THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

November 4th - 8th 2024

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

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences - November 6/7/8

We are excited to host our BCHS families for Parent/Student/Teacher conferences next week. These conferences provide an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss progress, goals, and support in all their courses.

You can find more information on how to book an appointment <u>HERE</u>. If you still need to book appointments with teachers, our online booking system will remain open until **4:00 pm** on **Monday, November 4**. Please contact the main office if you need to add or change any appointments after the online system closes (403-762-4411 or bchs.info@crps.ca).

We strongly encourage students to come with their parents in order for everyone to have a productive conversation and be part of the plans for moving forward. Conferences will be either in person, or virtual but please note the different dates these types are available:

- Wed. Nov. 6: 5:00-8:00 pm In-Person only
- Thurs. Nov. 7: 4:00-7:00 pm Virtual only
- Fri. Nov. 8: 8:30 am 12:00 pm Hybrid (In-person or Virtual)

Parents can access information about their child's progress through Powerschool. Click **HERE** to log into PowerSchool.

Outcomes Based Assessment for Grade 9s

We will run a Grade 9 PowerSchool and Outcomes-Based Assessment Parent Information night on **November 4** at **7:00 pm** in the library to help parents understand what PowerSchool in an Outcomes-based environment will look like. All are welcome.

If you are unable to attend but still have questions about Grade 9 assessment, 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 Sept 11 as well as a two-page **Outcome-Based Assessment Summary**.

Halloween Spirit Week @ BCHS!

Throughout this past week our Student Leadership group planned and organized activities such as daily dress-up themes and a pumpkin carving contest. The events culminated with a school-wide costume parade on October 31. Check out these photos of some of the fun.

















Remembrance Day Assembly - Thursday, Nov. 7

This year's Remembrance Day assembly will take place at 11:00 am on Thursday, Nov. 7. We will be using our <u>modified timetable</u> for the day to accommodate the assembly. Our Student Leadership group will plan and lead the ceremony that will engage and lead our students and guests in thoughtful reflection on the brave people who have lost their lives in service to our country.



School Council Meeting - Monday, Nov. 4 @ 4:15pm

School Council meetings are an excellent way to learn more about our school community and have a say in developing the best learning environment for your child. We encourage parents to attend our next School Council meeting on **Monday**, **Nov. 4** at **4:15pm** in the BCHS Library. We would love to see you in-person but you can also join virtually by clicking <u>HERE</u>. We hope to see some new and familiar faces on Monday!!



Caribou Kids Norquay Pass Offer

Banff school students will enjoy free skiing again this winter. Now in its 18th year, Banff Lodging Co and Banff Mount Norquay are happy to offer the Caribou Kids Season Pass program for students enrolled at Banff schools.

NEW this year; you can book your student pass directly online via this <u>link</u>.

- Participants will pay an administrative fee of \$25 plus GST
- All pass bookings will be cross-referenced with the School student list
- Once your pass has been purchased, you will receive a link to the waiver to be completed prior to collecting the pass
- All questions and payments can be directed to Banff Mount Norquay

Click **here** for a letter from Banff Lodging Co and Banff Mount Norquay.

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, <u>AND</u> also for students who would like additional support. Students will need to bring their lunch with them.

Extra Curricular News

Athletics

Volleyball:

Practices this upcoming week:

- SR Girls: Monday 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

Volleyball Games this upcoming week:

- Tuesday Nov. 5 JR boys @ CCHS from 3:30-5:30 pm
- Thursday Nov. 7 JV girls @Okotoks for Regionals
- Friday/Saturday Nov. 8/9 JR boys Zone Championship Tournament in Strathmore
- Friday/Saturday Nov. 8/9 JR girls Zone Championship Tournament in Strathmore
- Saturday Nov. 9 SR girls Regional Playoffs in Oilfields

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

You can find a listing of fees here.

School fees can be paid online through the <u>PowerSchool Parent Portal</u>. Once you sign on, under "Navigation," click "Student Fees."

Please <u>click here</u> for instructions on how to make a payment using <u>PowerSchool Parent</u> <u>Portal</u>.

Debit or credit card payments can be made online through your Parent Portal.

If you wish to pay by cheque, cash, or tap & pay, you can do so through the BCHS Main Office.

In cases of financial hardship, please email Renee Husdal for a "Fee Waiver Form" or call her at 403-762-4411.

The Week Ahead

Monday, November 4th 2024

- School Council Meeting 4:15pm in the library
- Outcomes based assessment grade 9 parent meeting at 7:00pm in library
- JR girls volleyball practice from 3:30-5:00 pm
- SR girls volleyball practice from 5:00-7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 5th 2024

- SAIT baking course #8
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- JR Boys volleyball game @ CCHS from 3:30-5:30 pm
- JV & SR Boys volleyball practice from 5:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 6th 2024

- Parent/Teacher/Student conferences In-Person 5:00-8:00 pm
- Teacher support at lunch
- Student Leadership meeting at lunch room 115
- JR & JV Girls volleyball practice from 3:30-5:00

Thursday, November 7th 2024

- Parent/Teacher/Student conferences Virtual 4:00-7:00 pm
- Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am Modified Timetable today
- Teacher support at lunch
- Grad committee meeting at lunch in room 115.
- JR & JV Boys volleyball practice from 5:00-7:00 pm

• JV Girls volleyball regionals @Okotoks

Friday, November 8th 2024

- Parent/Teacher/Student conferences In-Person & Virtual 8:30am-12:00pm
- No school for students today
- JV Girls and Boys volleyball zones at Strathmore

Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 11: Remembrance Day No School
- Nov. 12: SAIT Baking Course #9
- Nov. 12: Avalanche Training Presentation Gr. 9s
- Nov. 15/16: Boys and Girls SR and JV Volleyball teams Zone Competition
- Nov. 19: SAIT Baking Course # 10
- Nov. 25: ELAA Post Secondary Fair @ BCHS 9:00-11:00 am
- Nov. 26: CRPS Public School Board Meeting @ BES 7:00 pm
- Nov. 27: Awards Assembly 11:00 am Modified Timetable today
- Nov. 29: Half Day Friday: A & B Blocks
- Nov. 29: Sr Boys Basketball Tournament @ Canmore Collegiate



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.

Banff Public Library Math/Science Tutoring

The <u>Banff Public Library</u> is offering **FREE** Math & Science tutoring sessions for students from grades 1-12. No pre-registration is required, just drop in from 5:45-6:45pm on the following dates:

- Monday Nov. 4
- Wednesday Nov. 13
- Monday Nov. 25
- Monday Dec. 2
- Monday Dec. 9
- Monday Dec. 16

News

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information and October newsletter Click Here.

Follow the <u>link</u> to view the highlights in The Brief from the October 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 <u>click here</u>. 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 (<u>myPass.alberta.ca</u>). 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.