

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

**October 30 - November 3, 2023**

(For archived Newsletters please click [here](#))

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

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



### **We Scare Hunger Food Drive for Banff Food Rescue**

The BCHS Student Leadership Team will be trick or treating in Banff Halloween evening for a variety of non-perishable food and toiletry items as part of the WE SCARE HUNGER food drive! All donations are greatly appreciated and will be given to Banff Food Rescue, an organization that is making a huge difference in the Banff community. Any non-perishables are welcome, although Banff Food Rescue has also requested a number of items that people are often looking for:

- Cooking Oil - canola oil
- Butter or margarine
- Peanut Butter
- Crackers
- Cereal
- Canned coconut milk
- Canned fruit and soups
- Hand cream
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo

We will be visiting the Middle Springs area of Banff. If you could have donations ready for the BCHS Student Leadership team on Halloween night between 5:30 - 8:00 pm, that would be fantastic! Thanks for your support!

## Explore Program Presentation

The Explore program is a government-funded program where students have the opportunity to travel to a French-speaking part of Canada for 3-5 weeks. Participants will take a French course suited to their level (beginner, intermediate, advanced), participate in cultural activities, go on field trips and excursions, and make long-lasting friendships and connections. No previous knowledge of French is necessary. This is a great way to see another part of Canada and learn a second language.

On Wednesday, November 1 at 11:25 am there will be a lunchtime presentation at Banff Community High School to talk a bit more about the program and answer questions. Parents are welcome to attend. Apply for Explore now at [Official Languages Programs OLP-PLO | Government-Funded Language Programs \(englishfrench.ca\)](#). More information can also be found here: [FAQ page](#).

## How to Pay School Fees

School fees are now on Parent Portal ready for payment. You can pay your **School Fees** online through your **PowerSchool Parent Portal Account**; the link is on the [bchs.crps.ca webpage](#). Once you sign in, under Navigation click Student Fees.

Payments can be made by Credit Card (MasterCard & VISA) and INTERAC.

If you wish to pay by Cheque, Cash, or Tap, you can do so through the BCHS Main Office.

In cases of financial hardship, please contact Renee Husdal in the main office for a Fee Waiver Form at 403-762-4411, or email [renee.husdal@crps.ca](mailto:renee.husdal@crps.ca).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Renee Husdal.

## 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:

- Wednesday, Nov 1: Grade 9 girls host OLS at 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, Nov 1: SR Boys host OLS at 7:30 pm
- Thursday, Nov 2: JV girls play at CCHS at 3:30 pm (Bus departs at 2:15 pm)
- Thursday, Nov 2: Grade 9 boys host OLS at 5:30 pm

Tournaments: Friday/Saturday Nov 3/4:

- JV boys and girls home tournament. [Schedule Link](#)
- SR Boys at Airdrie Christian Academy
- SR Girls at Oilfields (Diamond Valley)
- Grade 9 girls at OLS - (Saturday, Nov. 4 only)

### **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**

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, October 30, 2023

- Halloween Spirit week activities

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- Halloween Spirit week activities
- Lunchtime Band practice
- ***We Scare Hunger*** Food Drive 5:30 - 8 pm for Banff Food Rescue

### Wednesday, November 1, 2023

- Volleyball intramural games resume
- Green Team/High Hopes at lunch
- Rainbow Alliance at lunch
- Explore Program presentation at 11:25 am

### Thursday, November 2, 2023

- Holiday Concert meeting for interested students at morning break
- Student Leadership at lunch
- Last day of Quarter 1 classes for Grade 9

### Friday, November 3, 2023




- **Half Day Friday A and B Block - Students released from classes at 11:42 am**
- **First day of Quarter 2 classes for Grade 9**
- Teachers' Professional Development 1 - 3 pm

## Upcoming Dates

- **November 8: Open House - 6 - 7 pm**
- November 9: Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 10: No school for Remembrance Day

- November 17: Half Day Friday
- November 29: Awards Assembly #1
- December 1: Half Day Friday
- December 12-15: Winter Travel for WILD class
- December 15: Half Day Friday
- December 22: Pancake Breakfast
- December 22: Schools close for winter break at 11:42 am
- January 8: Schools re-open for 2024

## Social Media

	<b>Instagram:</b> <a href="#">banffbchsbears</a>
	<b>Facebook:</b> <a href="#">Banff Community High School</a>
	<b>Twitter:</b> <a href="#">@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 October 17 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](#).