

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

November 11th - 15th 2024

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

Thanks to Parents for Attending Parent Student Teacher Conferences!

Big thanks to all parents and students who joined us for Parent Student Teacher conferences last week. Whether in person or via Google Meet, these valuable face-to-face conversations are essential in supporting your child's learning progress and growth. If you were unable to book a meeting please reach out to your child's teacher via email to arrange a time outside of school hours to connect for a conversation.

Information for Parents - Navigating PowerSchool

BCHS Acting Principal, Darren Anderson and CRPS District Principal, Hans Holthius, presented parent information sessions last week at BCHS and CCHS on how to navigate PowerSchool. The sessions focused on how to see crucial information about your child's progress including current marks, progress toward learner outcomes, and assignment completion. If you missed the session you can access the slide show that was presented using this [link](#).

ELAA Post-Secondary Fair, November 25 from 9-10:30am

Parents are welcome to join students for the Educational Liaison Association of Alberta's Post Secondary Fair for Provincial Schools. This event will be held in the gym. All students will have the opportunity to interact with representatives from post secondary institutions from across Alberta and ask questions about future career options. Parents wishing to attend should sign in at the main office upon your arrival.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Thursday, November 7 our school came together to reflect on the sacrifices made by members of the Canadian Armed Forces during our Remembrance Day ceremony. Students Finn McKenna and Tobias Breymann, who are members of our Grad Committee, did an amazing job as MCs. The student driven ceremony also included performances from the school band led by Mr. Brian Sand.



Grad Families - Important Fundraisers Coming Up!

Our annual silent auction fundraiser has been booked and will take place on **Tuesday November 26th**, beginning at **6:30pm** at **The Balkan**. It includes a four course dinner, entertainment and of course the silent auction. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Tickets can be ordered through [Parent Portal or online as a guest](#) starting November 9. We have 104 tickets to sell. Please note that this event is not meant for grads or anyone under 18 years old to attend. This is a great pre-holiday season event where you can connect and/or reconnect with other grad parents and locals. We look forward to seeing you there!

As well our Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser has kicked off. Please share this link with anyone you think may be interested. Many people love to get all their holiday chocolate shopping done through this fundraiser, so please be sure to spread the word! Here is the [link](#).

Orders will be delivered to the school for pick up before the holiday break.

If you have any questions please email kristen.wiggins@crps.ca and/or monica.bulas@crps.ca



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 [link](#).

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

Extra Curricular News

Athletics

Payment for Volleyball Athletic Fees

With the volleyball season wrapping up in the next couple of weeks, it is important that fees are paid prior to student athletes travelling to Zone Championships. JR High Boys and Girls volleyball fees are due now as those teams are travelling to zones on November 8/9. SR and JV Boys and Girls fees are due prior to November 15/16. You can pay fees through [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). You will see the icon for school fees on the left side of the page after you log in.

Basketball Season Starting Soon

Open gyms and tryouts for basketball will start soon. On Wednesday, November 13 there will be an open gym session for Girls from 3:30-5:00 pm followed by the first tryout for SR High Girls on Monday, November 18 from 3:30-5:30 pm. The Boys will have an open gym session on Tuesday, November 19 from 5:00-7:00 pm followed by the first tryout for SR High Boys on Thursday, November 21 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

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 [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Once you sign on, under "Navigation," click "Student Fees."

Please [click here](#) for instructions on how to make a payment using [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

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 11th 2024

- No School today - Remembrance Day

Tuesday, November 12th 2024

- SAIT baking course #9
- Avalanche Awareness presentations for Grade 9s
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- JR Girls vs JR Boys volleyball game from 3:30-5:00pm

Wednesday, November 13th 2024

- Girls Basketball Open Gym from 3:30-5:00pm
- Teacher support at lunch
- Student Leadership meeting at lunch - room 115

Thursday, November 14th 2024

- Teacher support at lunch
- Settlement Services Pizza Lunch
- Grad committee meeting at lunch in room 115.

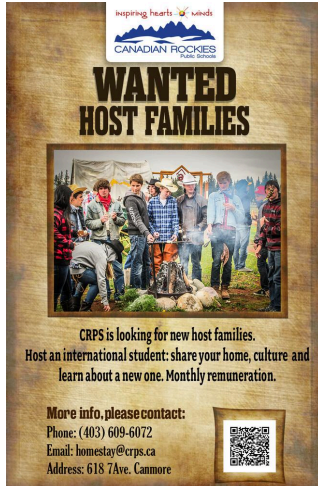
Friday, November 15th 2024

- Half Day Friday - Blocks A & B
- SR Boys Volleyball Zone Championships @Strathmore High School
- SR Girls Volleyball Zone Championships @Oilfields High School
- JV Boys Volleyball Zone Championships @Notre Dame Collegiate (High River)
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Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 18: Girls basketballl tryout #1
- Nov. 19: SAIT Baking Course # 10
- Nov. 25: ELAA Post Secondary Fair @ BCHS
- Nov. 26: CRPS Public School Board Meeting @ BES - 7:00 pm
- Nov. 27: Awards Assembly - [Modified Timetable](#)

- Nov. 29: Half Day Friday: A & B Blocks
- Nov. 29: SR Boys Basketball Tournament @ CCHS



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 [Banff Public Library](#) 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:

- 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 [link](#) 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 [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.