

Welcome Back Newsletter 2026-2027

Principal's Message



Welcome back to École Leduc Junior High School! I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing summer filled with fun, sunshine, and great memories.

This summer was a fairly quiet one for me, however, I did go on an adventure to Madge Lake in Saskatchewan where my family and I did some camping and fishing. We were fortunate to have good weather during the day but it poured each night. The lesson I learned from this trip is that tenting in the rain is still not very much fun and that I am fairly certain that I prefer beaches and buffets in Mexico!

As we open our doors for another school year, our staff could not be more excited to welcome both our returning students and those joining our school community for the very first time. Junior high is a unique, fast-paced time full of new opportunities, fresh discoveries, and lasting friendships.

To make the absolute most of this year, I encourage our students to keep three simple goals in mind:

- **Work Hard:** Push yourself academically, try new things, and take pride in your effort—growth happens when you challenge yourself.
- **Have Fun:** Get involved in our clubs, sports, and school activities to make your time here memorable.
- **Be Kind & Respectful:** Treat your peers, teachers, and school environment with care. A strong, welcoming community starts with how we treat one another every single day.

It is going to be a fantastic year at ELJHS. I hope all of our students enjoy these first few days, get settled in, and let's make this our best school year yet!

Mr. Chomlak



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST 20:
SCHOOL OFFICE OPENS FOR 26/27

AUGUST 25-26:
TEACHER WORKDAYS

AUGUST 24 @ 4:00 PM:
STUDENT SCHEDULES ON POWER SCHOOL

AUGUST 25:
MEET THE STAFF @ 4:00-6:00 PM

AUGUST 27:
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

SEPTEMBER 7:
LABOUR DAY- NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 11:
PICTURE DAY

SEPTEMBER 17:
ÉLJHS RESERVOIR/TERRY FOX RUN- PM

SEPTEMBER 18:
PD DAY- NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 24:
ÉLJHS 25/26 CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

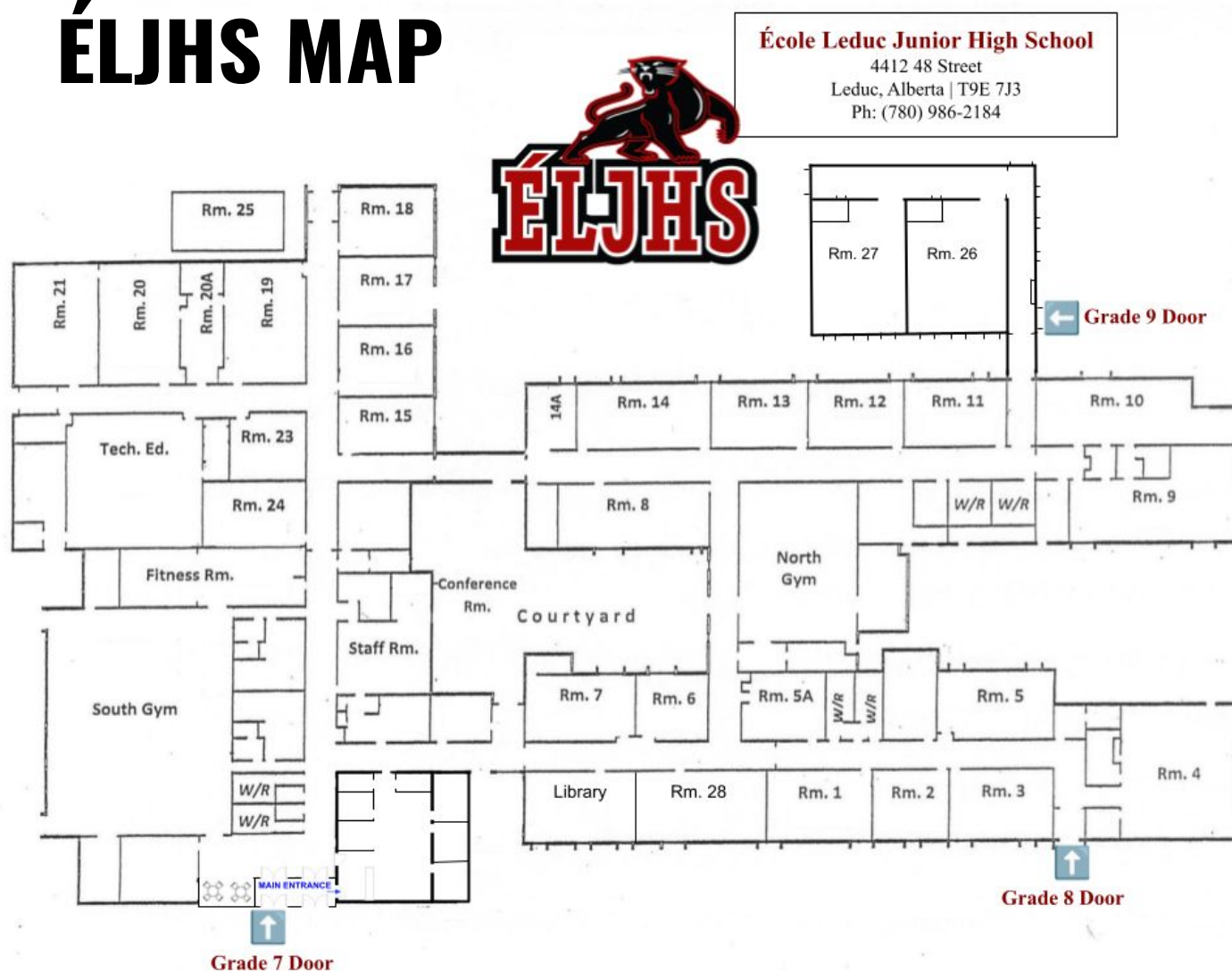
SEPTEMBER 30:
NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION- NO SCHOOL



