

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

Principal's Message

All students will be participating in the annual student surveys from Alberta Education and CRPS. These surveys provide invaluable information and feedback on how our students feel about their experiences at BCHS both as learners and as engaged, socially responsible, and healthy young people. We also strongly encourage the parents of Grade 10 students to complete their annual survey by March 21st. A random access code has been emailed to these parents. Often the parent response rate is low so this year we are trying to offer an incentive - if two thirds of all Grade 10 parents fill out the survey, our school council will buy all Grade 10 students a pizza lunch! Remember that the survey is anonymous but the more parents that respond the stronger your voice is.

- Natasha Miles



Shared Vision of Learning

All Canadian Rockies Public Schools are committed to **Inspiring Hearts and Minds**. CRPS also has a **Shared Vision of Learning** that guides our actions. Each day we consider how we will strive to empower learners to be critical, creative thinkers, innovators, problem solvers, effective communicators, and collaborators, who are globally aware, independent, and responsible citizens. This is the fifth of six belief statements with examples of how we are living our beliefs at BCHS.

- **We believe that exemplary teachers consistently design and assess to ensure that all learners develop, create, and find joy in learning.**

In Semester 1 we embraced this by:

- Chemistry 30, Science 9 and 10, and Biology 20 students enjoyed regular labs to encourage their scientific curiosity.
- PE 9 students prepared for the Turkey Trot by building up their stamina through course familiarity.
- Some of our International students had access to a woodshop for the first time in their high school careers.
- Science teachers made connections for students to careers in a related field.
- Art students were given choices for each project to show their understanding of concepts and techniques.

Do visit our **Shared Vision of Learning** display board in Purkis Hall.

Wellness Weekly Tip

Ms. Emily and Ms. Bekar are available to provide mental health support while at school. Please reach out if you or someone you know is struggling, or call/text or chat anytime by reaching out to KidsHelpPhone.ca or 1-800-668-6868.

Extra Curricular News

Athletics

Basketball:

Practices

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

- March 3rd - SR Girls vs CCHS @CCHS from 6:30-8:00 pm
- March 5th - JV Girls vs OLS @OLS from 5:30-7:30 pm

Rugby

- Boys & Girls Practice from 7:00-9:00 pm at BCHS Gym

Photography

Through the Lens:

- In partnership with the Whyte Museum, introduces students to analogue film cameras. Students learn how to take photos, develop the negatives, and print photos in a darkroom. Their best work will be on display at the Whyte Museum around the end of May. Stay tuned!
- Meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 pm

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 3rd, 2025

- School council meeting @ 4:15 pm - virtual or in our library
- PE 20/30 going skating
- WimWe 10A Cross Country skiing
- Sexual Health for CALM 10B and PE 9A students
- Welcome Ms Pauline DaCol our new Education Assistant
- Annual student surveys - Grades 11 and 12

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025

- SAIT Introduction to Cooking session #2
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch room 208
- Teacher support at lunch
- PE 20/30 going curling
- Sexual Health for CALM 10B and PE 9A students
- Annual student surveys - Grades 9 and 10

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

- Student Council meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- PE 20/30 going skating
- Sexual Health for CALM 10B and PE 9A students
- Grade 9 vaccinations for students who missed the first date

Thursday, March 6th, 2025

- Grad meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- PE 20/30 going curling
- Sexual Health for CALM 10B and PE 9A students

Friday, March 7th, 2025

- Half Day Friday blocks C & D
- PE 20/30 going skating

Upcoming Dates

- Mar 11th: SAIT Cooking #3
- Mar 11th: WimWe 10B Cross Country skiing
- Mar 11th: Grad photo sessions
- Mar 12th: Grad photo sessions
- Mar 13th: Grad photo sessions
- Mar 14th: Grad photo sessions
- Mar 18th: SAIT Cooking #4
- Mar 19th: Parent Student Teacher Conferences - 5-8pm
- Mar 20th: Parent Student Teacher Conferences - 4-7pm
- Mar 21st: No classes for students
- Mar 21st: Parent Student Teacher Conferences - 8:30-11:30am
- Mar 21st: Annual Alberta Education survey closes for Grade 10 parents
- Mar 24th - 28th: March Madness Week
- Mar 24th: Open House and Grade 8 transition evening presentations
- Mar 25th: SAIT Cooking # 5
- Mar 26th: Annual Iron Chef Contest
- Mar 26th: CRPS Board meeting
- Mar 28th: Awards Assembly #2

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.

1. Filipino Youth (Grades 7-12) and Adult Workshops in Banff on Friday, March 7th, 2025

We are excited to invite Filipino youth and their families to join us for the upcoming workshops, hosted by Settlement Services in the Bow Valley.

These workshops will be held entirely in Tagalog and feature engaging topics for both youth and parents.

- **For Filipino Youth (Grades 7-12)**
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025
Time: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (Half-day Friday, pick-up between 11:42 AM – 12:15 PM from different schools)
Location: Pioneer Room, Catharine Robb Whyte Building, Banff
Topics: Moving to Canada, life in Canada vs. the Philippines, skills building for success, and more!

Lunch and transportation provided.

[Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Reuni2025Youth>]

- **For Filipino Adults**

Date: Friday, March 7, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: Pioneer Room, Catharine Robb Whyte Building, Banff

Topics: Reuniting as a family in Canada, building healthy relationships, and parenting in Canada

Dinner, childcare, and transportation provided.

[Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025ReuniAdult>]

If you have any questions or would like more information about these sessions or other services offered by the SWIS team please email SWIS@banff.ca.

News

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

Follow the [link](#) to view the highlights in The Brief from the February CRPS Public School Board Meeting.



BCHS Bear Tools

- [Parent Portal](#): provides daily updates on your child's marks and attendance, school fees, and more.
- [myPass](#): official Alberta Education transcript of marks for grades 10-12
- [2024/2025 Student / Parent Handbook](#) contains important information and dates.
- [2024 - 2025 School Calendar](#)
- [Archived newsletters](#)
- [BCHS Events Calendar](#)
- [International student host families](#) wanted - [apply here](#)
- [Volunteers](#): need a criminal or vulnerable RCMP check yearly. Contact the office for more information.

- School Fees: all fees are now overdue. Basketball fees have been added.
 - School fees can be paid online through [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).
 - In cases of financial hardship, please email Renee Husdal or call 403-762-4411.

Bear Celebrations

If you have a BCHS Celebration that you would like to share with our community, please email natasha.miles@crps.ca