

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

Principal's Message

May at BCHS sees the calendar filling up with a number of off-site activities for students. These activities provide students an opportunity to experience one aspect of the CRPS 'Shared Vision of Learning': *diversity of experiences and connections in nature and community enhance learning beyond the classroom.*

- May 7th - Grade 11 Humanities students will attend the Holocaust Education Symposium hosted by the Jewish Federation in Calgary.
- May 15th - Grade 10 Humanities students will attend a Mock G7 Summit in Canmore. Our students will be joined with the other Bow Valley high schools in preparation for the international G7 Summit in June.
- May 20th and 22nd - Grade 9 Science students will take part in a stewardship environmental activity in and around Kananaskis Village in preparation for the G7 Summit.
- May 28th - Grade 10 Science students will visit the Columbia Icefield Centre and Athabasca Glacier in Jasper National Park as part of the UN's International Year of Glaciers' Preservation

Thank you to the BCHS School Council, Jewish Foundation of Calgary, Pursuit Collection Banff, the federal Summit Management Office, and Friends of Kananaskis for supporting our students and making these activities free of charge.

- Natasha Miles

Student Enrollment for 2025-2026

At this time of year, CRPS schools build student timetables for next year, work on staffing, and create student groups. We ask current Grade 9 - 11 parents to inform us if their child will **NOT** be attending BCHS next year. For students who will continue attending BCHS, there is no action needed.

Mental Health May at BCHS

In conjunction with Banff Mental Health and Awareness Week, our Student Wellness Committee has planned a month of mental health activities, learning, and fun for the month of May.

It will kick off on **May 7th** with **Hats on for Mental Health Day**. This campaign, started by the Canadian Mental Health Association, raises awareness of the importance of mental health. Staff and students are invited to show their support by wearing a hat of any kind. During lunch on this date, Emily Nicholson, School and Family Wellness Worker, and the wellness team will be working to create a communal art project looking at what mental health means to students and staff at BCHS.

Each Wednesday for the rest of the month, we will be joined by Katie Barton from the Town of Banff, who will be facilitating mental health educational activities in the Bear Den...with pizza! Students need to sign up for '**Wellness Wednesdays**'. A sign up sheet will be made available each Monday. While each session will have a theme, the focus will be on having fun and generating conversations about mental health. Please encourage students to participate! Teachers are also welcome!!

We will also be hosting a dance for mental health intramural at lunch on Thursday, May 29th.

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.

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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 second session on Bullying and Peer Pressure will be held on Tuesday, May 13.

School Fees

Please check your Parent Portal account for any school fees that remain outstanding.

BCHS Art Award Contest

Back again this year - this is open to BCHS students in all grades, regardless of whether they are enrolled in art classes or not. There are 2 categories: People's Choice (most votes from students) and Staff Pick (most votes from staff members).

Art work must have been made in the last 12 months either in class or on their own time. Submissions are due by **Friday, May 16**. Any medium (paint, pencil, sculpture, etc) made by hand is acceptable. Bring your artwork to the art room and see Madame Dafoe to fill out a submission form. Prizes include the winner's name added to the school trophy and prepackaged art supplies.

Extra Curricular News

Athletics

Rugby:

Practices:

- Girls practice on Monday from 4-6pm
- SR Boys practice on Monday from 5-7pm

Games:

- Monday, May 5th - JR Boys play at Rundle College vs STS and WIC
- Tuesday, May 6th - Girls play at the CRU vs STRATH and WIC
- Tuesday, May 6th - SR Boys play at the CRU vs WCS, STS, & DRUM
- Thursday, May 8th - Girls play at the CRU vs FFCA and SPB
- Friday & Saturday May 9th and 10th - Clearwater Cup tournament at CRU (Both Girls and Boys)

Badminton

Practices:

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

Games:

- Monday, May 5th - SR High wrap-up tournament at BCHS
- Saturday, May 10 - JR High zones at Cochrane High School

Photography

Through the Lens:

Participants' best work will be on display at the Whyte Museum the first week of June. Stay tuned for more information.

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

The Week Ahead

Monday, May 5th, 2025

- [School Council meeting](#) - 4.15pm in the school library - all welcome
- Grade 10 Mock G7 Summit presentations in Block A and B
- School bus driver appreciation day
- Information meeting (virtual) for Grade 10 parents on Columbia Icefields trip 5.30pm [link here](#)

Tuesday, May 6th, 2025

- SAIT Introduction to Cooking session #9
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch room 208
- Teacher support at lunch

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

- Grade 11 Humanities trip to Holocaust Education Symposium
- Hats off For Mental Health
- **No** Student Council meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- CRPS Public Board meeting 7pm Exshaw School

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

- Grad meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch

Friday, May 9th, 2025

- SR Boys & Girls Rugby Clearwater Cup Tournament at the CRU

- Full Day Friday

Upcoming Dates

- May 13th - SAIT Introduction to Cooking #10 (last class)
- May 15th - Grade 10s to Mock G7 Summit
- May 16th - no classes for students
- May 19th - Victoria Day
- May 20th - 9A field trip to Kananaskis Village
- May 21st - CRPS Public Board meeting
- May 22nd - 9B field trip to Kananaskis Village
- May 23rd - Valedictorian application deadline
- 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 May newsletter [click here.](#)

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

Eating Disorders & How to Access Resources & Support

Come & learn what eating disorders are, the signs, misconceptions, stigmas and where to find free resources & support for both caregivers and persons experiencing eating disorders

Monday, May 5th

7 – 9 p.m.

Banff Town Hall

Or, watch virtually at banff.ca/live



with Panel Experts



Dr Monica Cavanagh



Chantelle Jensen RN



Trish Tutton



Kori Woodard



Amanda Arbuckle





Wellness Counsellors

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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