

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

***Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety***

**March 4 - 8 , 2024**

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

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



### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Canmore Collegiate High School (CCHS) - March 19  
Banff Community High School (BCHS) - March 20

### CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

What does learning look like at CCHS and BCHS? From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on both evenings, teachers and student ambassadors will showcase what they have been learning in their courses in many newly designed spaces, including Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics and STEM/STEAM programs:

- ◆ Synthetic Biology
- ◆ Environmental Sustainability/Design
- ◆ Applied Design, Skills, and Technology
- ◆ Communication Technology
- ◆ Fashion Design
- ◆ Cosmetology
- ◆ Culinary Design
- ◆ MakerSpace

### 2024/25 COURSE SELECTION

As part of the events, teachers will assist students and their families navigate the next grade in high school by helping students begin their course selection for 2024/25 and offering advice. Plan to attend one of these sessions:

Canmore Collegiate High School – March 19, 2024

- ◆ 5:30-6:00 p.m. – Grade 10s (Theatre) and Grade 11s (Gym)
- ◆ 7:00-7:30 p.m. – Grade 9s (Theatre) and Grade 12s (Gym)

Banff Community High School – March 20, 2024

- ◆ 5:30-6:00 p.m. – Grade 10s (Gym) and 12s (Room 115)
- ◆ 7:00-7:30 p.m. – Grade 9s (Gym) and 11s (Room 115)



### A COMMUNITY EVENT

Bring along any family members or friends interested in celebrating student learning! Across all subject areas, teachers are expanding learning beyond the classroom with real-world applications, helping students to understand why their learning matters and how it can make a difference. As a parent of students in any grade, it's a celebration of learning you won't want to miss!

## **March is 2024 - 2025 Transition Planning Month!**

As students continue to strive for success and understanding in their Semester 2 courses, we begin to turn our attention to the next school year. There are a series of events that you should mark in your diaries and calendars that will help students make wise and informed decisions about their courses next year.

### **1. Parent - Student - Teacher Conferences**

At these conferences, teachers will talk with parents and students about their recommendations for the courses to select next year that will create a successful pathway to graduation.

Appointment booking ([Link is here](#)) will open on Monday, March 4 at 9:00 am and close on Monday, March 11 at 4:00 pm. These are the dates, times, and format.

**Wednesday March 13: 5 - 8 pm - in person appointments only**

**Thursday, March 14: 4 - 7 pm - virtual appointments only**

**Friday, March 15: 8:30 - 11:30 am - in person or virtual appointments**

Note, that there will not be telephone appointments this time around. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings with their child. For new families, you need to make an appointment with each of your child's teachers, not one appointment. More details will be sent out in a separate email.

### **2. Open House**

We welcome all families but in particular parents of students in Grades 7 and 8 to come and explore with us the broad range of learning experiences and opportunities at our Spring Open House on **Wednesday, March 20** from 6 - 7 pm.

### **3. Transition Planning Information Sessions**

Parents and students should attend this presentation on **Wednesday, March 20**, about moving into the next grade so that they can learn more about their choices in their pathway to graduation. Attend the session for the grade into which your child moves into in August 2024.

**5:30 - 6 pm: Grades 10 and 12**

**7 - 7:30 pm: Grades 9 and 11**

#### 4. Course selection

Following all these information sessions and conferences, students will be able to choose their courses for next year between **March 21 and March 28** via a Google Form (Grades 9 and 10) and PowerSchool (Grades 11 and 12).

#### Vaping: what parents need to know



**Vaping: What Parents Need to Know**

March 6th 2024  
7-8:30pm

Join AHS for a free **virtual** learning opportunity for parents on the youth vaping epidemic. Learn about the harms and risks and get ideas on how to help kids quit. Learn about vaping prevention and reduction in your child's school and community and where to go for more information.

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Interested participants can register by clicking this [link](#). If you are not able to join the live session on March 6, you can still register as it will be recorded and you will have access to the session afterward.



# A Year to Remember

Get excited. Get inspired.  
Get ready for grad pictures.

**Prestige**  
Photography by Lifetouch

## You only graduate once, your grad pictures matter.

As a part of the Lifetouch + Shutterfly family, Prestige Photography by Lifetouch is excited to help you celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event!

**Step 1**  
Review your photo session options here and select your favourite.

**Step 2**  
Visit [prestigeportraits.ca](https://prestigeportraits.ca) to schedule the session that is right for you.

**Step 3**  
Come prepared! Be sure to bring multiple outfits and props to your session.

**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT:**

### Banff Community High School

Grad Photo Dates: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
Photo Location: School

Notes: Please come to your session 15 minutes prior to start time.

[prestigeportraits.ca](https://prestigeportraits.ca)

If you have any questions regarding booking an appointment or what to expect please contact us:  
780-437-2431

## Grad Photos

Grad photo sittings can be booked now for **March 12 - 15** ([Link to book sitting](#)) \*\* All grads need to book a sitting for our yearbook and class portraits. A basic sitting does NOT have a fee.

## Extra Curricular News

### Basketball

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

**Rugby practices have started and badminton starts soon.** Note the tabs at the bottom of the sheet to scroll through the upcoming weeks, as basketball and rugby practices vie for gym space.

## League Games Schedule

Tuesday, March 5: Playoff game Didsbury vs. BCHS @ 4:30 pm

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, March 4, 2024

- WimWE cross-country ski trip 10A
- SAIT baking course session 3

### Tuesday, March 5, 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- WimWe cross-country ski trip 10B

### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

- Teacher support at lunch

### Thursday, March 7, 2024

- School leadership council at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- PE 10 Snowshoe at Sherbrooke Lake all day

### Friday, March 8, 2024

- Full day Friday
- Knowledge Keepers visit BCHS - Humanities 10 and Student Leadership Council

## Upcoming Dates

- March 11: SAIT Baking course session 4
- March 13 - 15: Parent- Student - Teacher conferences
- March 15: SAIT baking course session 5
- March 15: No classes for students
- March 18: School council
- March 18: SAIT baking course session 6
- March 18: CRPS Public School Board meeting at Exshaw School
- **NEW DATE March 20: Open House and Transitions Evening**
- March 25 - 29: March Madness Week
- March 27: March Madness Iron Chef
- March 27: CRPS Student Employment Hiring Fair

- March 28: Last day before Spring Break
- March 28: Awards Assembly #2
- Friday, March 29 - Sunday, April 14: Spring Break

## **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**

Basketball and semester 2 option fees (if course changes were made) are now on Parent Portal ready for payment. Details for payment options are available [here](#).

## **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** or 403-609-6072.

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





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**(Fall 2024)**

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a lifetime of benefits**

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Visit: [www.crps.ca](http://www.crps.ca)



**INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENT PROGRAM**  
BANFF - CANMORE - ALBERTA

## 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 February 21 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](#).