

NOVEMBER Newsletter 2025-2026



NOVEMBER IMPORTANT

DATES:

NOVEMBER 2:
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 3:
PD DAY- NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 4:
QUARTER 1 ENDS

NOVEMBER 5:
QUARTER 2 BEGINS

NOVEMBER 7:
REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 11:
REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 12:
SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

NOVEMBER 10-14:
MID-TERM BREAK- NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 17 @ 9:00 AM:
P/T CONFERENCE BOOKING

NOVEMBER 27:
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

*P*incipal's Message

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back..... Again!

The return to school on October 29th was associated with a variety of emotions from our staff, however, I can assure you that every teacher in our school was thrilled to see your child again. In each classroom I walked into, I could see the teachers smiling, laughing, and having great conversations with students and those relationships are the foundation of what we believe in at ÉLJHS. One of the most important parts of school is getting back into routine and this was a major concern for me while we were off. It turns out that I have a lot of delicious food in my house and each day as I passed the fridge, I thought "Perhaps I should have a little snack". This was out of my daily routine and soon my snacks turned into meals and the meals became more often and I realized I need to get back to my usual eating habits.

I am sure many of our students and families felt the same in regards to their school routines. So as we embark on our second "start up", please work towards helping your child get back into their routines which means getting enough rest, eating healthy, and completing their assignments from school.

Have a wonderful November and I'll see you at Parent Teacher Interviews.

Mr. Chomlak





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- 📍 École Leduc Junior High School



LINK:

ÉLJHS Counselling Lounge:

<https://sites.google.com/gshare.blackgold.ca/eljhscounsellingcorner/home>

RECOGNIZING BACK-TO-SCHOOL ANXIETY

While many of us are excited for the first day of school, it's important to acknowledge that some children may have feelings of anxiety when returning after a long break. Know the signs to look out for to see if your child has concerns about returning to the classroom and contact your school counselor with any questions.



Changes in
Behavior



Headaches
and
Stomachaches



Trouble
Sleeping



Constantly
Seeking
Reassurance



Reluctance to
go to School



ÉLJHS REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 7, 2025



École Leduc Junior High School students and staff will observe Remembrance Day on **Friday, November 7, 2025**, during two identical ceremonies.

As we prepare for our upcoming Remembrance Day ceremony, we kindly ask that you speak with your child about the importance of maintaining a respectful and sombre tone throughout the event. This ceremony is a time to honour and reflect on the sacrifices made by many, and our goal is to keep the atmosphere one of respect and quiet reflection. Additionally, please remind students that hats are not to be worn during the proceedings. Hats will be removed before entering the event space as a sign of respect, similar to when we stand for the national anthem. We greatly appreciate your support to help create a meaningful experience for everyone involved.

The first ceremony will take place at 8:45, and the second will follow at 9:45, with a 15-minute break in between. Everything will be completed by 10:30.

8:45 AM Ceremony: 7A, 7C, 7F, 8B, 8D, 8E, 8G, 9A, 9C, 9F

9:45 AM Ceremony: 7B, 7D, 7E, 8A, 8C, 8F, 9B, 9D, 9E

If you are a past or present member of the Canadian Military and a family member of the ELJHS community, we invite you to attend. If you are a member of the police, fire, or emergency services and would like to attend in uniform, we would also appreciate it. You are all welcome to attend one or both ceremonies.

Email grace.henderson@blackgold.ca to confirm your attendance.

11 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget



SCHOOL FEES



School Fees have been placed in student's accounts. Please ensure to check your child's PowerSchool Parent Portal for fees that may have been added and need to be paid. Fees should be paid ASAP. Outstanding fees may be sent to collections if not paid by end of April. If you require financial support please contact:

Patty Burak: (780) 986-2184



STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS **2025/2026**

2025-2026 Student Enrollment Verification Form for Black Gold School Division is available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Please completed this process before **November 30th, 2025** . Completion of this form ensures that we have accurate information for emergency communication. If you fail to complete this form, your child's ability to leave school grounds for walking field trips, as well as participating in class/team photos or being recognized in other school materials may be compromised.