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome to ÉLJHS for the 2026–2027 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students and families back, and look forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and connection. To help ensure a safe and smooth start to each day, students are asked to use their designated entrance as indicated on the map below. These entrances help us manage traffic flow and keep our school community organized and safe. Please refer to the PowerSchool Parent Portal on August 24th to see your child's teachers and their classroom location. We can't wait to see everyone!

ÉLJHS MAP



**INSPIRING SUCCESS FOR EVERY
STUDENT EVERY DAY**

2026-2027 School Year Procedures



CLASS SCHEDULES:

- 🍎 Class schedules will be released on the PowerSchool Parent Portal: **August 24th**

MANDATORY PERMISSION FORMS:

- 🍎 Please go to the PowerSchool Parent Portal to fill out all “**MANDATORY**” forms and the ELJHS Reservoir Run (Conroy Classic) form by: **September 10th!**

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- 🍎 **Designated Entrance & Homeroom Locations:** Students will enter through their designated door, where they will find their name posted on the wall to help them locate their homeroom. Staff will be stationed in the hallways to assist and direct students to the correct classrooms. Please refer to the map on the page before to help your child pre-plan their route to their homeroom. Also, ensure your child knows they are welcome to come to the office for assistance anytime!

- 🍎 **First Day Orientation:** Students will participate in orientation activities throughout the morning until the lunch break. A short nutrition break will take place mid-morning, so please remember to pack your child a snack. Orientation will include:

- Student Schedules
- Bell Times
- Classroom Locations
- Lock And Locker Assignments
- Cell Phone Policy
- Textbook Distribution & Policies
- Hour Zero Emergency Procedures
- Classroom Expectations
- And More!

- 🍎 **Locks & Lockers:** Locks and lockers will be assigned during orientation. Please do not send your child with a personal lock. Each student will be provided with a school-issued lock, which is mandatory for the school year. Students are welcome to bring their school supplies gradually over the first few days to avoid carrying too much at once.

- 🍎 **Backpacks & Cell Phones:** Backpacks must be stored in student lockers once assigned and are not to be carried throughout the day. Cell phones are not permitted in classrooms during instructional time and must be stored in student lockers. For full details, please refer to the ÉLJHS Student Personal Electronic Device Policy on Page 9.

- 🍎 **School Fees:** Fees for school and quarter 1 option class fees will be added to student accounts during the first and second week of school. We kindly ask families to check their accounts regularly and submit payments as soon as possible once fees are posted.

We've MISSED YOU!



