#### Belonging, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Safety

#### Principal's Message

As we approach the end of the school year, I always feel a sense of nostalgia. Last Monday, I had the privilege of listening to six Grade 12 students sharing speeches with a panel made up of two teachers, a member of the School Council executive, and a well regarded community member, who together chose the Class of 2025 Valedictorian. Each of the students reflected on their time at BCHS, their friendships, their achievements over the years, and their unique perspectives and memories. What marvellous young adults we have in our school!

With two weeks of exams to go, it really is up to students now to show how far they have come in the last 10 months. Our hallways and classrooms will be much quieter but we know that our students are ready to wrap up another grade in high school. Two important things to remember:

- be on time for exams and turn up on the right day,
- hand in library books, text books, and Chromebooks

Teachers will be busy too, marking final assignments and exams, and writing report cards. School administration is finalising the budget for this year and getting ready for the fall of 2025. In all of this bustle, don't forget that teachers are still available to support students and our counsellors are ready to provide that extra care if a student finds this time overwhelming. We are still here!

- Natasha Miles

#### June 2025 Exam Timetable

All exams start at 8.30am (not 9am as in the past). Students need to arrive within the first hour of the exam starting or they will not be allowed to write. Students need to come prepared with their writing implements, snacks and water. We are unfortunately not providing snacks this month but will have toast, bagels and jam out for first thing. Cell phones, ear buds, and Smart Watches are not allowed in the exam room. Please let the school office know if your child is ill prior to the exam. For diploma exams, students will not be able to write the exam on another day. They will need to rebook the exam at an alternative exam centre in August through My Pass.

Please let the school office know if your child is ill prior to the exam starting.

The exam timetable is shown below and is also available <a href="here">here</a>. Please note:

- Diploma exam dates are fixed by the province and these exams cannot be taken on another day. Students will need to rebook the exam at an alternative exam centre in August through My Pass.
- Students missing a PAT may reschedule the test as long as the student writes before June 20
- Students can write their final exams up to June 24, if they cannot attend due to sickness or a family emergency. Please arrange this with your child's teacher.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	June 9th	June 10th	June 11th	June 12th	June 13th Last day of classes
PATs /Diploma			English 30 Part A	Social Studies 30-2 Part A English 9 PAT Part B	Math 9 PAT Part A
WEEK 2	June 16th	June 17th	June 18th	June 19th	June 20th
PATs /Diploma		Math 30 Math 9 PAT Part B	English 30 Part B Social Studies 9 PAT	Social Studies 30 Part B Science 9 PAT	Biology 30
School final exams	English 10 1/2	English 20 1/2	Physics 20	Science 10 /14	Socials 10 1/2
WEEK 3	June 23rd	June 24th	June 25th	June 26th Graduation Ceremony	June 27th Last day of school
PATs /Diploma		Physics 30	Science 30		
School final exams	Math 31 Math 10	Math 20 1/2/3			

#### **Your Voice Matters!**

Thanks to the 36% of parents who have already completed the survey. BCHS was at the top of the leaderboard for parental survey completion on June 6th so let's keep this up!

Canadian Rockies Public Schools launched its new annual <u>Parent Satisfaction Survey</u>, open between May 22 and June 30, 2025.

Your feedback is essential! Information from this survey will help establish a baseline for measuring the division's progress toward achieving the goals and outcomes of its new 2025 – 2029 Education Plan. It contains 46 questions and should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

To ensure consistent and meaningful input, parents are asked to complete the survey from the perspective of their oldest child currently attending a CRPS school. The survey must be accessed using the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Microsoft Edge. All responses are confidential and anonymous.

Thank you for helping us shape a strong future for every learner.

#### Important Information for year end

#### School Fees

There is still a considerable amount owed for school fees and extra-curricular sport fees. If school fees are not paid by June 27th, outstanding accounts **will** be sent to collections. If sports fees remain unpaid at the start of the next season's play, then a student **will not** be able to play on the team. Families can apply to Kidsport and Jumpsport for help with sports fees.

If a family is unable to pay school fees or wants to request a reduction in school fees due to financial circumstances, there is a procedure to follow outlined here: <a href="https://www.crps.ca/download/348784">https://www.crps.ca/download/348784</a> and the application should be made to the school principal.

Please check your Parent Portal account to see if there is anything outstanding.

#### Lockers and Library Loans

Students need to empty their locker and return their lock to the office. After June 23, lockers will be emptied and any items found inside will be donated to thrift stores over the summer.

All library books and Chromebooks must be returned to the school library by the date students write their final exam

#### For Grade 12s

GRADS - YOU MUST MOVE YOUR DATA AT THE END OF THE YEAR or YOU WILL LOSE IT!

You should have a myPass account set up. This is where you will request transcripts for post-secondary applications. While you're there, check that your mailing address is correct - this is where Alberta Education will mail your diploma.

If you are applying for post-secondary scholarships, use a personal email account, not your CRPS email.

You will need to move your data **before** you leave BCHS. Accounts will be turned off in July.

