

April Newsletter 2025-2026



P rincipal's Message



Greetings Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back ÉLJHS Families. We are headed into our last three months of school, and the time is going to fly by very quickly. The days will be getting longer and I know many of our families will be busy with their outside sports and activities in the coming weeks. Please keep in mind that our students will start writing final exams in May and June and it is essential for them to be rested and prepared. Over the next few months, I encourage our students to review their school material daily for their final exams. Spending 15 minutes a night to review a subject is much more enjoyable than trying to cram a year's worth of learning into a few days before the final exam. I hope you all have a wonderful April and that we all get to spend some time outside in the sunshine.

Have a fantastic April!

Mr. Chomlak

APRIL IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH 28- APRIL 6:
SPRING BREAK

APRIL 3:
GOOD FRIDAY- NO SCHOOL

APRIL 6:
EASTER MONDAY- NO SCHOOL

APRIL 7:
SCHOOL RESUMES

APRIL 15:
PA & SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 24:
PD DAY- NO SCHOOL

APRIL 27-28:
GR 8 JAPANESE CULTURAL TRIPS

MAY 1:
ÉLJHS PA SILENT DISCO

MAY 7:
GR 7 ORIENTATION & OPEN HOUSE





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LINK:

ÉLJHS Counselling Lounge

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

Finding Calm in the Chaos

Let's be honest, life has felt pretty full and unpredictable lately. Between work demands, family responsibilities, school activities, rising costs, and the constant feeling of being pulled in multiple directions, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Many of us are doing our best to keep everything moving while quietly carrying a lot of pressure.

When the pace of life starts to feel like too much, it is important to pause and take care of yourself. Prioritizing your mental health is not selfish. It is necessary. Taking time to recharge helps you show up not only for yourself, but also for the people who rely on you every day.

As Dr. Jody Carrington often reminds us, if the adults are not okay, the kids do not stand a chance. Remember, you cannot pour from an empty cup. Taking care of yourself allows you to keep giving your best to the things and people that matter most.

Caregiver Tips

- Establish a routine for your child
- Set clear expectations
- Follow through on consequences
- Allow for breaks from school work
- Plan something fun to do together each week

Caregiver Challenge

When you look at your schedule for the day, pencil in something fun that you can do just for you each day. It doesn't have to be big. It could be as simple as spending 5 extra minutes in the shower or reading a chapter of your favorite book! Make yourself a priority in the midst of this crazy season. It will improve your mood and have a positive impact on your family!

ÉLJHS FINAL EXAM INFORMATION:



Grade 9- Provincial Achievement Tests

May 20:	May 21:	June 8:	June 9:	June 16:	June 19:	June 22:	June 23:
FLA PAT Part A	ELA PAT Part A <small>K&E ELA- Part A</small>	FLA PAT Part B	ELA PAT Part B <small>K&E ELA- Part B</small>	Math PAT Part A <small>K&E ELA- Practice Exam</small>	Math PAT Part B <small>K&E Math</small>	Social PAT <small>K&E Social</small>	Science PAT <small>K&E Science</small>

Grade 7 & 8 - Final Exam Schedule

Date TBA:	Date TBA:	June 8:	June 9:	June 16:	June 19:	June 22:	June 23
FLA Final Exam Part A <small>During Class</small>	ELA Final Exam Part A <small>During Class</small>	FLA Final Exam Part B	ELA Final Exam Part B	Math Final Exam Part A	Math Final Exam Part B	Social Final Exam	Science Final Exam

★ More specific final exam information will be communicated closer to the end of the year.



ÉLJHS Grade 7 Orientation and Open House

On **May 7, 2026**, grade six students from all of our five feeder schools will attend an orientation at Ecole Leduc Junior High School arranged by their elementary school as a field trip. The orientation aims to familiarize students with the changes and expectations of our grade seven program. Allowing students to see their new school, and develop an understanding of how it functions, will assist in the transition process into junior high.

Also, on **May 7, 2026**, from **6:00-7:00 PM**, we will have our ÉLJHS Parent Open House to provide information about our school. Your child has the opportunity to attend a junior high school catering to the individualized needs of adolescents. Please come hear about all the opportunities provided at Ecole Leduc Junior High School!

We look forward to meeting parents and students new to our school!

ÉLJHS UPCOMING EVENTS:



ÉLJHS Year End Activity Day

West Edmonton Mall Waterpark

June 2

☆ Please check the PowerSchool Parent Portal for the permission form coming soon!



ÉLJHS Grade 9 Farewell

June 4

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location:

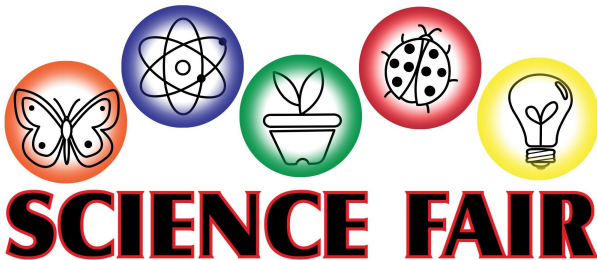
☆ ÉLJHS Gymnasium

Itinerary:

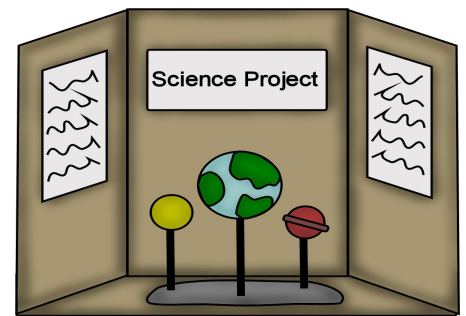
- ☆ Award Presentations
- ☆ Class Introductions
- ☆ Dance



ÉLJHS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT:

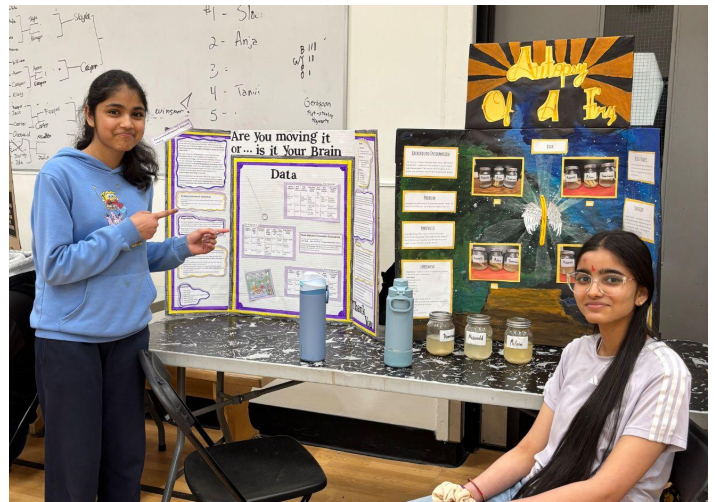


SCIENCE FAIR



ÉLJHS SCIENCE FAIR

On March 26th, we were so excited to present a select group of science fair projects or experiments from students in Grades 7-9, that positively affect our world through scientific innovation! Take a look and see what was discovered:



SCHOOL SUPPLY CHECK-IN!

We are now in Term 3 at ÉLJHS! We are finding binders are getting **TOO FULL** and students are not prepared for class with the proper tools to be successful. **ESPECIALLY PENCILS/CALCULATORS!** Please check in with your child to see if they have enough school supplies to get them through to the end of the year. **Thank you!**

Pencils ~ Binders ~ Paper ~ Pens ~ Erasers



Order Your YEARBOOK

Order the ELJHS Yearbook for **\$40.00**

Deadline to order is: **April 30, 2026**



- If your ÉLJHS Yearbook is not paid **IN FULL** by this deadline, your order will be cancelled, and you may not receive it. Please make sure to pay for your yearbook as soon as possible.
- If you need **MULTIPLE COPIES**, please call the school office to add more to your student's account.

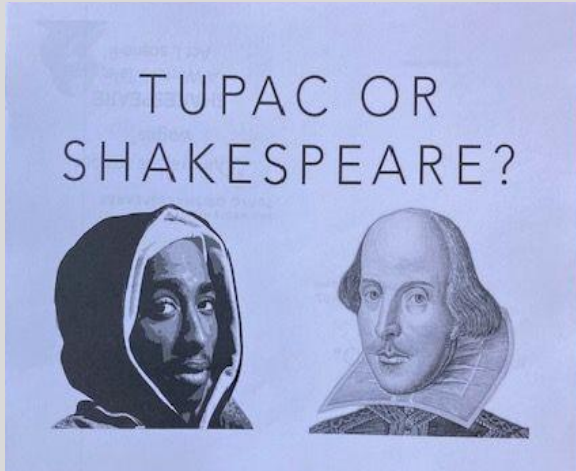
Yearbooks will arrive in the fall of the 2026-2027 school year. An email will be sent out to let you know when they are at the school for pick up.

Students who order a Yearbook and move to a new school in Leduc in 2026 -2027, will have them held for pick up at ÉLJHS. If you are changing to a new school next year, your Yearbook will be forwarded to the new school to collect in September.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LLC:

WHO WROTE IT ?



Get ready for a fun literary showdown in the Learning Commons this April! Our librarian, Mrs. Kern, is bringing a fresh twist to poetry with her contest, “Tupac or Shakespeare?”

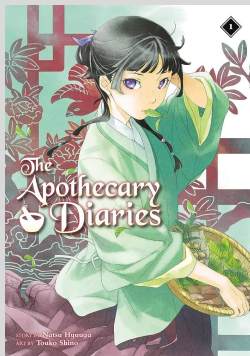
Can you tell the difference between the powerful words of Tupac and the timeless lines of Shakespeare? Test your instincts, challenge your friends, and see if you’ve got what it takes to spot the true author. It’s clever, it’s surprising, and it’s sure to keep you guessing!

March CONTEST WINNERS:

Ariel Pidkowich (8C)- Guess the Shamrocks

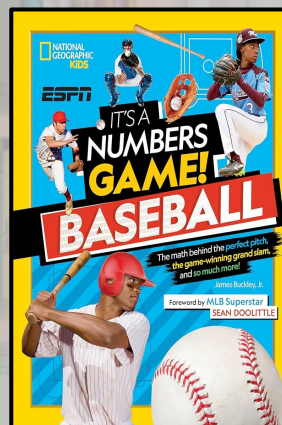
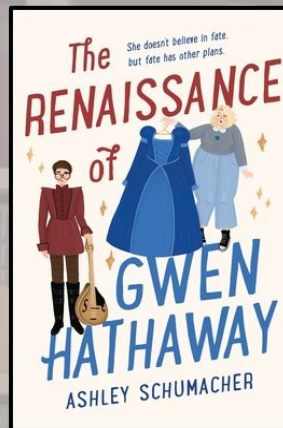


March Book Madness WINNING BOOK



Congratulations...

Mrs. Kern’s Book Recommendations:



ÉLJHS SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS:

BASKETBALL TEAMS



COACHES :

- ☆ Gr 7/8 Boys- Chomlak | Bradley
- ☆ Gr 7/8 Girls- May | May
- ☆ Sr Boys- Baulkham | Steinke
- ☆ Sr Girls- Lepage



THANK YOU for all of your support!



Congratulations
to our
Sr Boys Basketball Team
on their **Championship**
GOLD medal
in the **LDA** League
for the **2025-2026** Season

Congratulations!

GO PANTHERS GO!





ÉLJHS Soccer Tryouts COMING SOON!

**Exact dates to be determined so listen to
announcements!**

**Please see Mr. Steinke or Mme. Cooney
for more information.**





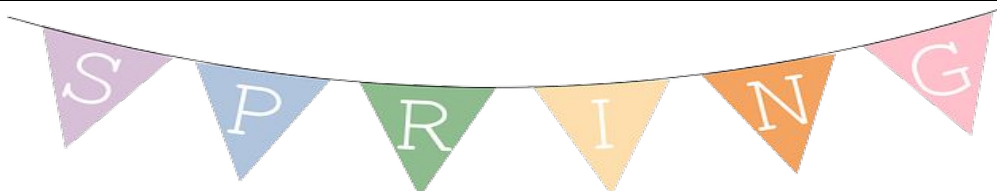
ELJHS PARKING

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 times safe and organized.