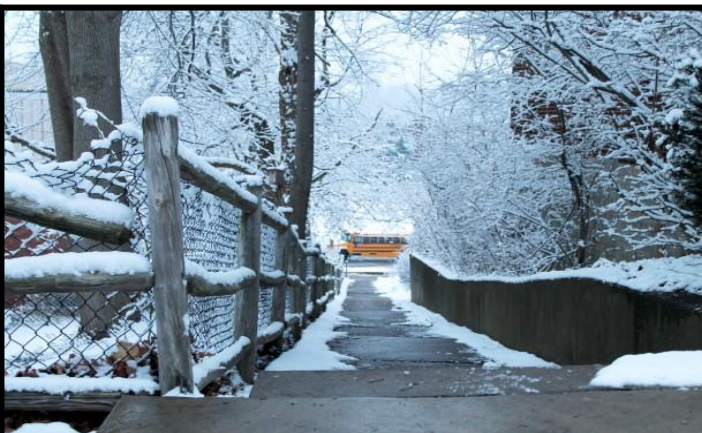
In order to confirm your child's registration with Black Gold School Division, you must have:

- An active PowerSchool Parent Portal Account.
- An Internet connected computer, tablet, or phone.

Important: If you do not already have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account please contact your school, during school hours, for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation!

WINTER SAFETY TIPS



- ✧ **DON'T RUSH TO CATCH THE BUS** : When roads and walkways are slippery, plan to arrive a little earlier so you do not have to rush.
- ✧ **BUNDLE UP** : Students need to keep warm. Coats, mitts, and hats are necessary on the cold days ahead. Dressing in layers prepares you for any situation, as winter weather can be unpredictable.
- ✧ **PUT DOWN THE PHONE** : Not looking where you are walking, driving, or biking can have disastrous results. Watch for traffic and keep your phone in your pocket.
- ✧ **GET A GRIP:** Wear footwear appropriate for conditions; boots, extra socks, etc.
- ✧ **PAY ATTENTION TO WEATHER ALERTS AND SCHOOL MESSAGES:** As hectic as mornings can be, parents should be aware of weather alerts and bus cancellations or delays. Make sure your school has your contact information to receive late-breaking alerts, and be sure to check your school website or local media when inclement weather is expected.

WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY INCREASE RISK FOR
INJURY.

PREVENT SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS BY PREPARING

FOR WINTER CONDITIONS AND TAKING EXTRA

TIME TO GET WHERE YOU ARE GOING!



Important

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If you do not have access to PowerSchool Parent Portal please contact the office at 780-986-2184. The Parent Portal allows you to view your students' attendance, marks, pay fees online, among other features. If you have an existing account, you can add additional students to the same account. **If you have moved, changed phone number(s), or have any changes to personal information, please contact the office at 780-986-2184. It is important that we have your most current information on file.**

If your student will be absent from school, please record your child's absence on the SchoolMessenger App or notify the office so that we can enter the attendance accordingly.

JOIN OUR ÉLJHS SKI CLUB

On these nights, we will be traveling by bus and leaving the school at 4:00PM to return at 9:00PM. Please watch your email or PowerSchool to register your child to join us for one or more trips to the hill!

Organizer: Mrs. Hekkink

Dates:

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|---------------|---------------|
| * November 25 | * January 20 |
| * December 10 | * February 20 |
| * January 9 | * March 11 |

Watch for the permission form in the PowerSchool Parent Portal and emails for updates.

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LLC:



ÉLJHS LLC Bookmark Contest



In November, students will create a bookmark based on a book they had read or create one with a reading quote. We invite all students from all grades to participate. The winner will receive an Indigo gift card, their bookmark laminated and mass-produced to have in the library for others to use for their books.



Contest WINNERS:

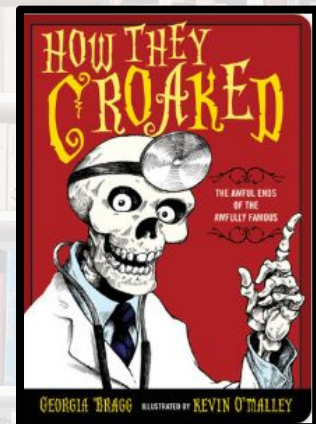
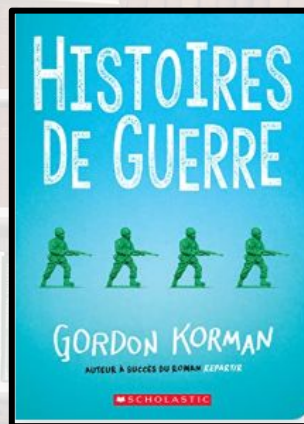
September's Brain
Teaser Game:



Ariel Pidkowich - 8C

Leigha Drewes - 8C

Mrs. Kern's Book Recommendations:





ELJHS PARKING

We are pleased to share that construction on the ÉLJHS south parking lot is now complete and the area is once again open for use.

CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE

The parking lot is allocated to staff parking first, with additional space available for visitor parking. If you are dropping off or picking up, please use the available stalls. If the lot is full, we ask that you utilize street parking along the surrounding areas.

Please remember that the bus loop remains reserved for buses only and is not available for parent parking or drop-off at any time.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout this project. We are excited to have this area safely back in service for our school community!

