

***Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety***

**Principal's Message**

As we begin planning for the upcoming school year, there is always a sense of excitement. We've had the privilege of watching your children grow, becoming more independent, and confident as both members of our community and as successful learners. What will be in store for the 2025-2026 school year?

Wrapped around our Open House on Monday, there will be four **Transition 25/26 Presentations** taking place in the school gym. Parents are strongly encouraged to come to find out how the next grade at high school will be different for their children and what Alberta's requirements for high school graduation are. Students can come too, but they will have an in-school presentation on Wednesday, March 26th to go through the course selection process. The presentations are designed for the grade into which the students will be in August 2025. We hope to see you at the following times:

- Grade 9 - 5:15-6pm
- Grade 10 - 7-7:45pm
- Grade 11 - 6-6:30pm
- Grade 12 - 6:30-7pm

- Natasha Miles

# CRPS HIGH SCHOOLS' Open House & Transition Nights

**Banff Community High School - March 24**  
 Open House: 6 - 7 pm  
 2025/26 Transition Meetings:  
 Gr. 9: 5:15-6 pm / Gr. 10: 7-7:45 pm / Gr. 11: 6-6:30 pm / Gr. 12: 6:30-7 pm

**Canmore Collegiate High School - March 11**  
 Open House: 6 - 7 pm (Guided and Self-Guided Tours)  
 2025/26 Transition Meetings:  
 Gr. 9: 6-6:30 pm / Gr. 10: 6:30-7 pm / Gr. 11: 7-7:30 pm / Gr. 12: 7:30-8 pm

## Where Academic Success Soars

High school is more than just earning a diploma; it's about preparing for the future with confidence. At Banff Community High School and Canmore Collegiate High School, learners achieve academic excellence through innovative teaching, personalized pathways, and hands-on learning. Whether pursuing university, trades, or a unique career path, our learners graduate ready to succeed.

### Supportive & Inclusive Learning Environments

- Small class sizes & tight-knit learning communities where students feel supported and connected.
- Access to counselors, learning support teachers, Indigenous success teachers, and dedicated mentors ensuring every student reaches their full potential.
- Inclusive education practices fostering respect, wellness, cultural awareness, diversity and equity.

### Academic Excellence & Innovative Learning

- Students achieve top marks in Grade 12 diploma exams.
- Above average graduation rates, with the majority of students transitioning successfully into universities, technical schools, apprenticeships, and global gap-year programs.
- Real-world, hands-on programming immerses students in experiential learning through dual credit, career exploration placements, sustainability projects, outdoor and wilderness education, and specialized programs in psychology, Indigenous studies, digital media, and entrepreneurship.
- Future-ready skills develop in innovative newly designed spaces, including Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics and STEM/STEAM programs: Synthetic Biology, Environmental Sustainability/Design, Applied Design, Skills, and Technology, Communication Technology, Fashion Design, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts and MakerSpace.

### Leadership, Community & Well-Rounded Student Life

- Opportunities for students to develop leadership skills through Student Wellness Advisory Groups, mentorship programs, and peer-led initiatives.
- Community engagement through local, provincial, national, and global service projects, sustainability initiatives, and advocacy programs like Truth and Reconciliation initiatives with CRPS' Knowledge Keepers.
- Strong industry and career connections through community partnerships with local businesses, industry experts, and non-profit organizations.
- A rich arts, culture, and athletics experience with opportunities in music, theatre, visual arts, competitive sports, and outdoor adventure programs.

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## Open House

Thanks to all our volunteer student ambassadors who will be helping make our Open House the place to be in Banff from 6-7pm on **Monday March 24th**. All families are welcome but in particular, we look forward to meeting BES' Grade 7 and 8 students and parents.

## Annual Survey - Grade 10 Parents

Good news, the deadline for responses has been extended to March 28! Grade 10 parents can complete the annual survey from Alberta Education [here](#). We are at 44% completion - can we hit 66.67% by March 28? Regardless of whether we do or not, a huge thank you to all the parents who completed the survey, as your voice and feedback is very much appreciated and will be used to create the strategies set in our next four year education plan for the school.

## Wellness Counsellors

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**

#### **Rugby:**

**\*\* Parent Information meeting on Monday, March 24 \*\***

- Girls meet at 5:15pm in room 208
- Boys meet at 5:30pm in library

#### **Practices**

- Girls practice on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6pm
- Boys practice on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 5-7pm

### **Badminton**

#### **Practices:**

- Wednesday at lunch
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5pm

### **Photography**

#### **Through the Lens:**

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

## **Bear Celebrations**

Three BCHS students have their work on display as part of the Town of Banff's Homegrown Art Show March 17-31, 2025. The exhibition is open to the public Mondays- Fridays from 8:30am - 4:30pm at Town Hall. For more info about this Town of Banff event, visit their website:

<https://banff.ca/95/Homegrown-Art-Show>

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Monday, March 24th, 2025**

- March Madness starts
  - Adam Sandler dress up day
  - Chess tournament at lunch
- Open house and transition meetings
  - 5:15-6pm - Grade 8 going to Grade 9
  - 7-7:45pm - Grade 9 going to Grade 10
  - 6-6:30pm - Grade 10 going to Grade 11
  - 6:30-7pm - Grade 11 going to Grade 12

### **Tuesday, March 25th, 2025**

- March Madness
  - Country vs Country Club dress up day
  - Peer Pong at lunch
- SAIT Introduction to Cooking session #5
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch room 208
- Teacher support at lunch

### **Wednesday, March 26th, 2025**

- March Madness
  - Jersey dress up day
- 2025 - 2026 Course selection meeting with Grade 9, 10 & 11 students
- Knowledge Keepers visit Humanities 10 classes
- Student Council meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- CRPS Board meeting at BES - 7pm
- Iron Chef contest

### **Thursday, March 27th, 2025**

- March Madness
  - Throw back Thursday
  - Karaoke at lunch
- Grad meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch

### **Friday, March 28th, 2025**

- Awards Ceremony #2
- [Modified timetable](#)
- *Deadline date extended* - Annual Grade 10 Parent survey closes

## Upcoming Dates

- April 1st: SAIT Introduction to Cooking #6
- April 2nd: Grade 8s from BES visit BCHS
- April 3rd: Quarter 4 starts for grade 9
- April 4th: Half Day Friday Blocks A & B
- April 7th: School Council - 4:15pm
- April 8th: SAIT Introduction to Cooking #7
- April 8th: School Wellness Advisory Group information session - 5:30pm
- April 9th: CRPS Bow Valley Hiring Fair at CCHS for all grades
- April 9th: Course selection closes for 25/26
- April 11th: Last day before Spring Break
- April 12th - April 27th: Spring Break
- April 28th: School resumes

## 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](mailto:natasha.miles@crps.ca)