

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

January 15 - 19, 2024

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

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

### **New Student Passwords**

Please note that as per our Canadian Rockies Information Security Procedures, unique student passwords will be reset in January. The best practice of changing student passwords regularly is key to keeping our network secure. Students will receive their new passwords this week. We will email families once passwords have been given to students. The current passwords will remain active until January 27, 2024 and then students will need to use their new passwords.

### **'Through the Lens' Returns to BCHS**

'Through the Lens' was a yearly program beginning in 1997 that immersed students in Canmore, Banff, and Mînî Thnî in the creative process of film photography and darkroom processes. The program unfortunately came to a close in 2017. Soloman Chiniquay and Nicolas Latulippe, both graduates from Canmore Collegiate High School & Through the Lens, in conjunction with the Whyte Museum are rebooting this notable photography program to encourage students to experiment and learn about themselves, their community, and visual communication as artistic medium. Interested students have until Wednesday, January 17 to express an interest and there are places for seven students from BCHS available. Students will need to commit to one or two sessions after school through February and March. Please contact Mme. Dafoe ([catherine.dafoe@crps.ca](mailto:catherine.dafoe@crps.ca)) for further details.

### **New SAIT dual Credit course: Baking -Introduction to Pastries**

An excellent opportunity in Semester 2 for Foods students to earn college credits and 30-level (Grade 12) credits. This course is an intense 60-hour program covering baking specifically an

introduction to pastries. Students will attend 10 full-day sessions during the semester in our new Culinary Arts Centre working with a SAIT instructor in person. Students who have expressed an interest and their parents are invited to attend a virtual meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at 4:15 pm. If a parent is interested on behalf of their child but has not received an invitation please contact [natasha.miles@crps.ca](mailto:natasha.miles@crps.ca)

## **January 2024 Exam Schedule**

The last day of classes for Semester 1 and Quarter 2 is on Thursday, January 18. There are no scheduled classes after this date until semester 2 (January 31). Students are not required to attend school on days when they do not have an exam BUT they are welcome to meet with teachers or use the school library for study during this time.

Please refer to the exam timetable published [here](#) and in the calendar. Diploma exam dates are set by the province and cannot be changed. If a student misses the set date they will need to take the exam in April or in June.

Students should arrive by 8:45 am for their exam. If they are ill, parents/guardians need to call and an arrangement can be made for an alternate exam sitting (please note that missed diploma exams are only available at the next diploma sitting in the Spring).

During the week beginning January 22 Grade 9s will have the opportunity to take part in a Career Exploration week.

Semester 2 / Quarter 3 starts on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

## **Semester 1 Textbook Return**

Students should return their textbooks to the library after their final exam for Semester 1. They need to make sure their name is written inside the front cover and that the book goes into the secure cubicle by the library clerk's desk to ensure their book is returned safely. Every year we have books that go missing because students return their friend's book by mistake (and their book isn't returned) or they leave it in a classroom hoping it will make its way to the library (and it doesn't). Missing library books are charged to a student's school fees account. Some textbooks cost close to \$100.

## **Extra Curricular News**

### **Basketball**

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

League Games Schedule:

- Wednesday, January 17: SR Boys CCHS @ BCCHS
- Thursday, January 18: JV/SR Girls CCHS @ BCCHS

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Monday, January 15, 2024**

- Green Team / High Hopes at lunch

### **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

- PE 20/30 Curling
- SAIT Baking Dual Credit program parent meeting 4:15 pm (virtual)

### **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

- PE 20/30 Curling

### **Thursday, January 18, 2024**

- Last day of classes for Semester 1 and Quarter 2
- Student Leadership at lunch

### **Friday, January 19, 2024**

- School exams start - Biology 20
- Half day Friday - staff professional development 1 - 3 pm

## **Upcoming Dates**

- 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
- February 2: report cards issued for Semester 1
- February 6: WimWe AST Level 1 presentation Grade 10
- February 9: Half day Friday A and B block
- February 9: Last day for Gr 12 course withdrawal

- February 9-10: Senior Boys Basketball Home Tournament
- **February 12: BCHS School council meeting 4:15 pm**
- February 14: Grade 9 vaccinations
- February 15: AST Level 1 Field day Grade 10
- February 16: AST Level 1 Field day Grade 10
- February 19-23: Schools closed for students

## School Calendar

[2023 - 2024 School Calendar](#)

## 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.

## 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 Fees

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

## 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**

## **International Student Program**

CRPS is looking for Canmore & Banff families to host our next incredible cohort of 50 international students arriving in August 2024! Make meaningful connections, share your different cultures, learn a new language, and build life-long memories & friendships! Commitments of 5 months and 10 months are available, with monthly remuneration provided. For more information and to apply, contact [\*\*international@crps.ca\*\*](mailto:international@crps.ca) or 403-609-6072.

[\*\*Follow this link to find out more!\*\*](#)



# 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



## 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](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](#).