MEET OUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TEAM:



MR. CHOMLAK
PRINCIPAL

ABOUT ME:

- 🍎 **How long have you been at ÉLJHS?**
This is my fifth year at ELJHS!
- 🍎 **What is your favourite thing about ÉLJHS?**
My favorite thing about ELJHS is our awesome students!
- 🍎 **One fun/interesting thing about you?**
I love cooking and BBQ'ing

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MRS. MAY
ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL

ABOUT ME:

- 🍎 **How long have you been at ÉLJHS?**
This is my third year at ÉLJHS!
- 🍎 **What is your favourite thing about ÉLJHS?**
I'm love working at a school in which both of my children went through and a great opportunity to work with our amazing staff and students!
- 🍎 **One fun/interesting thing about you?**
I love walking to work no matter the weather and relaxing at my cabin any chance I get!

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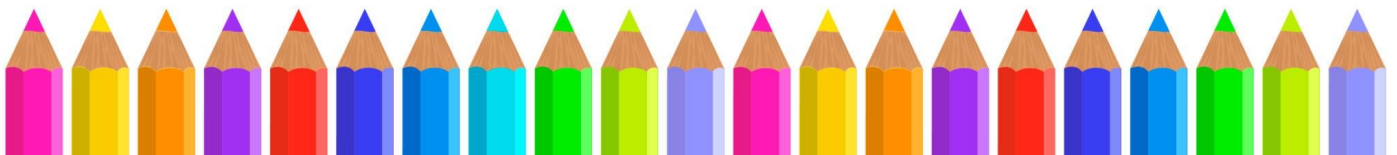


MR. BAULKHAM
ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL

ABOUT ME:

- 🍎 **How long have you been at ÉLJHS?**
This will be my fifth year at ÉLJHS.
- 🍎 **What is your favourite thing about ÉLJHS?**
My favourite thing about ÉLJHS are the kids and the community. Working in Leduc for so many years and getting to know the families has been great. This community has some of the kindest, selfless and hard-working people!
- 🍎 **One fun/interesting thing about you?**
I love to travel. My wife and I went to Greece and Portugal over the summer!

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Leaha Severson
ÉLJHS Counsellor

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LINK:
ÉLJHS Counselling Lounge:

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

Meet Our School Counsellor – Mrs. Leaha Severson

As we begin the 2026-2027 school year, we would like to introduce our school counsellor, Mrs. Leaha Severson.

Mrs. Severson is an important part of our ÉLJHS team and is dedicated to supporting the well-being and success of all students. Junior high can bring exciting opportunities, new friendships, and personal growth, but it can also come with challenges. Whether students are navigating friendships, managing stress or anxiety, working through personal concerns, or simply need a trusted adult to talk to, Mrs. Severson is here to help.

Building positive connections with students is at the heart of her work, and she strives to ensure every student feels supported, valued, and heard. Families are also encouraged to reach out if they have questions or concerns regarding their child's well-being.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Severson as part of our school community and look forward to another great year of supporting our students together.





BACK TO SCHOOL

STAFF MEET & GREET BBQ

All ÉLJHS students and parents are invited to our
ÉLJHS Staff Meet & Greet BBQ

DATE: August 25th

TIME: 4:00-6:00 PM

LOCATION: ÉLJHS

Students and families are welcome to connect with teachers and friends. It's a great time to get ready for the first day.

A BBQ will be provided for all guests to enjoy!



We look forward to seeing you there!

ÉLJHS OFFICE INFORMATION:

ÉLJHS Absence Reporting App!

SCHOOL MESSENGER
WON'T BE AT SCHOOL?
LET US KNOW!

Report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:



Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger Home App**



Use the SafeArrival website,
<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/signup>



Call the toll-free number **780-955-4526**

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week.
Future absences can be reported at any time.



ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If you do not have access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal please contact the office at **780-986-2184**. The PowerSchool Parent Portal allows you to view your student's attendance, marks, pay fees and fill out forms 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. It is important that we have your most current information on file.**

If your student will be absent from school, please notify the office so that we can enter their attendance accordingly. If it is after hours, please leave a message on the school's answering machine.

Please go to the Powerschool Parent Portal to fill out all "MANDATORY" forms as soon as possible!

