

August 24, 2026

Crescent Heights High School Families,

Welcome Back! We are so excited to begin the 2026–2027 school year together. As always, our commitment is to provide students with opportunities to grow academically, socially, and personally.

This year promises to be filled with meaningful learning, strong connections, and the chance for students to pursue their passions both in the classroom and through the many extra-curricular opportunities available at Crescent Heights. We look forward to supporting every student as they strive for excellence, build friendships, and explore their interests.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we will make this a successful and memorable year for all of our students.

Our school goals this year are focused around communication of learning and creating a responsible learning culture.

- 1) In what ways and to what extent does our intentional focus on outcomes based assessment clearly communicate student growth and achievement to all stakeholders?
- 2) In what ways will our explicit focus on building foundational skills (responsibility, perseverance, communication) in students positively influence the culture of learning for staff and students?

We look forward to strengthening our connections with parents and community partners throughout the year. If you have questions or suggestions for enhancing our CHHS community, please do not hesitate to contact administration or your student's teacher. We also encourage you to stay connected through our social media channels and email updates for opportunities to learn, engage, and participate in school activities.

Facebook: Crescent Heights High School - Ecole Secondaire - Med Hat

Instagram: chhs_vikings_mh

Monday, August 31st, 2026 - Grade 7 Orientation

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

All grade 7 students will participate in an orientation morning to prepare for a successful first day on Wednesday, September 2nd. **Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the orientation morning.** Students are asked to arrive between 8 and 8:15 am and enter through the front of the school. Students will begin the morning with a presentation in the theater, then will transition for homeroom activities. Lunch will be provided.

During the orientation morning students will get an opportunity to:

- Meet administrative & student services staff
- Meet their homeroom teacher and classmates
- Learn about junior high student expectations and classroom routines
- Tour the school with homeroom teachers to get a better idea of where to go on the first official day (Wednesday, Sept 2)
- Receive their bell schedule which outlines core subjects & option classes
- Receive a locker & practice opening locks
- Participate in get to know you activities
- Attend a BBQ lunch with activities on site
- Ask any questions!

Important notes:

- Picture day for Gr. 7 students is on Wednesday, September 2nd
- School supply list link: [School Supplies - Crescent Heights High School \(mhpsd.ca\)](https://mhpsd.ca/SchoolSupplies-CrescentHeightsHighSchool)
- Students are asked to bring a full list of supplies to the first day of school on Wednesday, Sept 2nd.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 - CHHS Activation Day

Busses will pick up at normal time and leave at 11:15. The main purpose is to support Grade 8 and 9 students getting to and from school. High School students will need to organize transportation.

SCHEDULE		
Grade	Assembly (in theatre)	Activation
8	8:30 - 9:30	9:45 - 11:15
9**	9:50 - 10:20	8:30 - 9:45
10	10:30 - 11:15	11:15 - 12:30
11		1:00 - 2:15
12		2:15 - 3:15
NEW student orientation	10:30 - 11:15	

****Note that grade 9s start with activation at 8:30**

Prior to activation day students and parents may log in to PowerSchool/Edsby to view timetables. The process for changing timetables is posted in Edsby.

Students are asked to come through the front doors. From there they will start with either an assembly in the theatre or with activation where the line will start in the 700 hallway. Please attend activation and assembly during your assigned time. However, **if the assigned time does not work you can come at a time that is best for you.** Return any textbooks or borrowed chromebooks from the 2025-26 school year. We encourage students to come with their friends as the lines take time and it is more fun to complete with friends.

The following will be completed during activation:

- Collection of textbooks/chromebooks from 2025-26 school year.
- Timetables handed out
- School Photos by LifeTouch
- ID cards printed
- Locker sign out (grades 8 - 12)
- Set up lockers
- Purchase a school lock if necessary (use CHHS lock from last year if preferred)
- Sign out semester one textbooks in the library (grade 9 - 12)
- Sign out a loaner chromebook (if needed) in the library (grade 8 -12).

Meet the teacher/Open House - Wednesday, Sept 10th 5:00-7:00. Come grab a hot dog, tour the school and meet the teachers.

Bell Schedule	Monday-Thursday			
	Grade 7-9		High School	
	8:25	Warning bell	8:22-8:45	Flex block
	8:30-10:00	Period 1	8:45-10:00	Period 1
	10:00-11:30	Period 2	10:05-11:20	Period 2
	11:30-12:00	CHAT	11:20-12:00	Lunch
	12:00-12:30	Lunch	12:00-1:15	Period 3
	12:30-1:40	Period 5 A/B	1:20-2:35	Period 4
	1:40-2:45	Period 6 A/B	2:35-2:58	Flex block
	Friday			
	Grade 7-9		High School	
	8:30-9:23	Period 1	8:30-9:23	Period 1
	9:23-10:16	Period 2	9:23-10:16	Period 2
	10:16-11:09	Period 5	10:16-11:09	Period 3
	11:09-11:59	Period 6	11:09-11:59	Period 4
Supervision	Supervision will begin with bus arrival times which are scheduled to be 10 minutes prior to classes. The doors will open at 7:30 am but students are encouraged to come to school as close to bell time as possible. Students should depart the school as soon as possible following the end of the school day unless supervised in an extra-curricular activity.			
Personal devices	Students will need a charged chromebook or laptop to complete school work. <u>Cell Phone Use at CHHS</u> The Government of Alberta recently established Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools. Starting this school year, all students at CHHS will be required to have their devices off and away during instructional time. Limited use of personal mobile devices may be permitted for educational purposes as determined by school staff. Students will be allowed the use of their devices before and after school, during breaks between classes, and at the lunch break. The cell phone policy can be found on our website on the Resources page.			
Transportation	Bussing is limited to registered students only. Parents who are dropping students off are encouraged to do so as far away from the school as is practical to avoid parking lot congestion. Our bussing is provided by Southland Transportation . Information			