ÉLJHS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

COMING SOON!



Listen for announcements

Tryouts start right after the November Break

ÉLJHS SPORT HIGHLIGHTS:



VOLLEYBALL TEAMS



COACH:

- Mrs. Fisher
- Mrs. Doherty

THANK YOU for
all of your support!



**Congratulations to our
District Girls Team
for finishing 1st on the
consolation side of the
Father Leduc Tournament
October 4th- 5th**



GOLF TEAM



COACH:

- Mr. Bartlett

THANK YOU for
all of your support!



**Congratulations to our
ELJHS Golf Team
on their outstanding
performance in the
Wetaskiwin Tournament
on September 18th**



X-COUNTRY TEAM



COACHES:

- Mrs. Jensen
- Mrs. Shewchuk

THANK YOU for
all of your support!



**Congratulations to our
ELJHS X-Country Team
on their outstanding
performances in the
following races:**

- ★ Spartan Tough
- ★ LDAA Peace Hills



Ecole Leduc Junior High School has partnered with **myBlueprint** to provide you and your child with an engaging education and career/life planning tool.

myBlueprint Education Planner (7-12) includes many beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through their education including:

- ✓ **Who Am I** – Complete 5 assessments to learn and discover more about yourself, including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, and Motivations
- ✓ **High School** – Visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all destinations
- ✓ **Post-Secondary** – Explore post-secondary options and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs, and workplace sectors across Canada
- ✓ **Goals** – Set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans to help achieve them
- ✓ **Occupations** – Explore occupations and compare comprehensive information on job outlooks, salary ranges, and more, including the ability to identify occupations that are a good match
- ✓ **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Record personal experiences, build resumes, and write cover letters
- ✓ **Money** – Build a budget to learn about income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- ✓ **Job Search** – Explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- ✓ **Portfolios** – Document and reflect on learning, keep record of important learning, and share your progress with parents, teachers, or future employers

To explore the features of myBlueprint, you can create a **Family Account** and link to your child's account (requires student permission). With direct access from home, you can get more informed and involved with your child's education, and support your child in making the most informed decisions about their future.

To create your **Family Account**, follow these simple steps:

1. Visit www.myBlueprint.ca
2. Click **Sign Up** at the top right corner
3. Enter your child's school Activation Key "blackgold"
4. [Select Family](#)
5. Complete the sign up form
6. Invite your student to login to their account and click their name in the top right-hand corner. Select **My Links** and accept your link invitation

You can also watch a video about the Family account at myBlueprint.ca/support/videos.

We encourage you to get started today!

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school and ask for the MyBluePrint site lead.

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details	
AUGUST 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	5	3	<div><div></div> August 25 & 26 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> August 27 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students</div>
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		10	11	12	13	14	15			
		17	18	19	20	21	22			
		24	25	26	27	28	29			
		31								
SEPTEMBER 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div></div> September 1 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> September 19 - PD Day: (No Students): (AM) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day</div> <div><div></div> September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)</div>
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		14	15	16	17	18	19			
		21	22	23	24	25	26			
		28	29	30						
OCTOBER 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	<div><div></div> October 13 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> October 14 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>
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		12	13	14	15	16	17			
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		26	27	28	29	30	31			
NOVEMBER 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	15	14	<div><div></div> November 2 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward)</div> <div><div></div> November 3 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> November 10 - 14 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>
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DECEMBER 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	15	14	<div><div></div> December 1 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> December 22 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</div>
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JANUARY 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div></div> January 1 - 2 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> January 5 - School Resumes</div> <div><div></div> January 30 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>
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Semester 1: Aug. 28, 2025 - Jan. 30, 2026							97	90	Semester 2 - Commences February 2, 2026	
FEBRUARY 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	<div><div></div> February 2 - Semester 2 Commences</div> <div><div></div> February 5 & 6 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> February 16 - Family Day (Schools Closed)</div>
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MARCH 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div></div> March 8 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward)</div> <div><div></div> March 9 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> March 30 - 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)</div>
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APRIL 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	<div><div></div> April 1 - 3 Spring Break (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> April 3 - Good Friday (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> April 6 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> April 7 - School Resumes</div> <div><div></div> April 24 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>
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MAY 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div></div> May 15 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> May 18 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div>
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JUNE 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	<div><div></div> June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day</div> <div><div></div> June 24 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam</div> <div><div></div> June 25 & 26 - Teacher Workday (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>
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Semester 2: February 2 - June 26, 2026							97	90		
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students							194	180	Aug-Dec/25: 77 -T & 71 -S; Jan-June/26: 117 -T & 109 -S	

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