

December Newsletter 2022-2023



P rincipal's Message



Greetings Parents/Caregivers,

Christmas Vacation is quickly approaching and I am sure all of our students are looking forward to the break from school. Recently, I was having an interesting debate with my family about why Christmas is the best holiday. We had some varying opinions in our home, with some of us preferring Easter and some of us preferring Thanksgiving, however, I believe Christmas is the real winner. I think Christmas is the best because it is a time for us to focus on people and relationships, to connect with our families, and to be present. I know that Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be two of the few days where we can get all of our family and kids together and share food and laughter. I wish all of you a restful and enjoyable Christmas Vacation and I hope you too find the time to focus on your family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr. Chomlak

December Important Dates:

December 5:
PD Day- No School

December 7:
Progress Reports on PowerSchool

December 8:
ÉLJHS Christmas Concert
@ Peace Lutheran Church

December 16:
Holiday Spirit Day

December 23:
Winter Activity Day

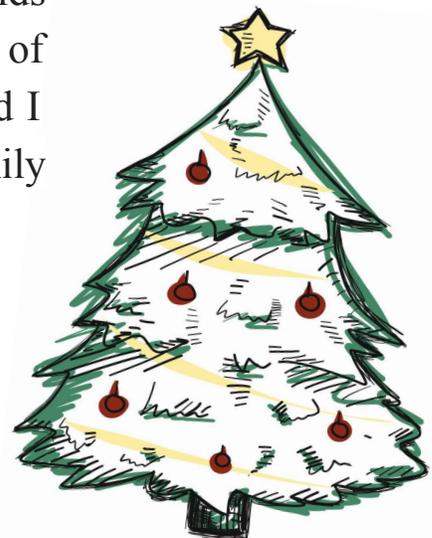
December 24-January 8:
Christmas Break

December 24:
Christmas Eve

December 25:
Christmas Day

December 31:
New Years Eve

January 9:
First Day of School After
Christmas Break



MEET SOME OF OUR TEACHERS

MRS. FISHER
TEACHER

ELA / Health



MME. DOCKERY
TEACHER

FLA / Health



How long have you been at ÉLJHS?
Started in September 2022!

What are your favourite thing about our school?
Coaching the wrestling team and the school culture.

What are your hobbies away from school?
Travelling, reading, and being active

One fun/interesting thing about you?
I have ridden my motorcycle from coast to coast.

How long have you been at ÉLJHS?
Since 2013

What are your favourite thing about our school?
Coaching Volleyball and having an awesome grade 9 homeroom!

What are your hobbies away from school?
Reading, Crossfit, Crocheting

One fun/interesting thing about you?
I am currently awaiting the arrival of my Second Baby Boy!



M. GERVAIS
TEACHER

FI Math / Health



MRS. CARROUBOURG
TEACHER

Math / Learning Support



How long have you been at ÉLJHS?
Since 2010

What are your favourite thing about our school?
Rock band in Room 4!

What are your hobbies away from school?
Cycling, longboarding, Guitar and Salsa Dancing

One fun/interesting thing about you?
I am related to Xavier Jouvin, who created the first modern system for measuring hands for gloves in the 19 century.

How long have you been at ÉLJHS?
Since 2010

What are your favourite thing about our school?
Getting to make connections with students, and seeing how much they grow academically and socially over the 3 years in our school.

What are your hobbies away from school?
Snowboarding and Camping

One fun/interesting thing about you?
I have traveled to 15 countries and hope to continue adding to that list in the years to come.



Thank You!





ÉLJHS Winter Activity Day December 23, 2022

The ÉLJHS Winter Activity Day is an important part of both creating a positive student experience in our school and giving our students the opportunity to enjoy community-related events together. To celebrate the season, we have organized a special activity day for the last day of school before the Christmas Break.

Grade 7 & 8 Students:

- * Leduc Recreation Centre (AM)
- * Leduc Cinemas (PM)

Grade 9 Students:

- * Leduc Cinemas (AM)
- * Best Western Denham Inn (PM)
Dinner and Dance

As our Winter Activity Day fast approaches, we ask that all parents complete the online permission form using your **PowerSchool Parent Portal:**

<https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html>

Permission Form Deadline: **Monday, December 14, 2022**

- * No late forms accepted, refunds given, or fees deleted from accounts once we have submitted our total numbers as of **3:30 pm on December 14, 2022**. We are unable to provide refunds since the activity is paid for in advance.
NO EXCEPTIONS!



LINKS:

ÉLJHS Counselling Corner

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

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!

Chelsea Koopmans & Nicole Ostapek

Dates:

- December 1
- December 15
- January 12
- January 23
- February 8
- February 23
- March 6
- March 20

Limited spots available!