ÉLJHS BELL SCHEDULE:



ÉLJHS Daily Bell Schedule

Warning Bell	8:30
Late Bell	8:34
Homeroom	8:34 - 8:38
Period 1	8:38 - 9:30
Period 2	9:32 - 10:25
Nutrition Break	10:25 - 10:33 
Period 3	10:33 - 11:26
Period 4	11:28 - 12:21
Lunch Room	12:21 - 12:38
Noon Activities	12:38 - 1:08
Warning Bell	1:08
Late Bell	1:11
Homeroom	1:11 - 1:14
Period 5	1:14 - 2:07
Period 6	2:09 - 3:03

ÉLJHS Personal Mobile Device Update



As we move through the school year at ÉLJHS, we want to remind families about the personal mobile device guidelines that have been in place since the beginning of the year. These guidelines continue to support a more focused and positive learning environment for all students.

What is considered a personal mobile device?

Personal mobile devices include any device that can be used to communicate or access the internet—such as a cell phone, tablet, gaming device, laptop, or smartwatch. This also includes accessories that connect to these devices, such as headphones, earbuds, and Bluetooth speakers.

What are the expectations at ÉLJHS?

These guidelines apply to all students, with exceptions for those using devices for health or medical reasons, to support specialized learning needs, or as part of a teacher-directed educational activity.

- **Grade 7–9 Students:**

Students are not permitted to use personal mobile devices during the school day. Devices brought to school must be turned off or set to silent and kept out of sight in backpacks, lockers, or designated areas. Ideally, devices should be left at home.

- **Social Media Access:**

As part of the policy, access to known social media platforms is blocked for students on school networks and school-owned devices at all grade levels.

If a student uses a personal mobile device during class without teacher permission, staff will work with the student to ensure the [ÉLJHS Student Personal Electronic Device Policy](#) is clear and understood. We continue to rely on respectful communication and existing school processes to support student learning and accountability.

Why is this policy in place?

Schools that have implemented similar restrictions have already seen positive impacts on student well-being and achievement. At ÉLJHS, we're seeing students more engaged and less distracted, contributing to a more focused learning environment.

Thank you for your continued support in helping ÉLJHS maintain a positive and distraction-free learning space. For more information, please visit our website or contact the school office directly.

Grade 7/8/9

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:



1	Chromebook*	1	Pencil Case/Box
1	Headphones (Chromebook Compatible)	4	Erasers
8	Duotangs	2	Large Glue Sticks
1	Felt Markers	1	Metric Ruler
2	Coiled Scribblers- Ruled	1	Calculator (Sq Root and Pi Functions)
1	Graph/Grid Paper	30	HB Pencils
1	Scissors	1	Pencil Crayons
1	Pencil Sharpener	1	Backpack
4	Highlighters	2	Lined Loose-Leaf Paper (500 Sheets)
1	PE Clothing- Athletic Top & Bottoms	2	Sharpie Fine Permanent Black Markers
1	Non-Marking Athletic Shoes	20	Ballpoint Pens
2	Large 3-Ring Binders	5	Red Ballpoint Pens
1-2	Package of Dividers		

- Students at ÉLJHS have access to shared chromebooks. Students are welcome to purchase and bring their own chromebook for daily use.
- Calculators are essential as we do not have enough to lend out.
- Lock Rental Fee will be \$3.00 per lock. NO outside locks will be permitted.

Please Remember:

- All supplies should be labelled with your child's name clearly marked on them.
- Additional supplies may be required based on specific classes and options.



INTRODUCING OUR HOUSE SYSTEM



WHAT IS A HOUSE SYSTEM?

Just like in the book, "Harry Potter" students at ELJHS will be **grouped into different houses**.

The houses will have **friendly** competitions with one another throughout the school year, and will earn points for their house.

Teachers will use the **Critter Coin** App to keep track of points.

Each house will have **team captain**, **assistant captain** (selected by teachers) and a **moderator** (selected by students).





ELJHS PARKING

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please DO NOT park or drive through the apartment complex or the Stein Business Centre parking lot across the street from the school. These areas are private property and are reserved for residents and business clients.

Parents and guardians are welcome to use the ÉLJHS school parking lot, which is now fully open, as well as any permitted street parking in the area. Please be mindful of posted signage and surrounding driveways.

Thank you for helping us be respectful neighbours and keeping our drop-off and pick-up zones safe and organized.



Black Gold School Division -TRANSPORTATION

NEWS

As the 2026-2027 school year begins, Black Gold School Division buses will be transporting students starting Thursday, August 27, 2026.

