

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

October 14th - 18th 2024

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

Outcomes Based Assessment @ BCHS

Please go to our [blog](#) for information on what assessment and reporting will look like for your grade 9 child this year. Parents will find the presentation that was shared with grade 9 parents on September 11 as well as a two-page Outcome-Based Assessment Summary.

CRPS Wellness Symposium

Ten BCHS students will participate in the CRPS Wellness Symposium on **Wednesday, October 16**. This is an opportunity for student leaders from grades 7 through 12 to come together and work collectively towards a Healthy School Certification. Teams will be working with EverActive Schools to identify priorities and develop action plans that will help the whole school promote health and well-being.

Out of Province Post-secondary Fair

Students will attend an Out of Province Fair (OOP) for post-secondary educational institutions and other post-secondary career options at Canmore Collegiate High School on **October 18** from 9:00-11:00 am. Our students will travel by school bus from BCHS departing at 8:30 am and returning around 11:00 am.

Professional Art Exhibit on display

October 9 - November 10, 2024

Thanks to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition program (TREX), a collection of 19 printmaking artworks by northern Alberta artist Carolyn Gerk are on display in our stairwell gallery. "Otherhood" explores folklore, legend, and storytelling featuring feminine figures such as banshees, Baba Yaga, the Sphinx, Medusa, and Kuchisake-Onna. Often printed on handmade paper, the artist explores the theme of the monstrous woman. Just in time for Halloween, this collection is on display thanks to the efforts of Dean Dickson, who prepared the artwork for hanging. If you would like to view the prints, please come by the school Monday - Friday between 8:30 am - 3:30 pm and sign in at the main office.

51st Annual Turkey Trot Results

This year's Turkey Trot saw some blistering fast times! Below is a list of our Top Male and Female students from each grade. Shout out to Mr. Strand who had the fastest time overall at 8 minutes, 52 seconds. It was an epic battle between Mr. Strand and grade 12 student Tobias Breymann for top spot overall.

Marika Laub Memorial Award - Top Overall Male & Female

- Tobias Breymann (Gr 12) - 9:12
- Lily Ichikawa (Gr 9) - 11:00

Grade 9

- Top Male - Masato Takano - 9:34
- Top Female - Lily Ichikawa - 11:00

Grade 10

- Top Male - Richard Purcell - 9:47
- Top Female - Alexis Day - 12:08

Grade 11

- Top Male - Turner Hughes - 10:21
- Top Female - Stella Geestman - 14:43

Grade 12

- Top Male - Tobias Breymann - 9:12
- Top Female - Vendula Haladova - 11:12

OPEN Category (fastest time of all non-grade winners)

- Hiroto Morikawa (Gr 9) - 9:36

We would like to thank **IGA** for providing turkeys for all our Grade level winners. They continue to be a huge supporter of this event along with the following list of other community supporters who donated draw prizes for our students:

- Monod's,
- The Vanderlee's,
- McDonald's,
- Cows,
- The Fudgery,
- Westrock,
- Edo Restaurant.

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 4:30-7:00 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. 15 - JV Boys @ CCHS from 3:30-5:30 pm
- Tues. Oct. 16 - JR Girls vs OLS @ BCCHS from 3:30-5:30 pm
- Wed. Oct. 17 - SR Boys vs OLS @ BCCHS from 5:15-7:00 pm
- Fri. Oct. 18 & Sat. Oct. 19 - SR Girls Home Tournament
- Sat. Oct. 19 - JR Girls & Boys @ Volleydome (Calgary)

Cross Country Running:

Congratulations to Tobias Breyman who placed 3rd in the Zones competition!

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 will start appearing on Parent Portal late next week. You can find a list of fees [here](#).

Debit or credit card payments can be made online through your Parent Portal. Please [click here](#) for instructions on how to make a payment using [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

The Week Ahead

Monday, October 14th 2024

- Thanksgiving - no school

Tuesday, October 15th 2024

- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- SAIT baking course #6
- JV Boys VBall game @ CCHS from 3:30-5:30 pm
- JR Boys VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- SR Boys VBall practice from 4:30-7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 16th 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- Photo retake day
- Student Wellness Symposium
- Student Leadership meeting at lunch
- Biology 20 Field Trip 8:30-3:20
- JR Girls VBall game vs OLS @ BCHS from 3:30-5:00 pm
- SR Girls VBall practice from 5:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, October 17th 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- Grad committee meeting at lunch
- JR & JV Boys VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- JV Girls VBall practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- SR & JV Boys VBall game vs OLS @ BCHS from 5:15-7:00 pm

Friday, October 18th 2024

- Half Day Friday - A & B block
- OOP Fair at CCHS
- SR Girls Volleyball Home Tournament

Saturday, October 19th 2024

- SAIT - Open House from 10am-3pm. Register [here](#).

Upcoming Dates

- 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: Half Day - Blocks C & D - Classes end at 11:42 am
- Nov. 1/2: SR Boys VBall @ Strathmore Tournament
- Nov. 1/2: JV Boys VBall Tournament @ Brooks
- Nov. 2: JR Girls VBall Home Tournament
- Nov. 4: School Council meeting - 4:15 pm in the BCHS Library
- Nov. 5: SAIT baking course #8
- Nov. 6: Parent Student Teacher Conferences - 5:00-8:00 pm
- Nov. 7: Parent Student Teacher Conferences - 4:00-7:00 pm
- Nov. 7: Remembrance Day assembly - [Modified timetable](#)
- Nov. 8: Parent Student Teacher Conferences - 8:30-11:30 am - No Classes for students



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 October 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.