Wolverine Weekly October 11th 2024

At our Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony on Monday, Ms. Keon and I were so grateful to the CCHS students who danced in honour of lives lost to Residential schools, the 60's Scoop and other Canadian colonial policies. We are grateful to Mr. Eli Snow and Mr. Ethan Hunter who were our MC and Drummer for this special occasion as well as to the Knowledge Keepers who support our Division for all their work in putting together such a meaningful ceremony. We hope that all our families are looking forward to the Thanksgiving weekend and are able to spend some time together with loved ones and out in nature in the beautiful Bow Valley. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday next week.

School Council Meeting Tuesday October 15th 2024 7pm

Our next school council meeting will be on October 15th at 7pm. Coming to school council meetings when you can is a great way to stay in touch with what is going on at the school and what our plans are moving forward. You will hear from a teacher each month about the area they work in as well as a report from the Principal and updates from our parent community. You can join us in person in the school cafeteria or via this virtual link.
meet.google.com/wqd-rfvr-jae

Parent Info Micro Session Tuesday October 15th 6:30pm

Our next session is: "**How can I stay connected with my child's high school achievement?** Google Classroom, ParentPortal, and the CCHS website demystified." The session will be on October 15th from 6:30pm- 7pm in the cafeteria and at the virtual link below. We encourage you to bring your questions about how to support your child in their classes and how to access information during this short session. This session uses the same virtual link as the school council meeting **meet.google.com/wqd-rfvr-jae**

CRPS International Student Homestay Families Needed!

CRPS is currently looking for 6 new Homestay families in Banff, Canmore or Exshaw who can open their home to an international high school student (grade 10-12) from Feb-June 2025. Remuneration is provided at a rate of $1300.00/month. You can go to our Homestay Website

for an overview of the program. Here is a direct link to our [Homestay Application](#). Email homestay@crps.ca or call 403-609-6072 ext. 6220 for more information.

Smudging

As part of our ongoing journey of reconciliation, CCHS has visits from our division Knowledge Keepers. At times, and as part of a learning experience led by our Knowledge Keepers, students at Canmore Collegiate High School will have an opportunity to participate in a traditional smudge if they wish. A smudge involves burning a small amount of dried plant such as sage, tobacco, sweetgrass or cedar inside a cast-iron dish or abalone shell. During a smudge, participants sit in a circle and listen to the Elder/Knowledge Keeper/facilitator offer teachings about the practice and its role in historical and contemporary Indigenous communities. The smudge bowl may be passed around the circle as part of this traditional way of opening or beginning time together. Each year we inform our families of this and seek consent. Please complete the attached Google Form to indicate your choice for your student. [Smudge Form](#) If you complete this form giving consent, your child has the choice to participate if they wish to, they can always choose to opt out even if you have given your consent. Contact cchs.info@crps.ca if you have questions. Thank you to families who have already filled out this form.

Food for Learning Program

The Food for Learning Program is a voluntary program available to students of CCHS who are in financial need, and is made possible by a grant. The purpose of the program is to provide lunch to children of families who need <u>financial assistance</u> with the costs of school lunches. The program is intended to support only the children of families who are having ***financial difficulty providing a nutritional, balanced lunch for their child***. It is available, free of charge, to children who attend CCHS. If you believe your family would benefit from this nutritional assistance program please complete the [Food for Learning Form](#). If your child is already accessing Food for Learning but you have not filled out the Google Form this year, please fill out the form. You can contact annabel.preece@crps.ca confidentially if you have questions.

Major Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching

Applications are currently open for the 2025 cohort of [Loran Scholars](#) — and university-bound students from Alberta are currently significantly under-represented in our applicant pool. This year, 36 Loran Awards will be offered to university-bound students from across Canada who demonstrate strength of character, a deep commitment to service, and intrinsic leadership potential. Presently, there are 14 exceptional Loran Scholars who hail from Alberta. You can filter by home province—read about them [here](#).

The only scholarship of its kind in Canada, the Loran Award offers a four-year leadership-enrichment program, financial support for undergrad, diverse opportunities for experiential learning, and a long-term supportive community of peers and mentors, renewable over four years of university undergraduate studies.

Applications close Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. ET. [Please apply online here.](#)

Awards Night and Awards Applications

A[n email](#) was sent out listing [all the Awards](#) students can apply for or be nominated for. Please review it carefully and if your child is eligible for any awards please have them fill out the Google Form that is in the email (above). For more information contact cchs.info@crps.ca We are grateful to the many organizations that donate financial awards to our students in a diverse range of areas each year. Please join us for our Awards Night November 12th at 7pm in the CCHS Theatre. If you know of a graduated student who did not receive the awards night applications please have them contact the email address above.

October 18th is an 11:40 dismissal day at CRPS.

Have a great week!

Ms. Preece, Principal

Ms. Keon, Assistant Principal