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
Finance Admin Assistant
780-986-2184



LEARN TO STUDY USING...

Spaced Practice

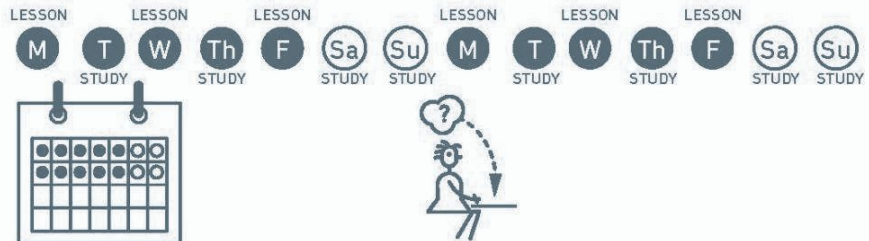
SPACE OUT YOUR STUDYING OVER TIME

LEARNINGSOCIETISTS.ORG

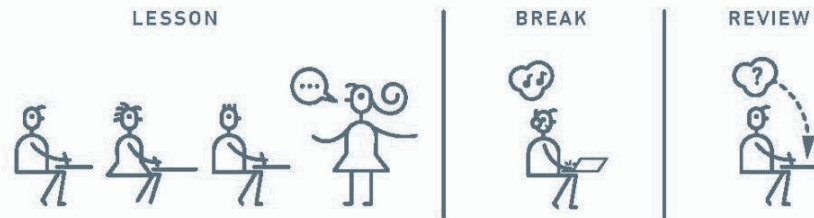


HOW TO DO IT

Start planning early for exams, and set aside a little bit of time every day. Five hours spread out over two weeks is better than the same five hours all at once.



Review information from each class, but not immediately after class.



After you review information from the most recent class, make sure to go back and study important older information to keep it fresh.



HOLD ON!



When you sit down to study, make sure you are using effective study strategies rather than just re-reading your class notes.



This may seem difficult and you may forget some information from day to day, but this is actually a good thing! This forces you to retrieve information from memory (see Retrieval Practice poster).



Create small spaces (a few days) and do a little bit over time, so that it adds up!



RESEARCH

Read more about spaced practice as a study strategy

Benjamin, A. S., & Tullis, J. (2010). What makes distributed practice effective? *Cognitive Psychology*, 61, 228-247.

LEDUC *Cats* FOOTBALL

GIRLS TACKLE U16

SPRING FLAG U10-U18

FALL FLAG U9

U11-U16 **FALL TACKLE**



**REGISTRATION
CLOSES APRIL 15**



CATSFOOTBALL.CA >>>

LEDUC & DISTRICT
MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Hello Black Gold Families,

Black Gold Summer School information is now posted at <https://bgss.blackgold.ca/> . Follow the link to view the available programming and registration.