Remember: If a school bus has flashing red lights and its stop sign extended, DO NOT PASS. Drivers must stop at least 20 metres (4–5 car lengths) away and remain stopped until the red lights stop flashing and the stop sign is retracted.

All Black Gold school buses are equipped with cameras that record license plates. Vehicles that illegally pass a stopped school bus will be reported to the RCMP, and video footage may be provided.

The penalty for passing a school bus with flashing red lights is a \$567 fine and 6 demerit points.

CAUTION: *RED LIGHTS* are FLASHING, there is NO PASSING!

Thank you for helping keep our students safe. We wish all students, families, drivers, and community members a safe and successful school year!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LLC:

ÉCOLE LEDUC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL Textbook Policy



***Please log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal to fill out the Textbook Policy Consent form ASAP**

- All books will be barcoded and circulated through the École Leduc Junior High School library using the management software Insignia. Insignia has been implemented throughout Black Gold Regional Schools and tracks student textbook information with great accuracy.
- Textbooks are issued to students during the first couple of days of start-up and are due on the day of the **final** exam of the subject being written.
- Each student must fill out and return a Textbook Condition form, which is supplied to them when they receive their textbooks. The Textbook Condition form will allow students to **identify damages within their textbook that they will not be held responsible for**, which is then confirmed by the librarian.
- It is strongly suggested that students record the textbook barcode number somewhere safe. It is also required that the student write his/her name in the designated space on the inside cover of the textbook.
- At the end of the year, or when a student leaves the school, each textbook will be scanned as it is returned to the library. Students are expected to return the exact same textbook; returning someone else's is good for them, but not for you.
- The textbook tracking system will provide the obligation list that will be automatically emailed to the homeroom as well as to the parent/student home email if there are any outstanding books or fines. Please ensure the school office has your current email address.
- Fines will be issued for damaged textbooks per the severity. **Students should report textbook damage immediately.** Students who have misplaced their textbook may check in the library, lost and found or the office to see if it has been returned; otherwise, the student is responsible monetarily for the loss of the textbook. Another book will not be signed out until this requirement is met.
- Students are **NOT** allowed to share lockers. If a locker has been forcibly opened, report the damage and/or textbook theft to an administrator immediately! Students must report a locker theft as soon as it is noticed to the office.
- Students **SHOULD NOT** leave textbooks assigned to them in classrooms. Leave your books in the classroom **AT YOUR OWN RISK!** You are still responsible even if someone else damages or loses your book. **Your teacher is NOT responsible for your book.**
- Novel studies are considered textbooks and need to be returned to check out a new novel study.
- **All fees for lost/damaged books will be added to the PowerSchool Parent Portal: Student's Fees & Forms account and made available to pay online using: Visa, Visa debit, Visa prepaid, Mastercard, Interac Online. Cheque or Cash can also be accepted in the office. from the previous school year will be sent to Collections by May 1.**

Examples of damages to be mindful of:

Lost Textbook Fee	100% Replacement Value
Book Cover Damage	\$24.00 Rebinding Fee (subject to increases)
Water/Mold Damage	100% Replacement Value
Writing Inside or Outside Book	The fee will be assessed by the amount of damage
Writing Inside or Outside Book	100% Replacement Value (cannot be removed or inappropriate content)

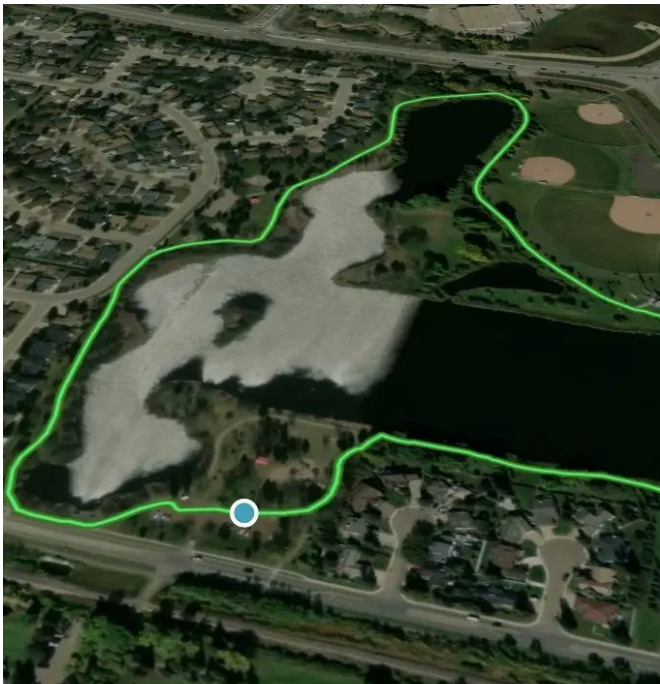


ÉLJHS UPCOMING EVENTS:



