

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

September 18 - 22 2023

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

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

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 agenda is here](#) (the virtual meeting link is in the agenda) and is also 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.

Terry Fox Run

Our school run for the Terry Fox Foundation's fundraiser for cancer research is on **Friday, September 22nd at 9:40 am**. This annual Canadian tradition sometimes makes us forget how far research has come since 1980 when Terry Fox started his Marathon of Hope. The Terry Fox Foundation channels our donations into: the discovery and development of new knowledge and technologies; translating discoveries from the laboratory to the clinic for the benefit of cancer patients, and training and supporting the future leaders of cancer research. The survival rate for the type of bone cancer Terry Fox had back in 1980 was only 5%, now it is 80%. Please consider running with us on Friday 22 starting at 9:40 am or in the Town of Banff's run on Sunday 17 starting at the Banff Rec Grounds at 10 am. Also, please consider making a donation to our school's fundraising efforts on the [Terry Fox School Run website](#) which is being led by our Grade 10 PE students.

Hike Day

The larches are turning golden, so we know it is time for another tradition at BCHS...Hike Day! We hike in eight groups on **Tuesday, September 19** (reserve day is Thursday 21 if the weather forecast looks poor for Tuesday). The hikes range in difficulty graded on length and elevation

gain so there is something for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to join us on a hike. Students are reminded that there is no swimming in any of the lakes. If a student is unable to hike a teacher will be in school to support them in any assignments from their courses.

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. We will be holding homework support sessions over lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. These sessions will be for students who are not completing assignments by the deadline set by their 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

Lunchtime band will be held on Tuesdays except for Tuesday, September 19 (Hike Day). All students are welcome to join. New musicians are welcome to attend. Contact brian.sand@crps.ca for details.

Volleyball

Please see the attached [PRACTICE SCHEDULE](#) for a list of all practice times. No league games this week.

Weekend Tournaments:

- SR Boys are off to Oilfields
- SR Girls are playing in Three Hills
- JV Girls are playing in Olds

Golf

Congratulations to those players who made the BCHS Golf Team this year! Our strong team is heading to Zones on Wednesday, September 20 at Turner Valley Golf Club.

Run Club

Run Club is on Monday at lunchtime and on Wednesday after school until 4:30 pm this week. All students and abilities are invited. Run Club members and all our PE classes have started training for the 50th Annual Turkey Trot on October 6. Run club runners can also take in Cross Country Zones in October.

Volunteers 2023-2024

All school volunteers need to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check with the RCMP annually. This usually takes a few days - contact our office for more details and a form.

Optional Study Guide Purchase

This is the last week to order optional study guides from Castle Rock. 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 18, 2023

- School Council Meeting 4:15 pm in the library

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

- Hike Day for all students

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

- Golf Zones at Turner Valley Golf Course

Thursday, September 21, 2023

- Student Leadership at lunch

Friday, September 22, 2024

- Terry Fox Run 9:40 am
- Last day for Grade 12s to withdraw from their semester 1 courses
- **Half Day Friday** A and B Blocks only. Classes end at 11:42 am
- Staff Professional Development afternoon
- SR Boys volleyball at Oilfield depart 12 noon
- SR Girls volleyball Prairie Christian Academy depart 11:30 am
- JV Girls volleyball at Olds depart 12:30 pm

Upcoming Dates

- 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
	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 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](#).