

THIS WEEK AT BCHS

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

December 16th - 20th 2024

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



School and Community Holiday Concert

BCHS students played critical roles in the annual School and Community Holiday Concerts at the Banff Centre this past week. Two members of our Student Leadership group did an amazing job as MCs of the event and our BCHS Band performed under the guidance of our music teacher, Mr Brian Sand. Thanks very much to Mr. Sand for coordinating our students and leading the band in a couple of outstanding performances!



Christmas Spirit Week and Pancake Breakfast

Student Leadership has planned holiday dress-up themes, door decorating, and gingerbread house making activities for next week. These fun events lead up to our annual Pancake Breakfast on Friday, December 20. This is a long-standing tradition at BCHS where the staff serves pancakes to the entire student body and we all enjoy breakfast together to kick off the final day before the winter break.

Reminder that classes will be back in session on **Monday, January 6**.

Holiday Supports in the Bow Valley

For some families, the holidays can be a difficult time. CRPS has created a comprehensive list of supports that families may find useful during the holiday season. Please check out the amazing organizations that offer many different types of support right here in the Bow Valley.

[Bow Valley Holiday Support List](#)

Practice Lockdown

Our school held a practice lockdown drill on Friday, December 13. The school practices with the RCMP so that students and staff know what to do in a real emergency. While lockdowns happen very rarely; it is good to be prepared. Our students did an amazing job and we feel they are well prepared.

January Exam Week

The January exam schedule is complete and can be found [HERE](#). Please note that there will be no classes for all students between Friday, January 17 and Monday, January 27. Students only need to come to school for their scheduled exams, however the school will remain open for any students wishing to speak with teachers for extra help (please contact your teacher ahead of time) or a quiet place to study.

Grade 9 students will be doing work placements during the January exam week. Please see below for more information.

Grade 9 Career Exploration Program

The Grade 9 Career Exploration Program is an opportunity for students to learn about the work they are interested in from January 20-24, 2025. Please see this [Parent Introduction Letter](#) for specific details of the program. Students have been discussing work and career interests over the past number of weeks in their health classes. They have also learned about workplace safety to prepare for their workplace placement. On Wednesday, December 18 during health classes, Grade 9 students will learn about the possible work placements available and how they can participate in the program. Grade 9 parents please look for a Parent Information Update in your inboxes before the holiday break.

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

Basketball:

Practices

- JR & JV Boys practice on Mondays & Thursdays from 3:30-5:00pm
- JV Girls practice on Mondays from 5:00-7:00pm and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00pm

- SR Girls practice on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00pm and Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00pm
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Basketball Games

- will resume after the winter break

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

Volleyball payments are now **overdue**.

NEW Basketball fees have been added; please check your Parent Portal.

You can find a listing of school 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, December 16th 2024

- Dress up: ugly sweater

- JR & JV Boys BBall practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- JV Girls BBall practice - 5:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, December 17th 2024

- Dress up: Santa's tropical vacation
- Welcome back Ms. Miles!
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- Band performing at the Banff Spring's Senior tea
- SR Girls BBall practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR Boys BBall vs OLS at BCHS from 5:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, December 18th 2024

- Dress up: winter sport day
- Teacher support at lunch
- Student Leadership meeting at lunch - room 115
- JV Girls BBall practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR Girls BBall practice - 5:00-7:00pm

Thursday, December 19th 2024

- Dress up: Santa's workshop
- Teacher support at lunch
- Bring your own mug: \$1 for hot chocolate and a cookie at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- Grad committee meeting at lunch in room 115
- JR & JV Boys BBall practice - 3:30-5:00pm
- SR High Boys BBall practice - 5:00-7:00pm

Friday, December 20th 2024

- Dress up: PJs
- Pancake breakfast
- Half Day Friday - Dismissal at 11:42am

Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 6: School reopens for 2025
- Jan. 7-9: PE 10 classes - skating @ Fenlands
- Jan. 8: SR Girls Basketball @ CCHS - 5:00pm
- Jan 9: JR Boys Basketball vs OLS from 3:30-5:00
- Jan 9: SR Boys Basketball vs CCHS from 5:00-7:00
- Jan. 9: Settlement Services Pizza Lunch
- Jan. 10: JR Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament - Canmore

- Jan. 14: English 30-2 diploma exam - Part A
- Jan. 15: Social Studies 30-1 and 30-2 diploma exam - Part A
- Jan. 16: Last Day of Semester 1 classes
- Jan. 17: Exam Week begins -exam schedule is [HERE](#).



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](#).

SWIS Upcoming Events for Parents

The SWIS (Settlement Services in Schools) team is offering the following free events aimed at foreign-born students, parents, and family members. If you have any questions or would like more information about these sessions or other services offered by the SWIS Team please contact them at SWIS@banff.ca. Participants will be able to access Pizza Vouchers for these online sessions, please see the registration links for details.

1. Positive Ways to Parent
Tuesdays: January 14, 21, 28, and February 4
Time: 6:00–7:00 pm (online via Zoom)

Pizza vouchers are available.

[Register here](#)

1. Schooling in Canada: Open Discussion and Skill Building
Monday, January 20, 2025
Time: 6:00–7:30 pm (online via Zoom)

Pizza vouchers are available.

[Register here](#)

1. Schooling in Canada: Grade to Grade
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Time: 6:00–7:30 PM (online via Zoom)
Pizza vouchers are available.

[Register here](#)

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:

- Monday Dec. 16

News

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information and December newsletter [click here.](#)

Follow the [link](#) to view the highlights in The Brief from the November 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.