

MEDIA RELEASE
Student Celebration of Learning & Open House
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What does learning look like for Canadian Rockies Public Schools' (CRPS) high school students?

“As co-designers of their learning, students attending Canmore Collegiate and Banff Community High are empowered to follow their passion and interests by accessing innovative programming that allows them to apply their knowledge and skills to real-world situations,” said Principal Chris Rogers. “This year, we’ve introduced a number of new Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEM/STEAM) programs, opening the doors for students to engage in topics such as synthetic biology and environmental sustainability. In the Environmental Sustainability/Design Thinking course students are constructing and evaluating a functioning aquaponics system.

“In fact, across all subject areas, teachers are expanding learning beyond the classroom with real-world applications, helping students to understand why their learning matters and how it can make a difference,” he said.

Families and community members from both the Canmore and Banff communities are invited for a sneak peek of CRPS' experiential learning approach by attending a Student Celebration of Learning & Open House on Nov. 30, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Canmore Collegiate High School.

Throughout the school, students will be showcasing what they are learning - whether it be building an advertisement in their English class, practising knot tying for Outdoor Education, or creating videos in one of the Maker Spaces. Supporting the school's mantra of “academics, athletics, artistry, and attitude,” a biology dissection, a basketball home opener game, a live theatre rehearsal, and a career exploration program also will be featured.

According to Rogers, parents from both schools will receive a personal invitation and event program the week of November 21, allowing them to plan what learning activities they most want to see. All visitors can expect to be greeted at the door by ambassadors from the student council and school council.

“Our aim is to ensure that families have ample time to explore the various learning activities without feeling rushed,” said Rogers. “We want them to have time to wander, ask questions of students and teachers, and enjoy our first celebration of learning in almost two years.”

Superintendent of Schools Chris MacPhee said the showcase perfectly aligns with the division's new vision statement, “Creating a better world through transformational education that celebrates nature, diversity, and well-being” and exemplifies how CRPS is tailoring its learning pathways to prepare students for life after high school.

“Plans are already in the works for next year to provide families from both communities greater access to programs that pique students' interests and challenge them to new heights. As a high school parent, it's a celebration of learning I hope they don't miss.”

Media outlets planning to attend the evening are asked to RSVP their attendance by calling Canmore Collegiate High School at 403-678-6192.

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