	regarding specific bus stop locations and pick up/drop off times can be found at http://mhpsd.ca/schools/transportation .
Hallway Movement	High school and junior high students should stay in their designated hallways during breaks. Students on spare are asked to access the cafeteria and not disrupt classes in session.
Student Illness	Students who are ill or exhibiting symptoms of illness should stay away from school. Please update school regarding any pre-existing medical conditions. Please access your Edsby account to report your student's absence. If you have any difficulties, please call the school at 403-527-6641.
Parent Visitation	Parents are asked to please phone or email the school to book meetings. Teachers or administration may not be available without a scheduled appointment, it is a very busy school community.
Cafeteria	We are pleased to have a continued partnership with Medicine Hat High School and Red Seal Chef Jamie Moore. Sip N Chat is a student-run coffee shop that offers a variety of beverages and snacks before school and at lunch.
Lunch routines	Grade 7-9 can eat in the cafeteria, outside, library or in classrooms which teachers have given permission. CHHS is a <u>closed campus</u> for students in grades 7-9 and must remain on school property during school during the lunch break. Students are reminded to clean up after themselves. There will be Open Gym available for Grades 7-9 students Monday - Thursday 12:00-12:25. Grade 10-12 - have the option to eat in the cafeteria. All students will have the option to purchase lunch daily and may take it back to homeroom classrooms, outside (when the weather is warm, we encourage students to eat outside) and designated eating areas.
Water	Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own water bottle that can be filled at school in one of our stations.
Lockers	Locker sign out for high school students will be available to interested students on Activation Day or in Student Services. Junior high school students will be assigned lockers in their CHAT classes. Locks are provided to grade 7 students. All other students should use their lock from last year or can purchase a new lock in the office.
Student Schedules	Students in Grades 7-12 will be given one paper timetable on Orientation Day. After that they will be taught and expected to

	access their schedules on Powerschool or Edsby.										
Administration Assignments	Parents with questions and concerns should first contact their student's teacher. If further information or action is needed, please contact the lead administrator for their student. <table> <tr> <th>Grade</th><th>Administrator</th></tr> <tr> <td>Grade 7 and 8</td><td>Amanda McGarry</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grade 9</td><td>Ashley Durbeniuk</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grade 10-12</td><td>Trevor Fisher</td></tr> <tr> <td>Returning Grads, International students, Grades 7-12</td><td>Mike Kukurudza</td></tr> </table>	Grade	Administrator	Grade 7 and 8	Amanda McGarry	Grade 9	Ashley Durbeniuk	Grade 10-12	Trevor Fisher	Returning Grads, International students, Grades 7-12	Mike Kukurudza
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Office and Student Services Access	Access to the office and student services will be limited to small numbers of students at a time. We are generally unable to accommodate unscheduled parent meetings. Parents are encouraged to call to book appointments with counselors and administration.										
Closed Campus Policy	In alignment with all MHPSD schools and schools in partner districts, Grade 7-9 CHHS students must remain on CHHS campus for the duration of the school day. The campus includes both the school and all outdoor spaces on school grounds. Exemptions to this policy due to special circumstances involving dietary and medical needs may be applied for through CHHS administration. Should an exemption be granted, students will be expected to go home for lunch daily for the entire school year.										
School Supplies	Homeroom/classroom teachers will provide students with a list of necessary supplies.										
Vaping	Possession, use (including use prior to arrival at school property as evidenced by impairment or aroma or other means), and/or distribution of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers or any related products or paraphernalia on school property is a violation of school policy. This includes suspected use in areas such as washrooms.										

Looking for more details? Click [HERE](#) for our CHHS School Handbook for 2026-27

Medicine Hat Public School Division 2026-2027 School Year Calendar



August 2026	September 2026	October 2026	November 2026
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 Division Wide Professional Development (PD) Days No School for Students (Feb 18, 19 is teacher's convention and June 29 is the last day for teachers)	 Student start & end days* (Feb 1 - Start of Semester 2)
 National Truth & Reconciliation Day Schools Open	 PD Day No School for ELP - Gr. 9 ONLY
 Holidays Schools Closed	 PD Day No School for Gr. 10 - 12 ONLY

**June 28 | Some Gr. 12 students may need to return to school for diploma examinations on this day.*

	Operational Days	Instructional Days
SEMESTER 1		
August	3	0
September	21	20
October	21	20
November	20	18
December	14	14
January	20	19
Total Semester 1	99	91
SEMESTER 2		
January/February	17	15
March	19	19
April	20	19
May	20	19
June	21	19
Total Semester 2	97	91
YEARLY TOTAL	196	182

Whether CHHS is a new school for you or you are a returning family, we will do our very best to make you feel welcome and supported. Please call (403-527-6641) or email the school with any questions or concerns. It is also important to check Edsby and connect frequently with your teachers around your students' learning. When families and schools work together, students succeed. Welcome to CHHS and have a great year!

The Administration and Staff of CHHS

Go Vikings!