

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

October 2 - 6, 2023

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

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

### 50th Annual Turkey Trot

Our annual event to celebrate Thanksgiving returns but it is bigger and better than ever before! The Trot starts on **Friday, October 6** at **11 am**. We would love parents, guardians, and BCHS alumni to join us for this very special Golden Anniversary; either as runners or as marshalls. After all runners are back in the gym we will award turkeys (thank you to IGA for generously sponsoring these prizes) to grade-level winners and there will be door prizes too. Please contact Ian Higginbottom at [ian.higginbottom@crps.ca](mailto:ian.higginbottom@crps.ca) if you are available to help marshall the course.

### Honour Roll Presentation Evening

Congratulations to the 65 students who have achieved a place on the 2022-2023 BCHS Honour Roll. Our presentation evening will be on **Thursday, October 5** at **7 pm** at the **Cascade Ballroom, Banff Springs Hotel**.

### Culinary Arts Centre update

Our new Culinary Arts centre is fully operational thanks to the hard work of Ms. Reid, the senior Foods class, and the CRPS facility team. Come to our Open House in November and see this wonderful centre for yourself.

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

A reminder that Saturday, September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and there will be no school on **Monday, October 2.**

## **SHAD**

Attention, Grade 10 & 11 students! Are you looking to transform your summer into an unparalleled learning experience? Look no further because Shad 2024 offers an unrivaled opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of STEAM and entrepreneurship, connecting with like-minded peers from across Canada and even internationally. With two exciting program options – an on-campus experience at one of 21 premier Canadian universities, including the University of Calgary, or the flexible Shad Anywhere digital experience – there's something for everyone. [Click here for further details.](#)

## **2023-2024 Annual Demographic Update and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP)**

Reminder to all Parents to please go to your [Parent Portal](#) to complete your child's annual Demographic Update. Without an updated demographic form **your child will not be able to participate in walking field trips off campus and we may not be able to reach you in an emergency.**

## **Grad Plans**

Grade 12 Grad Plans are now overdue. Students need to go to [myPass](#) and locate their Detailed Academic Record and their credentials checklist. Submitted grad plans allow administration and students to know they are on track to graduate in June 2024. Students who do not submit their Grad Plan will not be able to make last-minute changes in Semester 2 if they discover that requirements are missing.

## **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**

Tuesday is the day for Lunchtime Band. Any student, past or new musician is welcome to attend at lunch in the Music room. Contact [brian.sand@crps.ca](mailto:brian.sand@crps.ca) for details.

### **Volleyball**

Please see the attached [BCHS practice schedule](#) for a list of all practice times.

League games:

- Tuesday, October 3: JV Boys host CCHS @3:30 pm, SR Boys host OLS @ 6 pm
- Wednesday, October 4: SR Girls host OLS @ 7:30 pm
- Thursday, October 5: Grade 9 boys play at OLS at 5:00 pm, JV girls host OLS @ 4:30 pm.

### **Run Club**

Run Club is on Monday at lunchtime and on Wednesday after school until 4:30 pm. All students and abilities are invited. Training for the **50th Annual Turkey Trot on October 6** has started and Run Club runners can also take part in Cross Country Zones in October.

### **Volunteers 2023-2024**

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.

## **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, October 2, 2023**

- School closure for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

### **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

- Rainbow Alliance at lunch
- Lunchtime Band practice

### **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

- Green Team/High Hopes at lunch

### **Thursday, October 5, 2023**

- Student Leadership at lunch
- Honours Society Presentation 7 pm in the Cascade Ballroom, Banff Springs Hotel

### **Friday, October 6, 2024**

- 50th Annual Turkey Trot - 11 am

### **Monday, October 9, 2023**

- Thanksgiving- schools closed

## **Upcoming Dates**

- 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](mailto:crolc@crps.ca)**

## Social Media

	Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/banffbchsbears">banffbchsbears</a>
	Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BanffCommunityHighSchool">Banff Community High School</a>
	Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/BCHS_Bears">@BCHS Bears</a>

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](mailto: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 September 19 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](https://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](mailto:chris.rogers@crps.ca)) with feedback or suggestions or use our feedback [link here](#).