

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

Principal's Message

Clocks 'spring forward' on Sunday morning - students and staff please remember that you lose one hour of sleep so that you get to school on time on Monday. As the evenings get brighter and lighter we look forward to Spring and start to plan for the next school year.

Please mark **March 24th** in your calendars as this is the date of our Open House and Transition meetings. Please click [here](#) for more information.

On **Monday, March 10th** at 9am, we will open the booking system for Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences, which will be held on **March 19th, 20th, and 21st**. In order to have more appointments available for in-person conversations, we have set aside both Wednesday and Thursday evenings. On Friday, parents can choose either in-person or virtual. Please let us know if you like this new format. Make sure you access Parent Portal to have a look at your child's up to date progress. Click [here](#) for information on how to book appointments.

One final note, Grade 10 parents, don't forget the annual survey due **March 21st**. Here is the [link](#) again. 31% of parents have responded so far; if two-thirds of Grade 10 parents respond; School Council will buy Grade 10 students a pizza lunch.

- Natasha Miles



Shared Vision of Learning

We reach the last week of sharing the work we have done in Semester 1 that demonstrates the CRPS beliefs about learning in our schools. All Canadian Rockies Public Schools are committed

to **Inspiring Hearts and Minds**. We ALSO have a **Shared Vision of Learning** that defines our collective beliefs about learning that guide our actions.

6. We believe positive relationships foster effective and engaging learning experiences.

BCHS is well regarded by students, staff, and parents as a school in which positive relationships exist. Visitors comment on the strong sense of community and strong regard members of the school have for each other. This is developed through key events in the school year such as our Hike Days, end of calendar year Pancake Breakfast, and sporting events such as the Turkey Trot and Grad vs the Staff Allstars end-of-season games. These are all learning experiences outside of class; in class, students regularly undertake science labs, access contemporary materials, discuss current affairs, incorporate student cultural identity, and collaborate in groups.

Do visit our **Shared Vision of Learning** display board in Purkis Hall to explore this vision in action further.

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 (last week)

- JV Girls practice on Monday from 3:30-5:00 pm, Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 pm, and Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm
- SR Girls practice on Tuesday from 3:30-5:00 pm and Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 pm
- SR Boys practice on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00-7:00 pm

Basketball Zone Championships on Friday/Saturday, March 14/15th

- JV Girls Zone championship at Horseshoe Crossing School
- SR Girls Zone championship at Oilfields High School
- SR Boys Zone championship at Drumheller Valley Secondary School

Rugby

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

Photography

Through the Lens:

- Meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 pm

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 10th, 2025

- PE 20/30 going skating
- Sexual Health for CALM 10A and PE 9B students
- Annual student surveys catch up
- Parent-Student-Teacher conference booking opens - 9am

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

- SAIT Introduction to Cooking session #3
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch room 208
- Teacher support at lunch
- PE 20/30 at Fenlands for curling
- Wim WE 10B Cross Country skiing
- CALM 10A and PE 9B Sexual Health Presentations
- Grad photo sessions

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025

- Student Council meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- PE 20/30 at Fenlands for curling
- CALM 10A and PE 9B Sexual Health Presentations
- Grad photo sessions

Thursday, March 13th, 2025

- Grad meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- PE 20/30 at Fenlands for curling
- CALM 10A and PE 9B Sexual Health Presentations
- Grad photo sessions

Friday, March 14th, 2025

- Full day Friday
- JV Girls basketball to Langdon
- SR Girls basketball to Diamond Valley
- SR Boys basketball to Drumheller
- Grad photo sessions

Upcoming Dates

- 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 - 6-7pm
- Mar 24th: Grade 8 going into grade 9 transition meeting - 5:15-6pm
- Mar 24th: Grade 9 going into grade 10 transition meeting - 7-7:45pm
- Mar 24th: Grade 10 going into grade 11 transition meeting - 6-6:30pm
- Mar 24th: Grade 11 going into grade 12 transition meeting - 6:30-7pm
- Mar 25th: SAIT Cooking # 5
- Mar 26th: Annual Iron Chef Contest
- Mar 26th: CRPS Board meeting
- Mar 28th: Awards Assembly #2

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](#): course 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