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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS), we would like to invite all families with high school students to our *Celebration of Learning & Open House* on Nov. 30, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Canmore Collegiate High School. Please join us as we celebrate learning and the unique interests of students served at Banff Community High School and Canmore Collegiate High School.

## What will shape the evening?

Empowering students to follow their passion and interests, this year we've introduced a number of new Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEM/STEAM) programs, which allows students to access innovative programs where they can apply their knowledge and skills to real-world situations. 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.

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.

## Is there a specific program to follow?

Our aim is to ensure that families have ample time to explore the various learning activities without feeling rushed. Please find attached an event program to help guide your journey around the school. You'll be greeted by ambassadors from our student and school councils, have time to explore those classes of most interest, and ask questions of students, who will take charge of much of the exploration of learning. Teachers will be present all evening to join in the celebration.

## Is there a limit on attendance?

Absolutely not! Bring along any family members or friends interested in celebrating our learning! 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 we hope you don't want to miss.

Our first open house to celebrate learning in almost two years perfectly aligns with the CRPS' new vision statement, "Creating a better world through transformational education that celebrates nature, diversity, and wellbeing." It also exemplifies how we are tailoring our learning pathways to prepare students for life after high school. We look forward to enjoying this special celebration of learning with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Chris Rogers. Principal Canmore Collegiate High School / Banff Community High School / Alpenglow School