ÉLJHS Reservoir Run

- **September 17**
- **1:12 - 3:03 PM**
- **Fred Johns Park**



Parents are encouraged to come
and cheer on our students.
Go PANTHERS Go!

ÉLJHS Annual Reservoir/Terry Fox Run and BBO

This is our first event of the year. It is a
great way for students to get to know
each other and have some fun.

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE PERMISSION
FORM ONLINE ASAP!**

Students are encouraged to dress up
or create a theme. The winning
theme per grade receives a classroom

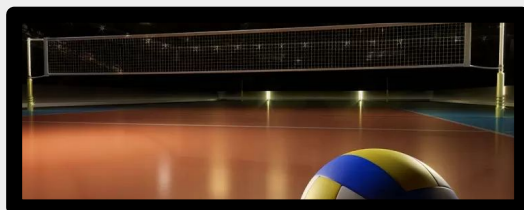
PIZZA PARTY!!!

If you are interested in volunteering for
this event please reach out to:

mike.bartlett@blackgold.ca

ÉLJHS SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS:

VOLLEYBALL TEAM INFO



TRYOUTS:

- ★ Tryouts will be the beginning of the year
- ★ Please have your child listen closely for announcements if interested

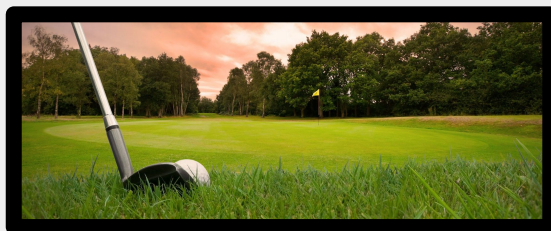
X-COUNTRY TEAM INFO



TRYOUTS Coming Soon:

- ★ Tryouts will be the beginning of September
- ★ Please have your child listen closely for announcements if interested

GOLF TEAM INFO



TRYOUTS Coming Soon:

- ★ Tryouts will be approximately during the second week of school.
- ★ Please have your child listen closely for announcements if interested.

2026-2027 DIVISION SCHOOL YEAR:

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR													
Monthly Calendar								Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details			
AUGUST 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	5	3	August 25 - 26 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) August 27- School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students			
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		16	17	18	19	20	21						
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SEPTEMBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	September 7 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) September 18 - PD Day: (No Students); September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)			
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		27	28	29	30								
OCTOBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	October 12 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed) October 13 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam			
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NOVEMBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	November 1 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward) November 9 -13 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed) November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed) November 16 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam			
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DECEMBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	December 4- PD Day (No Students) December 23 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)			
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JANUARY 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	January 1- 5 Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed) January 6 - School Resumes January 29 - PD Day (No Students) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam			
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		31											
Semester 1: Aug. 27, 2026 - Jan. 29, 2027								96	89	Semester 2 - Commences February 1, 2027			
FEBRUARY 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	February 1 - Semester 2 Commences February 4 & 5 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 15 - Family Day (Schools Closed)			
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		28											
MARCH 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	March 14 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward) March 15 - PD Day (No Students) March 26 - Good Friday (Schools Closed) March 29 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed) March 29 - 31- Spring Break (Schools Closed)			
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APRIL 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	April 1 - 2 Spring Break (Schools Closed) April 5 - School Resumes April 23 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam			
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MAY 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	May 21 - PD Day (No Students) May 24 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)			
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JUNE 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	19	June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day June25- Last School Day with Diploma Exam June 28 & 29- Teacher Workday (No Students) Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Diploma Exam			
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Semester 2: February 1 - June 25, 2027								99	92				
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students								195	181	Sept-Dec/26: 78 -T & 72 -S; Jan-June/27: 117 -T & 109 -S			

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