

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

*November 18th - 22nd 2024*

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



### **Congratulations to our Bears Volleyball Teams!**

The JR (Gr 9) Volleyball teams wrapped up their season at Zone Championships last weekend in Brooks. These young athletes showed tremendous growth throughout the season and were outstanding ambassadors for BCHS at all the tournaments and games they participated in. Our

SR and JV teams are playing in their Zone Championship tournaments this weekend. We wish them luck and thank all of our Bears Volleyball players and coaches for their hard work and dedication over the course of the season! With the Volleyball season coming to an end, please ensure you have paid team fees. 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.



## Parent Communication Preferences Survey

### Add Your Voice to the Conversation!

Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) wants to improve its communication with parents. Please take this short [11 question survey](#) to provide your feedback. The survey will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete. All individual responses are confidential. The survey will close on November 18, 2024, at 4 pm

If you would like to see this Google Form Survey in your preferred language, you can easily use Google Translate to translate the form on your computer browser (not smart phone). Follow these [simple steps](#).

## Suicide Awareness Presentations for Students - Monday, Nov. 18

To help support student mental health, Shannon Fountain from the Town of Banff will join us on Monday, November 18th to speak with students about suicide awareness. This 40 minute presentation will take place by grade level and will cover what suicide is, the signs associated

with suicide, as well as what to do if you or someone you know is experiencing thoughts of suicide. As this can be a difficult topic, Emily Nicholson (School Counsellor) and Janis Bekar (Learning Support Teacher) will be available to students if they need support afterwards.

## **ELAA Post-Secondary Fair, November 25**

### **9-10:30am**

Parents are welcome to join our students for the Educational Liaison Association of Alberta (ELAA) Post Secondary Fair for Provincial Schools held in our 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.

## **Information for Grade 9 Parents - Navigating PowerSchool**

Still have questions about using PowerSchool to track your child's learning progress? Check out our recent presentation using [this link](#). This slide show may help answer any lingering questions you have. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, Acting Principal Hans Holthuis (hans.holthuis@crps.ca), or Acting Assistant Principal Darren Anderson (darren.anderson@crps.ca) for further information.

## **Start your Christmas shopping early**

### **BCHS Fundraisers**



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Our annual silent auction fundraiser 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 and can be ordered using [this link](#). 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 parents and locals. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.

All funds raised help support our graduation ceremony in June.

If you have any questions please email [kristen.wiggins@crps.ca](mailto:kristen.wiggins@crps.ca) and/or [monica.bulas@crps.ca](mailto: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

#### **Volleyball:**

#### Fee payments now due

With the Volleyball season coming to an end, please ensure you have paid team fees. 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:**

#### Tryouts

Open gyms and tryouts for basketball have started. The first tryout for SR High Girls is on Monday, November 18 from 5:00-7:00 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 18th 2024**

- Suicide Awareness Presentations for all grades
- JR Boys Basketball Practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR Girls Basketball Tryout #1 - 5:00-7:00pm

### **Tuesday, November 19th 2024**

- SAIT baking course #10
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- SR Girls Basketball Tryout #2 - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR Boys Basketball Open Gym - 5:00-7:00pm

### **Wednesday, November 20th 2024**

- Teacher support at lunch
- Student Leadership meeting at lunch - room 115

- JR & JV Girls Basketball practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR Girls Basketball Practice - 5:00-7:00pm

#### **Thursday, November 21st 2024**

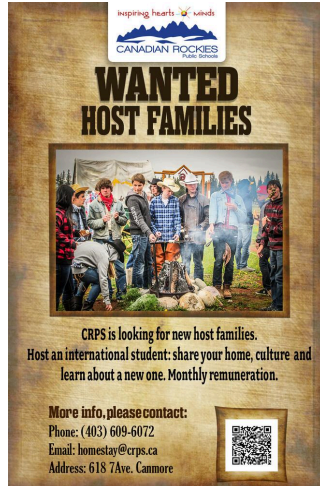
- Teacher support at lunch
- Grad committee meeting at lunch in room 115
- JR Boys Basketball practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR High Boys Basketball Tryout #1 - 5:00-7:00pm

#### **Friday, November 22nd 2024**

- Full Day Friday

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- Nov. 25: ELAA Post Secondary Fair @ BCHS
- Nov. 26: Grad Fundraiser Dinner @ The Balkan - 6:30pm
- Nov. 26: CRPS Public School Board Meeting @ BES - 7:00 pm
- Nov. 27: Athletic Awards Assembly - 11am - [Modified Timetable](#)
- Nov. 29: Half Day Friday: C & D blocks
- Dec. 3: BCHS Open House & Craft Fair
- Dec. 6: Full Day Friday
- Dec. 6: JV Girls & Boys BBall tournament - Olds
- Dec. 6: SR Girls BBall tournament - Oilfields
- Dec. 11: Holiday Concert Banff Centre
- Dec. 12: Holiday Concert Banff Centre
- Dec. 13: Half Day Friday: A & B blocks
- Dec. 20: School closes for winter break @ 11:42am
- Jan. 6: School reopens for 2025



## 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](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 [darren.anderson@crps.ca](mailto:darren.anderson@crps.ca).