

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

November 27 - December 1, 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](#).

Awards Assembly 1

On **Wednesday, November 29** at 11 am we will have our first awards assembly of the year. We will be celebrating all of our golf, cross-country running, and volleyball participants and handing out awards. The assembly will wrap up with the traditional game between the BCHS Grads 2024 and the BCHS All-Stars Staff and Coaches. Please join us in the school gym.

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 pivotal 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 a critical role in shaping the division's direction.

January 2024 Exam Schedule

Diploma exams, final exams, and Grade 10 mid term exams will be taking place in January. Please refer to the exam timetable now published [here](#) and in the calendar. Exam week is from **January 19 to January 30**.

Semester 2 will start on January 31.

Beginning on January 22, Grade 9s will have the opportunity to take part in a Career Exploration week.

Grad 2024 Fundraising Events

Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction - The Balkan Greek Restaurant

The Balkan fundraising dinner and silent auction will take place on **Wednesday, November 29**.

This event includes a four-course dinner, some great entertainment, and a chance to get those frustrations out with some plate breaking. Dinner includes:

- Mediterranean salad
- Pita and dip (Spicy feta & hummus)
- Chicken souvlaki
- Lamb Shank
- Lemon potatoes
- Rice
- Seasonal vegetables
- Baklava bites

As well, there will be several packages available for bidding on - a great chance to get some holiday shopping done early! **Tickets are \$60.00**.

If you would like tickets, please 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 child 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.

How to Pay School Fees

School fees are on Parent Portal ready for payment. Details for payment options are available on the fees page.

Homework Support

Homework support sessions run over lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. These are 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

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 27, 2023

- Green Team/High Hopes at lunch

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

- Lunchtime Band practice

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

- Awards Assembly #1 - 11:00 am
- Modified schedule
- Green Team hosts the 'Green Games' at lunch
- Rainbow Alliance at lunch
- Balkan Dinner Grad fundraiser

Thursday, November 30, 2023

- Student Leadership at lunch

Friday, December 1, 2023

- Half-day Friday Blocks A & B - Students dismissed 11:42 am

Upcoming Dates

- December 12 - 15: Winter Travel for WILD class
- December 13: 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

	<p>Instagram: banffbchs bears</p>
	<p>Facebook: Banff Community High School</p>
	<p>Twitter: @BCHS Bears</p>

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 November 22 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](#).