

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

March 18 - 22, 2024

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

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



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 Transition Planning Month Continues

Open House

Wednesday, March 20 from 6 - 7 pm

All families and students are welcome to our March Open House to see how the year is progressing and explore course choices for the year ahead. We also hope that parents of students in Grades 7 and 8 will come and explore with us the broad range of learning experiences and opportunities.

Transition Planning Information Sessions

Wednesday, March 20 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Parents and students should attend these presentations about moving into the next grade so that they can learn more about their course choices and how it influences their pathway to graduation. Attend the session for the grade into which your child moves to in August 2024.

- **5:30 - 6 pm: Grades 10 and 12**
- **7 - 7:30 pm: Grades 9 and 11**

Course selection

March 21 - 28, 2024

Following these information sessions, 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) or PowerSchool (Grades 11 and 12). Students will have a quick overview of the forms and how to make their selections; then we encourage students and parents to complete the forms together. Forms are due by **Thursday, March 28**.

Why is the school's flag at half mast?

Ever wondered why the school's flag is sometimes flown at half mast? From time to time when a prominent Canadian has passed away or a tragedy has occurred leading to the sudden deaths of many Canadians, the Government of Alberta directs all public buildings to fly their flag at half mast. Currently, our flag is at half mast to recognize the passing of the late Right Honourable Martin Brian Mulroney, former prime minister of Canada.

Extra Curricular News

Basketball

A HUGE congratulations to all of our basketball teams who wrapped up the season with the Zone Championships last weekend. In particular a special shout out to our SR girls and JV boys, who both finished third overall and brought home the hardware. Congrats as well to our Grade 12s who will be hanging up the Jordans following their last high school basketball games; best of luck to those who will continue to pursue basketball outside of high school.

Rugby

Please see the attached [BCHS practice schedule](#) for a list of all practice times. Note the tabs at the bottom of the sheet to scroll through the upcoming weeks, as badminton and rugby practices vie for gym space.

Badminton

Badminton practices are in full swing: Mon. and Fri. from 3:30 to 5:30 pm and Wed from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

44 players signed up for the intramural Badminton Doubles tournament which continues this week.

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 18, 2024

- SAIT baking course session 6
- School Council Meeting - 4:15 pm - Introduction of the School Education Plan (SEP)
- **CRPS Public Board meeting at Exshaw School - 7 pm**

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- PE 10 classes go curling
- Community Helpers presentation to all classes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- **Open House - 6 - 7 pm**
- Grade 10/12 Transitions Presentations - 5:30 - 6 pm
- Grade 9/11 Transitions Presentations - 7 - 7:30 pm
- PE 10 classes go curling
- James Fowler High School Band visit Gr 9 Band

Thursday, March 21, 2024

- School leadership council at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- Course selection forms out to students - **due by March 28**
- PE 10 classes go curling

Friday, March 22, 2024

- Full day Friday
- Grade 8 BES students visit 1:20 - 2:40 pm

Upcoming Dates

- 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](#).

If you ordered Hoodies or Crew Necks, those fees are also now ready for payment. Please contact the office at 403-762-4411 to pay.

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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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). 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](#).