

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

November 20 - 24, 2023

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

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

Help Shape Your Child's Educational Journey

Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) is seeking parent feedback to refine its vision for the division's 2025 – 2029 Four Year Education Plan, which is being developed over the next 14 months. At this time, CRPS is asking parents to reflect and respond to two questions before **November 28, 2023**:

[Can you share some thoughts on your child's current learning journey?](#)

[How do you feel about your level of involvement in your child's educational journey?](#)

Responses to these questions will be critical in developing effective educational strategies for CRPS' new plan. The valuable perspectives gathered will also contribute to discussions at the Board of Trustees' November 30 Council of Councils meeting, ensuring parent voices play an important role in shaping the division's direction.

Grad 2024 Fundraising Events

Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction - The Balkan Greek Restaurant

The BCHS Grad Class of 2024 is currently approaching local businesses and gathering donations for our fundraising dinner and silent auction event that will take place on **Wednesday, November 29, 2023**. Please ask your grad to show you the shared donation list. If you can think of other businesses that we should approach, or if you would like to assist us in getting donations please let us know.

The event takes place at The Balkan Greek Restaurant. Tickets are \$60.00 a person and include a four-course dinner, as well as entertainment. There will be several silent auction items to bid on, and some bucket draws. We will **begin selling tickets later this week**. Grad parents and their friends, co-workers, and community members in general are invited to buy tickets and attend this event. Grads themselves do not attend the event- except for the two grad presidents. Tickets can be purchased from any Grad or you can email Kristen Wiggins at kristen.wiggins@crps.ca.

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

The BCHS grad class is also teaming up with Purdy's Chocolatier for a fundraiser. Stock up on your favourite Purdy's treats (did someone say Hedgehogs?) AND support a great cause at the same time—it's the best of both worlds. Ordering is as easy as eating chocolate.

- Just click on this [link](#)
- Fill out your info (you'll need an email address)
- Click "Join Campaign"
- Enter our campaign number: 57195
- Place your order.

Please share this link with others. Orders will be available for you or your grad to pick up at the school a week before the holiday break. The order deadline is the end of the day on **Friday, December 1**. If you have any questions please email Monica Bulas at monica.bulas@crps.ca.

3 Ski Areas Alpine Scholarship Award

\$1,000 will be awarded to one BCHS student completing grade 10 or 11, who is enrolled in a minimum of 30 credits in an academic year and who is engaged at a high level in a winter sport as outlined below.

Key Selection Criteria:

- The eligible student must have achieved academic success with no failing grades, while being engaged in a high level of sports.
- Preference will be given to a ski or snowboard athlete in Alpine and next in a Nordic sport.
- Sport performance to be judged by following, in order of precedence:
 - Membership on National Team
 - Participation and results in International Events
 - Membership on Provincial Team
 - Participation and results in National Events
- Recipient can receive scholarship in consecutive years.

If above criteria are not met, the scholarship will be provided to:

- Athletes participating in outdoor winter sports.
- If there are no qualifying candidates from Grade 10 and 11, scholarships will be provided to a Grade 12 graduate who is registering for postsecondary studies while continuing in their sport at a high level.
- If there are no qualifying applicants in a particular year, the scholarship will not be awarded.

To apply, the student must write a paragraph explaining why they should be awarded the scholarship.

Deadline to apply is **Monday, November 20**.

How to Pay School Fees

School fees are 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](http://bchs.crps.ca). 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.

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

Homework Support

Homework support sessions run over lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. These are sessions for students who are not completing assignments by deadlines set by teachers or who have missed a test due to an absence. 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 for details.

Basketball

Grade 9 Boys Basketball coach needed! Contact ian.higginbottom@crps.ca if you are interested.

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

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, November 20, 2023

- School council meeting - 4.15 pm in school library ([Link to agenda and virtual meeting link](#))
- Deadline to apply for the 3 Ski Areas Alpine Scholarship Award

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

- Lunchtime Band practice

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

- Green Team/High Hopes at lunch

- Rainbow Alliance at lunch
- CRPS Public Board Meeting at Exshaw School - 7 pm

Thursday, November 23, 2023

- Student Leadership at lunch

Friday, November 24, 2023

- Full day Friday




Upcoming Dates

- November 29: Awards Assembly #1
- December 1: Half Day Friday
- December 12-15: Winter Travel for WILD class
- December 13th: Banff Schools Holiday Concert 5:30 & 7 pm at Jenny Belzberg Theatre
- 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
- January 10: ELA 30-1 / 30-2 Diploma exam Part A
- January 18: Last day of semester 1 classes
- January 19: Exam week starts
- January 22 - 26: Grade 9 Career Exploration week
- January 22: Math 30-1 Diploma exam
- January 23: English 30-1/30-2 diploma exam Part B
- January 26: Chemistry 30 Diploma exam
- January 29: Physics 30 diploma exam
- January 31: Semester 2 starts

2023-2024 Caribou Kids Season Ski Pass Program

Banff school students will enjoy free skiing again this winter. Now in its 17th year, Banff Lodging Co and Banff Mount Norquay are happy to offer the Caribou Kids Season Pass program for students enrolled at Banff schools. Please [click here](#) for more information and the registration form. All payments and inquiries should be directed to Banff Mount Norquay.

Social Media

 Instagram	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 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). 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](#).