

## THIS WEEK AT BCHS

*Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety*

*January 20th - 24th, 2025*

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

### Exam 'Week' is Here!

Although we call our semester exam period a 'week' it really is an 11 day stretch from Friday, January 17th through to Monday, January 27th inclusive. There are no regularly scheduled classes for ANY students. The Exam Schedule can be found [HERE](#).

Students are only required to come to school for their scheduled exams. The school will remain open for any students wishing to speak with teachers for extra help or a quiet place to study.

All students must arrive for their exam at 8.45am. They should arrive prepared to write an exam:

- Pencils are essential!
- Snacks and water bottles
- Clear pencil cases
- Approved calculators

If a student is unable to attend an exam for any reason please contact the school office prior to the start of the exam which is always at 9am. Diploma exams cannot be rescheduled; students who miss a diploma exam will need to take the exam in June. School exams can be rescheduled up until January 27th in consultation with the teacher. If a student is late for a diploma exam they are only allowed to be admitted up to one hour after the exam starts.

### Textbook Return

Students who have completed semester one courses must return their textbooks and novels to the library this week after they have finished their exam. Textbooks cost between \$80 and \$100 each. If a student does not return a textbook before semester two starts they will not receive a semester two textbook unless they pay for a replacement or find and return the book.

## **Grade 9 Career Exploration Program**

While Grade 10-12 students are writing exams, Grade 9 students have the opportunity to participate in the Career Exploration Program. It is an opportunity for students to learn about the world of work by joining workplaces of interest from January 20-24, 2025.

## **Through the Lens program**

Is your child interested in learning how to take and develop film photographs? In conjunction with the Whyte Museum, we are offering analog photography workshops for grades 10 - 12. This program runs from February - May and will cover topics such as:

- How to photograph with film
- how to develop your film
- how to print your photos in a darkroom

Sign up opens in January and participants will be chosen by lottery. Any questions; contact Ms. Dafoe.

## **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**

- Thursday, January 23 - JR Boys @ OLS from 5:00-7:00pm
- Thursday, January 23 - SR Boys @ OLS from 7:00-9:00pm

## **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**

**ALL** semester one fees (including volleyball) are now overdue.

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, January 20, 2025**

- English 30-2 diploma exam Part B - 8:45am
- Biology 20 exam

### **Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

- Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2 diploma exam Part B - 8:45am
- CRPS Public Board meeting - 7pm @ Canmore Board Office

### **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

- Science 10A exam
- Math 10B exam

- Social Studies 20-1 & 20-2 exam

#### **Thursday, January 23, 2025**

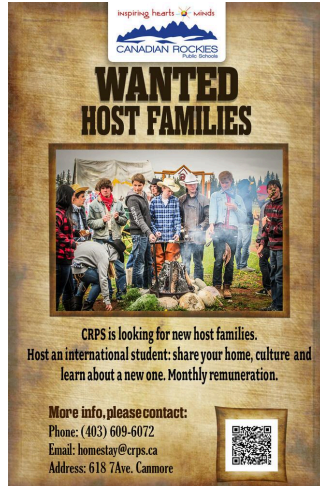
- Chemistry 30 diploma exam
- Chemistry 20 exam
- JR Boys BBall game @ OLS - 5:00pm
- SR Boys Bball game @ OLS - 7:00pm

#### **Friday, January 24, 2025**

- Science 20 & 24 exam
- Math 10A exam
- Science 10B exam

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- Jan. 27: Science 30 diploma exam
- Jan. 28: Semester 2 & Quarter 3 start
- Jan. 29: Knowledge Keeper visit to Humanities 10 classes
- Jan. 29 & 30: BCHS Fundraising Casino
- Jan. 31: Report cards issued for Semester 1
- Jan. 31 & Feb. 1: SR Boys BBall tournament @ Oilfields
- Jan. 31 & Feb. 1: SR Girls BBall tournament @ CCHS
- Feb. 3: School Council meeting 4.15pm
- Feb. 5: Student Voices at Student leadership council
- Feb. 7: Half day Friday A and B Block
- Feb. 7 & 8: Senior Boys Basketball home tournament
- Feb. 7: Grade 12 course withdrawal deadline
- Feb. 10: Avalanche Skills Training (AST) presentation to Grade 10s for WimWe program
- Feb. 12: Grade 9 immunizations
- Feb. 13: 10A AST at Lake Louise
- Feb. 14: 10B AST at Lake Louise
- Feb. 14 & 15: SR Girls Basketball tournament in Hanna
- Feb. 17 - Feb 21: No school for students
- Feb. 17 - Feb 19: No school for staff
- Feb. 20 & 21: Teachers at annual ATA convention
- Feb. 21 & 22: SR Boys Basketball tournament in Pincher Creek
- Feb. 24: Classes resume



## 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](mailto:SWIS@banff.ca). Participants will be able to access Pizza Vouchers for these online sessions, please see the registration links for details.

- 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](#)
- 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](#)

## News

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information and January 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](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 [natasha.miles@crps.ca](mailto:natasha.miles@crps.ca)

