completion is a work habit and skill that we hope all students develop as they pass through high school. However, for some students, they need a little more help with being independent in their work habits. Starting this week we will be holding homework support sessions over lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. These will be for students who are not completing assignments by deadlines set by teachers. Parents will be informed by the teacher that the student has missed a deadline and therefore will be required to attend a homework support session in the library at lunchtime. Students will need to bring their lunch with them.

Extra Curricular News

Lunchtime Band

All students are welcome to join our lunch time band. You can be a new student in grade 9 or a former student from senior band. The more the merrier.

Volleyball

It has been great to see such huge interest in our volleyball teams. We are excited to be offering FIVE volleyball teams this year to provide all interested student-athletes an opportunity to be involved in school sports/teams.

Please see the attached [PRACTICE SCHEDULE](#) for a list of all practice times. In addition, there are two home games happening this upcoming week:

- Wednesday, September 13: Sr. Girls host CCHS @ 6 pm
- Thursday, September 14: Sr. Boys host CCHS @ 6 pm

Golf

Our boys are holding their Zone Qualification round on Monday, September 11, with tee times at 4:05 pm.

Zones will take place the following week on Wednesday, September 20 at Turner Valley Golf Club.

Run Club

Run Club will start on Monday at lunchtime. It will also be on Wednesday after school until 4.30 pm. All students and abilities are welcome! It's time to start training for the **50th Annual Turkey Trot on October 6!**

Hike Day - new date Tuesday, September 19th (alternate day Sept. 21)

This week students will be choosing the hike they wish to take part in. The hikes range in difficulty based on their length and elevation gain so there is something for everyone to enjoy:

Easy: Boom Lake

Easy to Moderate: Stanley Glacier and Moose Meadows to Ink Pots

Moderate: Larch Valley and Plain of Six Glaciers

Moderate to Challenging: Lake Agnes to Little Beehive

Challenging: Rockbound Lake and Sentinel Pass

We would love some parents to volunteer on the day. If you are interested in helping support this tradition please contact Mr. Higginbottom. All volunteers need to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check with the RCMP every 12 months. This usually only takes a few days - contact our office for more details and a form.

Parent School Council

Our first school council meeting will be held in-person and virtually 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.

Optional Study Guide Purchase

Castle Rock, our study guide supplier, has created an online ordering portal to enable families to choose the resources they require. These can be workbooks or an annual digital account. The digital account allows access to up to 10 courses annually. These are optional resources and if you are not sure if your student would benefit from these please speak with your classroom teacher. Orders can be placed between September 5 to September 22, 2023. Another purchase opportunity will be opened in February 2024. Please [click here](#) for more information and the ordering link.

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**

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 11, 2023

- Run Club at lunch

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

- Homework support room starts at lunch
- Lunchtime band
- Welcome New Parents and Guardians at 6 pm
- Grade 12 Graduation and Post Secondary Planning 7 pm

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

- Green Team / High Hopes at lunch
- Run Club after school

Thursday, September 14, 2023

- Grad fundraiser - pizza for sale at lunch \$3/slice
- Student Leadership Council at lunch

Friday, September 15, 2023

Upcoming Dates

- September 18: School Council Meeting @ 4:15 pm In-person and virtual
- **September 19 (or 21): Hike Day NEW DATE**
- September 22: Terry Fox Run
- September 22: Last day for Grade 12s to withdraw from a course
- September 22: Staff Professional Development (PD). Classes end at 11:42 am
- September 25 - 28: WILD Water Experience 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 date TBD- 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: banffbchs bears
	Facebook: Banff Community High School



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](#).