

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

Principal's Message

Spring Break is here! We hope that students, families, and staff have a wonderful two weeks. Students will need this recharge time as the rest of the school year will pass by very quickly once we return on Monday, April 28th. The first PAT for Grade 9 students is in May! The dates for the PATs and diploma exams are published on our school website in the calendar. We strongly discourage students taking an extended absence for the rest of the school year. However if this is impossible to avoid we do have a procedure for families to follow as outlined in our [school handbook](#):

Please provide the school with as much advance notice as possible for an extended leave. Here are the steps to take:

- 1. Student requests the 'Academic Plan for Extended Leave' form from the principal and explains the reason for and duration of the absence. Student should take 1 form per class.*
- 2. Parent speaks to the principal if the absence is over a week.*
- 3. Student speaks to their teachers, who complete the form to the best of their ability, taking into consideration the duration of absence. Teacher signs the form and hands it back to the student.*
- 4. Parent sign the forms and one copy is returned to the office for attendance record purposes.*
- 5. Teachers will provide links to the material that will be taught during the student's absence in the form of worksheets, or Google Classroom postings, but families must recognise that this is not the same as being present in class.*
- 6. It is the student's responsibility to complete assignments and no additional support or extensions will be provided by the teacher upon their return.*

The forms must be submitted and signed a minimum of 10 school days prior to the departure date.

- Natasha Miles

CRPS Annual Calendar 2025-2026

At the March CRPS public board meeting, the 2025-2026 calendar was approved. It can be found on the CRPS website [HERE](#). Also on the same link you will find the [2026-2027 and 2027-2028 calendars](#) that the Board has approved in principle.

Board of Trustees Legacy Scholarship for Grade 11 and 12 Students

The CRPS Board of Trustees is proud to announce its new Board of Trustees Legacy Scholarship. This legacy initiative reflects the board's commitment to inspiring students to thrive academically and personally. Designed to empower students at BCHS and CCHS, the scholarship encourages [Alberta Education's Student Competencies](#) in grade 11 and 12.

These competencies are:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Creativity and innovation
- Communication and collaboration
- Cultural and Global Citizenship
- Personal Growth and well-being

With \$5,000 in funding for 2024/25, each school will award scholarships of \$1,250, \$750, and \$500 to support post-secondary education or apprenticeships. **Deadline to submit an application is May 16, 2025.**

See the full details: [2021 - 2025 Board of Trustee Legacy Scholarship](#)

Wellness Weekly Tip

Looking for parenting support in our community?

The Family Connections Center is hosting a discussion series covering a wide range of topics including parental burnout, preventing substance abuse, navigating family dynamics, and more. These free courses are taking place at the Banff Public Library from 5-6:30pm and dinner is included. To register or learn more visit: [Parent Support Group: Banff Series.](#)

The first session on Parent/Guardian burnout will be held on Tuesday, April 29.

Extra Curricular News

Athletics

Rugby:

Practices

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

Badminton

Practices:

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

Photography

Through the Lens:

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

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 28th, 2025

- Classes resume

Tuesday, April 29th, 2025

- SAIT Introduction to Cooking session #8
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch room 208
- Teacher support at lunch

Wednesday, April 30th, 2025

- Student Council meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- CRPS Public Board meeting at Exshaw School - 7pm

Thursday, May 1st 2025

- Grad meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch

Friday, May 2nd 2025

- Half day Friday - blocks C & D

Upcoming Dates

- May 5th - School Council
- May 6th - SAIT Introduction to Cooking # 9
- May 7th - Grade 11 to Holocaust exhibition in Calgary
- May 13th - SAIT Introduction to Cooking #10 (last class)
- May 16th - no classes for students
- May 19th - Victoria Day
- May 21st - CRPS Public Board meeting
- May 28th - Science 10 & 14 to Columbia Icefields
- May 29th - Grade 9 English Language Arts PAT exam Part A
- May 30th - Half Day Friday blocks A & B

News

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

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



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.

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