

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

September 3rd - 6th 2024

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

Hike Day

Hike Day is an important tradition in our school. Our students get to hike some amazing trails in Banff National Park, mix with students from all grades, and get to know the school staff better. They also build up their confidence in the mountains. This year we will be doing our school-wide hike day a little earlier with the hope of getting ahead of the snow. Hike day is **September 10th (reserve day 12th)**.

Students will choose their hike this week and will come home with a consent form for parents/guardians to sign. We would love to have parents or guardians come with us to help with supervision. If you are interested in helping support this tradition please contact Ms Miles (natasha.miles@crps.ca). 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. For the two hikes that will be in BC (Stanley Glacier and Paint Pots/Marble Canyon) there will be a virtual meeting for parents to attend. More details to follow next week.

SAIT Dual Credit Introduction to Baking Course

This course returns to BCHS in Semester 1, starting on **September 11th**. It is open to all students in Grades 11 and 12 regardless of whether or not they are taking Foods this semester. The course is taught by an instructor from SAIT and successful completion earns students five credits at the 30 level (Grade 12) and 3 credits at SAIT. If your child is interested, please ask them to contact Ms Miles before **Wednesday, September 4**.

Teacher Support

Assignment completion is a work habit and skill that we hope all students develop as they pass through high school. However, for some students, they need a little more help with their independent work habits. Teacher support sessions run over lunchtime on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**. These sessions are for students who are not completing assignments by the deadlines set by their teachers or for students who have missed a test due to an absence.

Parents will be informed by the teacher that the student has missed a deadline and will be required to attend a homework support session in the library at lunchtime. Students will need to bring their lunch with them.

Parent Information Sessions- Advance Notice

Mark these important dates on your calendar:

- **Grade 9 Parents**
Information Meeting on Outcomes Based Assessment
Wednesday, September 11th at 7pm in the gym
 - This session will provide parents with a clear explanation of the method used in CRPS high schools this year to assess student learning in Grade 9, and how parents can follow their child's progress through PowerSchool.

- **Grade 12 Parents and Students**
Information Meeting on Graduation and Post Secondary Planning
Monday, September 16th at 7pm in the gym
 - This session will provide parents and students with information and advice on how the pathway to graduation is set up, tips on how to apply for post secondary education, scholarship applications, and details about our school's Graduation Ceremony.

- **School Council**
Monday, September 9th at 4.15pm in the school library
 - We would love to see new parents at this important meeting! School Council looks at ways to support student activities and education throughout the year.

Extra Curricular News

Volleyball

Girls volleyball tryouts will be held on Tuesday, September 3, Wednesday, September 4, and Thursday, September 5 from 3:30 - 5:00pm.

Boys volleyball tryouts will be held on Tuesday, September 3 and Thursday, September 5 from 5:00 - 7:00pm

Golf

Any students interested in competing on the senior high golf team this year, should talk to Ms. Haugan as soon as possible.

Cross Country Running

Practices will start in 2 weeks. Any student interested should talk to Mr. Strand .

Green Team/High Hopes

Ms. Russow is looking for students who are interested in environmental causes and/or helping others grow their leadership qualities. Interested students should attend the meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at the beginning of lunch.

Band

Mr. Sand is currently asking students for feedback about after school extra-curricular music activities. He is keen to know if students would like a guitar club, jazz band, or rock band. If your child is interested, please encourage them to speak to Mr. Sand with their ideas.

Volunteers 2024-2054

All volunteers need to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check with the RCMP every 12 months. This usually only takes a few days - contact Renee Husdal, in the office for more details and a form. We need extra supervision for field trips, coaches for teams, and other extracurricular activities throughout the year.

School Fees

School fees are not yet finalized. Payment options and details will be provided when fees are assessed.

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 2nd 2024

- Labour Day - no school

Tuesday, September 3rd 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- Hike day presentations Block A
- Fire drill #1
- Toast Breakfast starts
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Girls volleyball tryouts 3:30-5:00pm
- Boys volleyball tryouts 5-7pm

Wednesday, September 4th 2024

- Student leadership council meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- SAIT Dual Credit Baking course registration closes
- Girls volleyball tryouts 3:30-5:00pm

Thursday, September 5th 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- Girls volleyball tryouts 3:30-5:00pm
- Boys volleyball tryouts 5-7pm

Friday, September 6th 2024

- Full day Friday
- Hike day meetings Block B
- Last day for Grade 12s to change or drop courses

Upcoming Dates

- Sept 9: School Council - 4.15pm
- Sept 10: Hike Day
- Sept 11; Grade 9 Parent meeting Outcomes Based Assessment 7pm
- Sept 11: SAIT Baking course session #1
- Sept 12: Hike Day reserve
- Sept 16: Grade 12 Parent and students graduation and post secondary meeting
- Sept 17: SAIT Baking course session #2
- Sept 17: Knowledge Keepers visit Humanities 10
- Sept 19: Skills Alberta presentation Grade 9
- Sept 23: Truth and Reconciliation Week
- Sept 23: Visit to SAIT for apprenticeship day open house for Grade 9
- Sept 24: SAIT Baking course #3
- Sept 24: CRPS Trustees Public Board meeting 7pm

- Sept 27: Terry Fox Run
- Sept 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - no school

News

Get ready for Town of Banff's fall & winter drop-in sessions:

Renew your Pauw Pass

Fall and winter drop-in sports, fitness, skating, and motoring munchkin sessions kick-off in October. Banff residents need to renew their annual Pauw Pass (formerly Banff Activity Pass) to access the great sports, fitness, swimming, Mountain Adventure programs, and social sessions offered. Passes can be renewed in-person at The Fenlands 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. daily. **Annual passes are free for Banff residents aged 0 – 25 and \$10 for residents age 26+.** For a quicker renewal, bring your current membership card. After your card is renewed, you'll be able to skip the lines at your first drop-in session! Learn more at banff.ca/Dropln.

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information and newsletter [Click Here](#).

Follow the [link](#) to view the 'The Brief'; highlights from the August 28 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.
- Grade 10-12 students can access their official Alberta Education transcript of marks through a myPass account (myPass.alberta.ca). Grade 10 marks will start to appear after the first semester.
- The 2024/2025 Student / Parent Handbook is available on our [home page](#). Do have a look as it contains a lot of important information about how our school operates, our expectations, our celebrations of student success and dates for the whole year including diploma exams.

Social Media

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:



Website;

bchs.crps.ca

Bear Celebrations

If you have a BCHS Celebration that you would like to share with our community, please email natasha.miles@crps.ca.

Please feel free to contact the Principal, Natasha Miles (natasha.miles@crps.ca) with feedback or suggestions or use our feedback [link here](#).