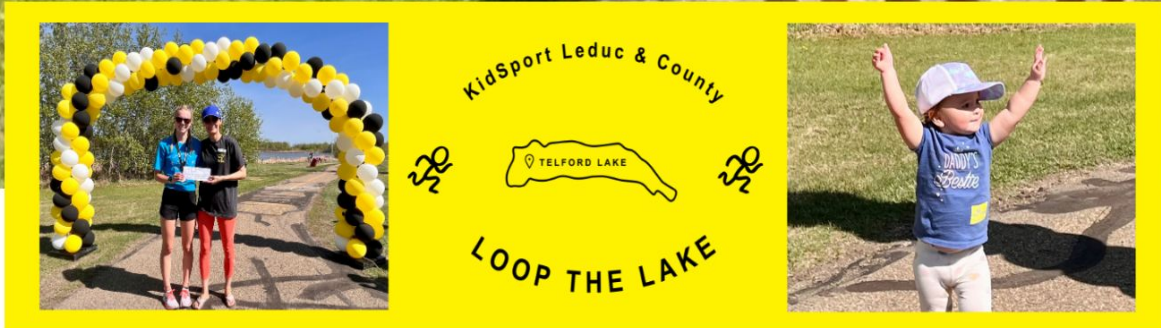
Black Gold Summer School

Phone: 780-722-0988

Email: summer.bgsd@blackgold.ca

Hours: Starting April 1, 2024

LOOP THE LAKE



 **May 9 2026**



Telford Lake
4801 44 Street, Leduc
Leduc Boat Club

Registration starts 7am

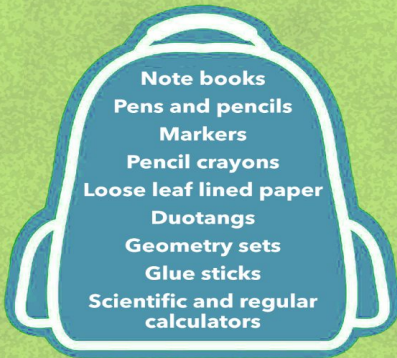
10km at 8am • 5km Walk & Run at 9:30am

Sign up on Race Roster, Loop the Lake 2026

Tools FOR School

HIGH NEED ITEMS

*Please ensure all supplies donated are new or unused



If your child needs a backpack, contact the Leduc & District Food Bank to register:

780-986-5333
Director@ldfb.ca

Tools for School provides backpacks filled with school supplies for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 for families needing support

For donations, Leduc Food Bank collection boxes are located in local grocery stores:



or donate online: www.ldfb.ca

bgc Leduc Youth Programs

April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Virtual Games 4:00-5:00	3	4
5	6 Club Closed	7 Book Club 4:00-5:00	8 Craft Night 4:30-6:00	9 Dungeons & Dragons 6:30-8:30	10 BeYou 6:00-9:30	11
12	13 Keystone Mentorship 4:00-6:00 Drop-in 6:00-7:30	14 Book Club 4:00-5:00	15 Cooking Club 4:00-5:30	16 Virtual Games 4:00-5:00	17 BeYou 6:00-9:30	18
19	20 Keystone Mentorship 4:00-6:00 Drop-in 6:00-7:30	21 Book Club 4:00-5:00	22 Cooking Club 4:00-5:30	23 Dungeons & Dragons 6:30-8:30	24 BeYou 6:00-9:30	25
26	27 Drop-in 6:00-7:30	28 Book Club 4:00-5:00	29 Cooking Club 4:00-5:30	30 Virtual Games 4:00-5:00		

*BeYou Registration requires a separate registration, email danielle.dewling@adaptabilities.ca

Our programs are free, for youth in grades 7-12. Snacks are provided!

SCAN TO REGISTER FOR BGC PROGRAMS



Alberta
Provincial Family
Resource Networks

SWIPE FOR MORE INFO

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR										
Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details	
	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT			
AUGUST 2025							1 2	5	3	August 25 & 26 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) August 27 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
	31									
SEPTEMBER 2025								20	19	September 1 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) September 19 - PD Day: (No Students): (AM) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
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OCTOBER 2025								22	21	October 13 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed) October 14 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam
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NOVEMBER 2025								15	14	November 2 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward) November 3 - PD Day (No Students) November 10 - 14 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed) November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed) Diploma Exam
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DECEMBER 2025								15	14	December 1 - PD Day (No Students) December 22 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
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	28	29	30	31						
JANUARY 2026								20	19	January 1 - 2 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed) January 5 - School Resumes January 30 - PD Day (No Students) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam
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Semester 1: Aug. 28, 2025 - Jan. 30, 2026							97	90	Semester 2 - Commences February 2, 2026	
FEBRUARY 2026								19	17	February 2 - Semester 2 Commences February 5 & 6 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 16 - Family Day (Schools Closed)
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MARCH 2026								20	19	March 8 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward) March 9 - PD Day (No Students) March 30 - 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)
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APRIL 2026								18	17	April 1 - 3 Spring Break (Schools Closed) April 3 - Good Friday (No Students) April 6 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed) April 7 - School Resumes April 24 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam
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MAY 2026								20	19	May 15 - PD Day (No Students) May 18 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
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JUNE 2026								20	18	June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day June 24 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam June 25 & 26 - Teacher Workday (No Students) Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Diploma Exam
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	28	29	30							
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	

Approved - February 22, 2023

**INSPIRING SUCCESS FOR
EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY**