

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

December 11 - 15, 2023

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

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



Banff Schools' Holiday Concert

This year BES and BCHS have teamed up to present the 'Banff Schools' Holiday Concert' at the Jenny Belzberg Theatre on Wednesday, December 13. There will be two performances, one at 5 pm and 7 pm. Representing BCHS will be our Senior Band and the MCs, who will be linking the performances on stage with the usual sprinkle of festive humour. The volunteer stage crew is also made up of BCHS students. Tickets will be on general release today - Friday, December 8. For more information on how to get your ticket - **please follow this link**.

The Giving Tree and Winter Coat Drive

Members of our Green Team/High Hopes group are getting ready for the annual Giving Tree which will run from Monday, December 11 to Monday, December 18. Hanging on a tree in the office will be gift wishes from the residents of St Martha's Place. Students, staff, and parents are invited to take a tag home, make a purchase, and return the gift wrapped with the tag attached.

Also, any gently used winter coat can be dropped off at school or brought to the Banff Schools Holiday Concert at the Jenny Belzberg Theatre on Wednesday, December 13 between 5 and 7:30 pm.

Lockdown Drill

The health and safety of all children at BCHS is extremely important. One of our responsibilities is to run an annual lockdown drill which will be on Monday, December 11. The purpose of this drill is to practise how to protect everyone from harm when a danger is present inside the school. Students will review what to do, including "Safe, Silent & Serious", with their teachers in advance.

We recognise that the word "lockdown" raises questions and concerns. We invite parents to have a conversation at home with their child to be proactive. Teachers will certainly have these conversations at school too.

While incidents requiring an emergency response in our school are very, very low, "lockdown" drills are a part of our emergency response practices, just like fire drills. In this way, we hope everyone will feel more confident, less anxious, and better able to cope knowing there is a plan and procedure for this type of situation.

Suicide Awareness, Intervention, and Support Presentations

The mental health and well-being of our students are also very important to us. While many people look forward to the holidays and the festive season, some struggle with their mental health. Coupled with the long dark days of winter it is vital for everyone to know who to turn to for support if thoughts of self-harm or suicide occur, or if they become aware that a friend needs support. On Thursday, December 14, Shannon Fountain from the Town of Banff will deliver presentations to each grade to raise awareness amongst our students about the support available online, by phone, and within our town.

Holiday Support Guide

[The Feast Protectors](#) – Defending Awesome & Banff Food Rescue are teaming up to provide holiday meal ingredients to people in need of some support! Apply for your Holiday Hamper at Banff Town Hall Community Service Desk. Must be a Banff Access card member. If you currently are not a member but meet the criteria, one can be issued to you on the spot. (Last day to apply is Tuesday, December 12. Qualifying individuals will be notified for pickup on December 21).

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.

School Fees

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

Teacher Support

Teacher Support sessions run over lunchtime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. These are sessions for students who need further teacher support to complete assignments or who have missed a test due to an absence. Students will need to bring their lunch with them.

Extra Curricular News

Basketball

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

[League Games Schedule:](#)

Tuesday, December 12: Gr. 9. Boys - BCHS @ CCHS. 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13: JV. Boys - BCHS @ CCHS. 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 14: Gr. 9 Girls - CCHS JV Green @ BCHS. 5:30 pm

Friday/Saturday December 15/16:

Sr. Boys at Notre Dame - High River

Sr. Girls at Olds High School

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, December 11, 2023

- Green Team/High Hopes at lunch
- Lockdown drill

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

- WILD 15 students depart for Winter Travel
- Senior Band perform at Banff Springs Seniors Tea

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- Banff Schools Holiday Concert 5 pm and 7 pm at Jenny Belzberg Theatre

Thursday, December 14, 2023

- Student Leadership at lunch
- Suicide Awareness and Intervention Presentations - all grades

Friday, December 15, 2023

- Half day Friday - Blocks C and D - lessons end at 11:42 am
- WILD 15 students return



Upcoming Dates

- December 18 -22: Student Council's Festive Spirit Week
- 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 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](#).