

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

**September 9th - 13th 2024**

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

### Hike Day

Hike Day is on **Tuesday, September 10th** and students have attended meetings regarding their chosen hike. Your child should have brought home the consent form to be signed; the form needs to be returned to the school by Monday at the latest. **No consent form means no hike; a telephone call on Tuesday morning does not suffice.** The weather is looking great for Tuesday so we are hopeful that we won't have to postpone until Thursday the 12th. If a student is hiking the two hikes that will be in British Columbia (Stanley Glacier or Paint Pots/Marble Canyon) parents should attend a virtual Google Meet on **Monday, September 9th at 5:30pm** using this [link](#)

### School Council

The first meeting of the year is on **Monday, September 9th at 4:15pm** in the school library. We would love to see new parents at this important meeting so we can work together to support student activities throughout the year. There will be a casino fundraiser early in 2025 which we will be looking for parents to volunteer at. Parents can join the meeting through this [virtual link](#).

### Grade 9 Parents Information Meeting on Outcomes Based Assessment

All Grade 9 parents are invited to attend an important information session on **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.

## Teacher Support

Assignment completion is a work habit and skill that we hope all students develop as they pass through high school. However, some students need a little more support with being independent in their work habits. Teacher support sessions run over lunchtime on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**. These sessions are for students who do not complete assignments by deadlines or who miss a test due to an absence. Parents will be informed by the teacher that the student has missed a deadline and they will be required to attend a homework support session in the library at lunchtime. Students will need to bring their lunch with them.

## Grade 12 Parents and Students Information Session - Advance Notice

There will be an information meeting on graduation and post-secondary planning on **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 in June 2025 works, tips on how to apply for post-secondary education and scholarships, and details about our school's Graduation Ceremony.

## Annual Demographic Update

Parents and guardians have now received notification that the annual demographic information about their child needs to be updated. Please fill it out and submit it as soon as possible. The school needs to have accurate information on home addresses, guardianship, emergency contacts, and medical alerts.

The form also asks for walking field trip consent: this question refers to times when a class is going to visit somewhere in the Town of Banff. Some examples are: a PE class getting ready for the annual Turkey Trot run, a Humanities class visiting the cemetery near Remembrance Day, or a Foods class buying groceries for their next lab. If consent is not provided, then the student will remain in school without their class. We hope that all students can take part in these low-risk off site activities. Contact the office if you have any questions, concerns, or problems getting into your Parent Portal account.

## Extra Curricular News

### Athletics

#### **Volleyball:**

Practices this upcoming week:

- SR Girls: Monday from 5-7:00 pm and Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 pm
- SR and JV Boys: Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00-7:00 pm
- JV Girls: Monday from 5:30-7:00 and Thursday from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JR Girls: Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JR Boys: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Golf:**

All students in grades 10-12 that are interested in competing on our school's golf team need to express their interest to Ms. Haugan by **Monday, September 9th**. The Zone competition will take place on Monday, September 16th.

### **Cross Country Running:**

Our cross country running team will start their practices on **Wednesday, September 11th** at 3:30 pm. Speak with Mr. Strand (rm 202) to sign up for the team.

### **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. Throughout the year we need volunteers for field trips, as coaches for teams, and other extracurricular activities.

## **School Fees**

School fees are not yet finalised; however they will start to appear on Parent Portal as we work on the fees. Payment options and details will be provided when invoiced.

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Monday, September 9th 2024**

- School council meeting - 4:15pm
- BC Hike information meeting - 5:30pm
- JR Girls VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JV Girls VBall practice from 5:30-7:00 pm
- SR Girls VBall practice from 5:00-7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, September 10th 2024**

- Hike Day
- JR Boys VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JV & SR Boys VBall practice from 5:00-7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, September 11th 2024**

- SAIT Baking course #1
- Teacher support at lunch
- JR & SR Girls VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- Cross Country practice - 3:30pm
- Grade 9 Parent Information Meeting on Outcomes Based Assessment - 7pm

### **Thursday, September 12th 2024**

- Hike Day - reserve
- JR Boys VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JV Girls VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JV & SR Boys VBall practice from 5:00-7:00 pm

### **Friday, September 13th 2024**

- Full day Friday

### **Upcoming Dates**

- 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

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

Follow the [link](#) to view the highlights in The Brief from the August CRPS 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](https://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.
- Please click this link for the [2024 - 2025 School Calendar](#)

## 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

## Bear Celebrations

If you have a BCHS Celebration that you would like to share with our community, please email [natasha.miles@crps.ca](mailto:natasha.miles@crps.ca).