

Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

Principal's Message

With just a month left to go, we are getting ever closer to our Graduation Ceremony and Celebration for our Grade 12 students. That means it is time to start the selection process for our Valedictorian. The Valedictorian is an honorary position at the ceremony held by one student representing the Class of 2025. The Valedictorian is nominated by staff at BCHS who have identified students:

- that represent everything it means to be a Banff Bear during their time at BCHS,
- that have achieved Honour Roll standing as of Friday, May 23rd (students make sure your assignments are all up to date by then), and
- selected by a panel made up of the principal, a teacher, a parent from School Council, and a community member.

The criteria for the Honour Roll is outlined in our [Student and Families Handbook](#).

Grade 9 Kananaskis Village Stewardship Day

Due to the Junior High Track and Field Zones now being held on Tuesday, May 20th, the Grade 9 field trip to Kananaskis Village will not be going by homeroom, so that students can take part in both the field trip and the Track and Field meet.

Ms Richards will be ensuring that students and families know which day they will be on the field trip. Students remaining in school on Tuesday will follow 9B's schedule and on Thursday, students will follow 9A's schedule.

May Days

Student Council has planned a series of activities for our May Days Spirit Week May 20th - 23rd.

- **Tuesday** - Soccer Mums and BBQ Days Dress Up
- **Wednesday** - Western Wednesday Dress Up and BYOB (Bring Your Own Banana)
- **Thursday** - Tropical Thursday Dress Up and Spike Ball Tournament
- **Friday** - Colour by Grade (Grade 12 = Blue, Grade 11 = Pink, Grade 10 = Green, Grade 9 = Red)

We encourage all students and staff to participate.

Settlement Services Pizza Lunch

There will be a Pizza Lunch for students connected with Settlement Services to learn about the upcoming Newcomer Orientation Welcome Program and the Peer Leader Program. This will be on **Wednesday, May 21st**.

Mental Health May at BCHS continues

On Wednesday, we will be joined by Katie Barton from the Town of Banff, who will be facilitating the second Wellness Wednesday mental health educational activity in the Den...with pizza! Students will be required to sign up by Tuesday. The focus will be on having fun and generating conversations about mental health. Please encourage students to participate!

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.

Student Enrollment for 2025-2026

At this time of year, CRPS schools build timetables for next year, work on staffing, and form groups of students. 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 at BCHS, there is no need to do anything right now.

Parent Portal account

Please ensure you can log into Parent Portal. Look for the PowerSchool Parent Portal Quick Link on our school website or [click here](#). This is where you will access report cards, attendance updates, and school fees. If you have trouble with your username or password, please contact the school office.

School Fees

Rugby and Badminton fees have been added.

School fees payments are now overdue. You can pay your School Fees online through your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account; the link is on the [bchs.crps.ca webpage](http://bchs.crps.ca). Once you sign in, under Navigation click Student Fees.

Payments can be made online by Credit Card (MasterCard & VISA).

If you wish to pay by Cheque, Cash, or Tap, you can do so through the BCHS Main Office.

In cases of financial hardship, please contact Renee Husdal for a Fee Waiver form at 403-762-4411, or email renee.husdal@crps.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Renee Husdal.

Make someone's dream come true!



Host an international student
Gain an international connection for life

Hosting opportunities:

2025-26 school year

5 or 10 months

\$1375 monthly remuneration

Learn more & Contact:

crps.ca

403. 609-6072

homestay@crps.ca



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 next session on Protecting against substance abuse will be held on Tuesday, May 27.

Extra Curricular News

Athletics

Rugby:

Practices:

- Girls practice on Wednesday from 4-6pm at Sundance Park field
- JR & SR Boys practice on Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7pm at Sundance Park field

Track and Field:

- JR Regional meet on Tuesday, May 20th at the LGMS Track from 12-4pm

Visual Arts

Art Awards Contest

- Submissions are/were due Friday, May 16 by the end of the school day (no school for students that day but they can still drop them off).
- Submitted artwork will be on display next week. Students and staff will be voting for their favourite through a Google form. Winners will be announced the following week.
- The People's Choice winner (student pick) and the Staff Pick winner will be acknowledged at our end-of-year assembly on June 13 and receive an Art supply prize package.

The Week Ahead

Monday, May 19th, 2025

- Victoria Day - no school

Tuesday, May 20th, 2025

- Grade 9s to Kananaskis Village (Ms. Richards will notify parents and students who will be attending this day)
- Green Team/High Hopes meeting at lunch room 208
- Teacher support at lunch
- JR Track and Field meet at LGMS
- PE 20/30 to Flow State Yoga
- Soccer mums and BBQ days dress up

Wednesday, May 21st, 2025

- Wellness Wednesday activity at lunch
- Settlement Services pizza lunch
- Student Council meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- PE 20/30 to Flow State Yoga
- Western dress up day
- Bring your Own Banana at lunch for a free banana split (bananas can also be purchased for \$2.00 at lunchtime)

Thursday, May 22nd, 2025

- Grad meeting at lunch
- Teacher support at lunch
- Grade 9s to Kananaskis Village (Ms. Richards will notify parents and students who will be attending this day)
- PE 20/30 to BES
- Tropical dress up day
- Spike Ball tournament at lunch

Friday, May 23rd, 2025

- Full day Friday
- Valedictorian eligibility deadline
- Colour by grade dress up
 - Grade 12 = blue
 - Grade 11 = pink
 - Grade 10 = green
 - Grade 9 = red

Upcoming Dates

- May 28th - *NEW DATE* CRPS Public Board meeting @ Canmore Board Office
- 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
- June 2nd - School Council meeting 4:15pm
- June 5th - Wim WE canoeing 10A am and 10B pm
- June 6th - Half day Friday C and D Block
- June 9th - Valedictorian presentations
- June 11th - English 30 Part A diploma exam
- June 12th - Social Studies 30 Part A diploma exam
- June 12th - Grade 9 English Language Arts PAT exam Part B
- June 13th - Grade 9 Math Part A exam
- June 13th - Last day of classes
- June 13th - Final assembly
- June 16th - 27th - Exam week
- June 26th - Graduation Ceremony
- June 27th - Last day of school

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.



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.

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.

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