HOLIDAY

Bucket List

GO SLEDDING OR ICE SKATING:

One of the best group activities to do in the winter with your friends! So grab a big sled, tube, or skates, and find the perfect hill to sled or outdoor rink. Warm up with a cup of hot chocolate or coffee after you are done. This is a great snow day activity for teens!

HAVE A MOVIE MARATHON:

One of the most relaxing activities to do in the winter is to watch movies! Ask friends to come over and watch a movie series. Make some popcorn and have some cozy blankets on hand.

GET BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY:

Stock up on some new good books by taking a trip to the library. Reading strengthens your brain, increases your ability to empathize, can build your vocabulary, and reduces stress.

DECLUTTER OR REDECORATE YOUR ROOM:

Clearing the clutter from your room is a great way to reduce anxiety and feel less stressed. Grab a few garbage bags (one for a donate pile and one for a throw-away pile) and clean up your room! Once your room is decluttered, you can freshen up your space by moving things around or redecorating.

HAVE AN EPIC VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT:

Do you and your friends like to video games? Set up a video game tournament with your friends or siblings! You can even award prizes for the tournament.

DO A FEW RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS:

The wintertime can get lonely for some. So, why not spread a little kindness to others? Here is a list of ideas: <https://coffeepancakesanddreams.com/30-random-acts-of-kindness-for-kids-free-printable/>

SET A FITNESS GOAL:

Do you want to get in shape for a spring or summer sport? Or you may want to improve your overall fitness health. Set a personal goal like a push-up or plank challenge. Then keep track of your improvements over the winter.

HAVE A NO-TECHNOLOGY DAY:

Do you want to know what life was like for your parents who did not have as much technology as teens? Pick a day to have a no-technology day and see what creative things you can come up with to do with your time!

MAKE GINGERBREAD HOUSES:

Another fun activity for teens in the winter is making gingerbread houses! You can make the base of the houses from scratch, or buy one of the pre-made Gingerbread House kits to make it a little easier. Ask your friends, siblings, or parents to join in the fun. You can have a gingerbread house contest including for creativity, skill and appearance! Once they are finished, post them on your Instagram story and ask people to vote for their favourite.

VOLUNTEER OR DONATE TO CHARITY:

Want to feel good this winter? Helping others is an instant mood boost! Look for opportunities to help at charities near you. Local options might include animal shelters, senior centers, food pantries and homeless shelters. If you are not able to find a local charity to volunteer at, you can still do your part by donating to a charity. Round up old toys and clothes and take them to a donation drop-off near you!

Ecole Leduc Junior High School
Band Program

Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 8, 2022

7:00 PM

Featuring:

- Band 7/8/9
- Rock Band



@ Peace Lutheran Church
4606 48a St, Leduc, AB

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 notify the office so that we can enter the attendance accordingly. If it is after hours, please leave the message on the school answering machine.



ELJHS PARKING

The parking lot on the South side of the school is reserved for:

STAFF PARKING ONLY

If you are dropping off your child or visiting our school, there are parking areas along the street that run along the East, West, and North sides of the school yard. We have very little parking for our staff so we appreciate any cooperation with this.



ÉLJHS Leadership 8 Food Bank Drive

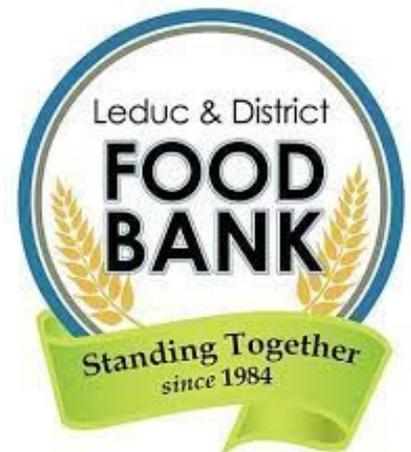


The Leduc Food Bank supplies École Leduc Junior High School with food for our students in need, all year long...

IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK!

Mrs. Koopmans' Leadership 8 Class
is Hosting Our Annual

FOOD DRIVE - December 12-16



PLEASE DONATE!

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS 2022/2023

Please log on to your PowerSchool Parent Portal on a computer, scroll down to the left-hand side, and click on Student Enrollment Verification. Please complete this form to make any necessary changes. Please ensure to click “Save & Submit” when you are done. This is your students Registration Form for this school year. Should you have any questions or if you are having difficulties, please contact the office at 780-986-2184.

Please have this completed immediately!



SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are past due. Please ensure to check your child’s PowerSchool Parent Portal for fees that may have been added that need to be paid. Fees should be paid ASAP. Outstanding fees may be sent to collections the end of April. If you are in a financial situation that you would like to discuss please reach out to me:

Shoana Theriault
Finance Admin Assistant
780-986-2184



DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
				1 Ski Club to Rabbit Hill 3:30 PM - 9:00 PM	2 Term 1 Ends	3			
4	5 PD Day No School	6 Term 2 Begins	7 Term 1 Progress Reports on PowerSchool 3:30 Rock Band	8 ÉLJHS Christmas Concert 7:00 PM @ Peace Lutheran Church	9	10			
11	12	13	14  Winter Activity Permission Form Deadline @ 3:30 PM 3:30 Rock Band	15 Ski Club to Rabbit Hill 3:30 PM - 9:00 PM	16	17			
18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter 3:30 Rock Band	22	23 ÉLJHS Winter Activity Day	24 Christmas Eve			
25 Christmas Day	 ← Christmas Break → 					31 New Years Eve			
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FUN FACTS ABOUT BEING A BUS DRIVER!

Black Gold School Division is looking for bus drivers to drive for our students and schools. Please look over this info and contact Transportation at transportation@blackgold.ca or call 780-955-6025 if you have any questions or if you interested in becoming a driver.

1. You need a class 2 MELT or better to drive a yellow school bus.
2. MELT stand for Mandatory Entry Level Training. This training includes 19.5 hours of in class training, 9.5 hours of in yard training, and 24.5 hours of practical training. There is also the written and driving test to be done to obtain your license.
3. If you already have your class 2, you need the S –Endorsement to drive a school bus. S-Endorsement is the School Bus Driver Improvement Program and this course is 15.25 hours including an hour with the bus.
4. Black Gold School Division **will cover** the cost of all courses needed to become a driver.
5. Black Gold School Division does not own the buses. We hold contracts with private contractors who own and operate the buses. They sometimes drive their own buses and some have drivers to drive for them. If you were to drive a bus for the Black Gold students, you would be the contractor's employee. We would put you in touch with contractors in the area that you would be interested in driving in within our division.
6. Bus drivers can hold a job during the day and supplement their income by driving a school bus before and after school.
7. Our bus drivers also drive for field trips between their regular routes for our schools
8. We are looking for spare drivers in all areas of our division as well as full time drivers.
9. You would get the benefit of getting to know the staff and students of the school you drive for as well as the parents that live in the communities.
10. You would get to drive a great big bus!!!



SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT

Show your school spirit and win prizes while cheering on the Oilers at six big games at Roger Place!

EACH GAME, ONE PURCHASER WILL BE SELECTED TO SIT IN THE PENALTY BOX DURING THE ON-ICE WARMUPS WITH 3 GUESTS

VS.  SAT, NOV 5, 2022
2:00 PM

PROGRAM SPECIAL RATE TICKETS STARTING AT **\$49** PLUS FEES

VS.  SAT, DEC 17, 2022
2:00 PM

VS.  THURS, JAN 5, 2023
7:00 PM

SCAN BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR MORE INFORMATION

VS.  MON, FEB 21, 2023
6:30 PM

VS.  MON, MAR 20, 2023
7:30 PM

VS.  SAT, APR 1, 2023
8:00 PM



BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Monthly Calendar								Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details
AUGUST 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	5	3	<div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> August 25 & 26 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) <div style="background-color: #ffff00; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> August 29 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students
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SEPTEMBER 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> September 5 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) <div style="background-color: #0000ff; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> September 16 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students): (Morning) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD/Collaboration Day <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
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OCTOBER 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> October 10 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed) <div style="background-color: #0000ff; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> October 11 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Diploma Exam
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DECEMBER 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	16	<div style="background-color: #0000ff; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> December 5 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> December 26 - 30 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
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JANUARY 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	16	<div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> January 2 - 6 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed) <div style="background-color: #ffff00; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> January 9 - School Resumes <div style="background-color: #0000ff; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> January 30 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students) <div style="background-color: #ffff00; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> January 31 - Semester 2 Commences <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Diploma Exam <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window
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Semester 1: August 25, 2022 - January 30, 2023								95	88	Semester 2 Commences January 31, 2023
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APRIL 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	<div style="background-color: #ffff00; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> April 3 - School Resumes <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> April 7 - Good Friday (Schools Closed) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> April 10 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed) <div style="background-color: #0000ff; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> April 28 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Diploma Exam
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MAY 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	<div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> May 19 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> May 22 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
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JUNE 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	18	<div style="background-color: #0000ff; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> June 5 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day (Regular Classes Scheduled) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> June 27 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> June 28 & 29 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window <div style="background-color: #ff0000; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Diploma Exam
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Semester 2: January 31 - June 29, 2023								99	90	
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students								194	178	Aug-Dec/22: 79-T & 73-S; Jan-June/23: 115-T & 105-S

Approved - January 26, 2022

INSPIRING SUCCESS FOR
EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY