

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

October 7 - 11th 2024

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

Honours Society Awards Night - Banff Springs Hotel

Please join us for our annual Honours Society Awards night at the Banff Springs Theatre starting at **7:00 pm** on **Thursday, October 10**. We hope parents and students will join us in celebrating the academic achievements of our BCHS students. Big thank you to the Fairmont Banff Springs for providing the space for this celebration!



51st Annual Turkey Trot

Friday, October 11 will mark the 51st running of the BCHS Turkey Trot! If you are out and about between the hours of **11:00am** to **12:00pm**, watch for our BCHS students running through the community vying to win bragging rights as the 2024 Turkey Trot champion, and of course, a free turkey!! Click [HERE](#) to see the modified bell schedule for the day to accommodate this event.

Grade 10 WimWe Wilderness Experience - C-Level Cirque Hike

Thanks to the generous support of the Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation, all our grade 10 students have the opportunity to participate in unique outdoor experiences throughout the year, including hiking, avalanche safety training, cross-country skiing, and voyageur canoeing. The first activity is a hike on the C-Level Cirque trail near Upper Bankhead. The **10-A** class will go on **Monday, October 7** and the **10-B** class will go on **Thursday, October 10**. If your child is going on these hikes please make sure they come with all the gear listed below.

WimWE Hiking Gear list

Please bring all of the following items for each day of the program. It is important for the comfort, safety, and enjoyment of the entire group that all participants are outfitted appropriately.

Clothing:

- Gloves or mitts
- Toque (warm hat)
- Sunhat
- Pants:
 - ~Hiking/quick dry pants (no cotton or jeans please)
 - ~Waterproof outer layer: rain pants
- Tops:
 - ~Base layer: long underwear top (not cotton)
 - ~insulating layers: fleece, polyester (not cotton), and/or down
 - ~Waterproof outer layer: rain jacket

Outdoor Gear:

- Day pack (30 L)
- 1 Liter Water bottle filled (minimum 1L please)
- light hiking boots or hiking shoes (NO sandals or slip-on shoes ie. Vans)
- hearty lunch and snacks

Personal Items:

- Personal Medications
- Lip Balm
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses

SkiBig3 Scholarship

SkiBig3 is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a BCHS student who performs well both athletically in an Alpine or Nordic sport, and academically throughout the school year. If you are competing in

Nordic, Alpine, or Snowboard; or if you are currently employed at one of the SkiBig3 resorts, you may be eligible for this award. Please click [HERE](#) for a complete description of the award and how to apply.

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, who miss a test due to an absence, AND also for students who would like additional support. Students will need to bring their lunch with them.

Annual Demographic Update

The annual demographic form is now **overdue**. 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.

Extra Curricular News

Athletics

Volleyball:

Practices this upcoming week:

- SR Girls: Monday from 5-6:30 pm and Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 pm
- SR Boys: Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00-7:00 pm
- JV Girls: Monday from 5:00-6:30 pm and Thursday from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JR Girls: Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JR & JV Boys: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 pm

Games this upcoming week:

- Tues. Oct. 8 - JR Girls @ CCHS from 3:30-5:30 pm
- Tues. Oct. 8 - JV Girls @ CCHS from 5:30-7:15 pm
- Wed. Oct. 9 - SR Girls vs CCHS @ BCHS from 5:15-7:30 pm
- Wed. Oct. 9 - JR Boys @ CCHS from 3:30-5:30 pm

Cross Country Running:

Our cross country team practices are on Wednesdays starting at 3:30 pm. The Zone Championship meet is on Wed. October 9 @ Oilfields High School.

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, October 7th 2024

- School Council AGM - 4:15 pm in the library
- Wim We Hike Day 10A
- Pride Flag raising
- JR Girls VBall Practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- SR Girls VBall Practice from 5:00-7:00 pm
- JV Girls VBall Practice from 5:30-7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 8th 2024

- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- SAIT baking course #5
- JR Girls VBall game @ CCHS from 3:30-5:30 pm
- JV Girls VBall game @ CCHS from 5:30-7:15 pm
- JR & JV Boys VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- SR Boys VBall practice from 5:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 9th 2024

- Teacher support at lunch

- Student Leadership meeting at lunch
- JR Girls VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- SR Girls VBall Game vs CCHS @ BCHS from 5:15-7:30 pm
- JR Boys VBall Game @ CCHS from 3:30-5:30 pm
- Cross Country Running Zones @ Diamond Valley, AB

Thursday, October 10th 2024

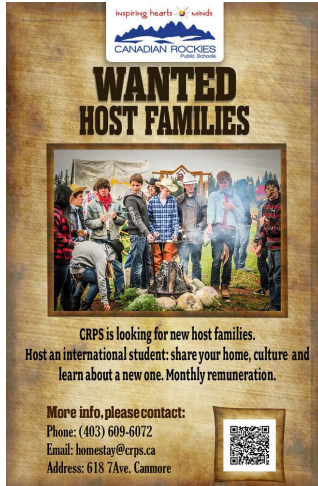
- Teacher support at lunch
- Grad committee meeting at lunch
- Honours Society evening @ Banff Springs - 7:00 pm
- Wim We Hike Day 10B
- JR Boys VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JV Girls VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- SR & JV Boys VBall practice from 5:00-7:00 pm

Friday, October 11th 2024

- Turkey Trot - Click [HERE](#) for the modified schedule

Upcoming Dates

- Oct 14: Thanksgiving - no school
- Oct 15: SAIT baking course #6
- Oct 16: Photo retake day
- Oct 18: SR Girls Vball Home Tournament
- Oct 18: Out of Province Post Secondary Fair @ CCHS
- Oct 18: Half Day Friday A and B Block
- Oct. 19 (Sat.): SAIT - Open House
- Oct. 25: ELAA Post Secondary fair @ BCHS
- Oct. 25/26: SR Boys VBall Home Tournament
- Oct. 25/26: JV Girls VBall @ Strathmore
- Oct. 28: Halloween Student Council Spirit Week starts
- Oct. 29: SAIT baking course #7
- Oct. 30: Quarter 1 ends
- Oct. 31: Quarter 2 begins (new option courses for Gr. 9 students)
- Nov. 1/2: SR Boys VBall @ Strathmore Tournament
- Nov. 1: Half Day - Blocks C & D - Classes end at 11:42 am



Host Families Needed for International Students!

The CRPS International Student Program is looking for local Bow Valley families to join our Homestay Program from Feb-June 2025. Being a host family is a truly meaningful experience for all involved as you share culture, language, activities, and memories that will last a lifetime. Please check out the [Homestay Website](#) where you will find all the information you need about hosting a student including a link to the [Homestay Application](#).

Scholarship Opportunities

Loran Scholars [Apply here BEFORE Oct 15th](#)

This year, 36 Loran Awards will be offered to university-bound students from across Canada who demonstrate strength of character, a deep commitment to service, and intrinsic leadership potential.

The only scholarship of its kind in Canada, the Loran Award offers a four-year leadership-enrichment program, financial support for undergrad, diverse opportunities for experiential learning, and a long-term supportive community of peers and mentors, renewable over four years of university undergraduate studies.

In addition to the 36 Loran Awards, Loran Scholars will grant more than \$400,000 in additional one-time awards to 54 Loran Finalists and 70 Loran Provincial & Territorial recipients.

Applications close Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. ET.

News

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

Follow the [link](#) to view the highlights in The Brief from the September 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). 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 darren.anderson@crps.ca.