Google has tools to help you including:

**Download** - if there are only a few things you want to keep, including items shared with you, download a copy of individual files or folders.

Forward important emails to a personal email account. Learn more.

**Transfer your content** - copy your drive and email files to a personal Google account. **Learn** more.

**Archive/Takeout** - download a copy of items owned by you in all G Suite services into one zip file. **Learn more.** 

**Transfer Ownership** - If others will need to use files you own, you can transfer ownership to someone else at CRPS using sharing options, or they can make a copy for themselves. <u>Learn</u> more.

#### Report Cards

Report cards will be available on Friday, June 27 at 4:00 pm in Parent Portal. Starting Friday, June 13, parents and students will not have access to grades while teachers prepare report cards.

#### Parent Portal account

Please ensure you can log into Parent Portal. Look for the PowerSchool Parent Portal Quick Link on our school website or <u>click here</u>. 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.

#### **International Program Host Families Presentation**

The school division is still seeking Host Families to help support our International Student Program. The district recognises the commitment involved in opening a home to an international student and offers a generous monthly compensation to ensure hosting is a rewarding experience for families without impacting them financially. Each year, BCHS welcomes between 6 - 8 students from around the world, providing an opportunity to enrich our school community with global friendships and cultural exchanges.

If you're thinking about possibly hosting a student, we encourage families to explore a five month trial period (Sept.- Jan.). This is a great way to experience the program and see if it's the right fit for your family. By participating in this program, you and your family will build lifelong friendships with students from around the world, welcome a big brother or big sister into your home, share cultures and traditions, and give these students an opportunity to experience our amazing Rocky Mountains.

If you are interested in hosting an international student this fall, please contact chris.macphee@crps.ca, steve.greene@crps.ca, laura.mooney@crps.ca or annette.young@crps.ca .

Some local host families share their experiences hosting an international student in these videos:

- A Banff family shares their rewarding experience
- What's it like to host as a single person?

## Make someone's dream come true!



# Host an international student Gain an international connection for tile

### Hosting opportunities: Learn more & Contact:

2025-26 school year 5 or 10 months \$1375 monthly remuneration



#### **Summer Work Experience**

#### **Get paid AND earn credits this summer**

Many of our students will be working at a summer job in July and August. Did you know that students can earn credits towards high school graduation as well as earning money? Students can earn one credit for every 25 hours worked, up to a maximum of 15 credits, which can be applied toward the 100 credits required for graduation. These can even be 30 level credits!

If students already have a job secured, register for work experience by June 27th. The following steps outline the registration process:

- 1. Student Registration: The student and a parent or guardian must complete the <u>Parent/Guardian & Student Work Experience Registration Form.</u>
- 2. Employer Registration: Students should discuss this opportunity with their employer to ensure their support because the employer will be sent an Employer Registration Form (sent directly to them via email) that is similar to the student's registration form. This ensures everyone is aware of what is happening and is on board.
- Monthly Submissions: Students will be sent an invitation to join a Google Classroom
  where they will submit their proof of hours worked and a brief reflection on their
  experience at the end of each month.

If students are applying for a job but do not have it secured yet. We would love for you to still get credits. Still apply using the directions above as soon as possible and we will try our best to get you registered.

Work experience can conclude at the end of the summer or continue into the school year, depending on the student's ongoing employment and interest in earning additional credits.

If you have any questions, please email us at offcampus@crps.ca for more information.

#### **Extra Curricular News**

#### **Athletics**

If you are interested in helping support our athletics program, we are now seeking community coaches for the 2025-2026 season. Please contact our Athletic Director, Martie Haugan at martie.haugan@crps.ca.

#### The Week Ahead

#### Monday, June 16th, 2025

• English 10-1 & 10-2 final exam

#### Tuesday, June 17th, 2025

- Math 30-1 & 30-2 diploma exam
- Grade 9 Math PAT exam Part B
- English 20-1 & 20-2 final exam

#### Wednesday, June 18th, 2025

- English 30-1 & 30-2 diploma exam Part B
- Grade 9 Social Studies PAT exam Part B
- Physics 20 final exam
- CRPS Board meeting 7pm Canmore Board Office

#### Thursday, June 19th, 2025

- Science 10 & 14 final exam
- Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2 diploma exam Part B
- Grade 9 Science 9 PAT exam

#### Friday, June 20th, 2025

- Biology 30 diploma exam
- Social Studies 10-1 & 10-2 final exam

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- June 24th Through the Lens exhibit opening at the Whyte Museum 5pm
- June 25th Last day of exams
- June 26th Graduation Ceremony
- June 27th Last day of school/Report Cards issued
- August 26th First day of school for 2025-2026

#### **News**

Bow Valley Settlement Services Information and June newsletter click here.

Follow the <u>link</u> to view the highlights in The Brief from the May 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 <u>HERE</u>. 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**

- <u>Parent Portal</u>: 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
- <u>Volunteers</u>: 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 <u>PowerSchool Parent Portal</u>.
  - o 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**