

OCTOBER Newsletter 2023-2024



P rincipal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We had an awesome start to our year at ÉLJHS. I would like to thank all of our students for doing a great job and settling into their routines and classes. September can be a nerve wracking time for our new students as they try to navigate the changes that come with being in a different environment. Fortunately, all of our new students are telling me that they enjoy ÉLJHS and when I ask them if they will come back tomorrow, most of them say yes!

Much like the routines in school, routines at home are also very important. They help us to stay organized, complete tasks, and be successful. I would encourage all of our families to work on developing routines at home that help your child/children find success. Creating routines around parental expectations for homework and leisure time at home may be challenging at first, however, they will create long term positive behaviors for your child/children.

Have a fantastic October and see you at Parent Teacher Interviews!

Mr. Chomlak

OCTOBER

IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER 2:
CUSTODIAN'S DAY

OCTOBER 4:
PICTURE DAY

OCTOBER 4:
ÉLJHS CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

OCTOBER 9:
THANKSGIVING DAY

OCTOBER 11:
PD DAY- No SCHOOL

OCTOBER 13-14:
ÉLJHS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 18:
PA/STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:30

OCTOBER 24:
PICTURE RETAKES

OCTOBER 26:
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
4:00PM-7:00PM

OCTOBER 31:
HALLOWEEN





LINK:

ÉLJHS Counselling Corner

Mrs. Severson
ÉLJHS Counsellor

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



City of Leduc Building Community

We host numerous programs, events and workshops to help residents connect with one another and enhance their quality of life throughout the year.

Workshops and Info Sessions;

We offer a variety of workshops and information sessions throughout the year to support Leduc residents.

✦ GOOD NEIGHBOUR INITIATIVE:

The Good Neighbours Initiative encourages neighbourly behaviour and community building through a number of events and projects.

✦ ASSET BUILDING:

The 40 Developmental Assets is an initiative that calls on the community to support our youth.

✦ BLOCK PROGRAMMING:

Under the Good Neighbour initiative, we offer the Block Party and Connector programs to help neighbourhood leaders create connections.

✦ ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVES:

Each year, we host Pink Shirt Day to show our support and solidarity with those who are being picked on, excluded, shamed, assaulted or gossiped about.

✦ LEDUC UNPLUGGED:

Leduc Unplugged program encourages and assists people in unplugging from technology to connect with themselves, their loved ones and the community.

✦ EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES:

Emergency Social Services is an emergency response program provided to assist those affected by disasters or emergencies in our community.

✦ EVERYBODY GETS TO PLAY:

Everybody Gets to Play is a national initiative to enhance the quality of life for families by offering subsidies and other forms of assistance for recreation, athletic and cultural opportunities.

✦ SOCIAL PLANNING:

Through social planning, we help identify what is happening in the community, and the current social needs and gaps in services. We work with local and regional organizations as well as residents to build partnerships and create a greater sense of belonging for our community.

<https://www.leduc.ca/building-community>

OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Principal	Vice-Principal	Vice Principal
Mr. Zane Chomlak	Ms. Kerri-Lynn Hickman	Mr. Jordan Baulkham

OUR FRONT OFFICE STAFF

WELCOME
TO THE TEAM!

Head Admin Assistant	Finance Admin Assistant	Admin Assistant
Mrs. Tracy Buchak	Mrs. Shoana Theriault	Mrs. Nicole Hayduk



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



FALL BUCKET LIST

- Have a Bonfire and Make S'mores
- Play in the Leaves
- Cozy Up with a Book & Hot Chocolate
- Pick a Halloween Costume
- Try a New Fall Recipe
- Go to a Pumpkin Patch
- Pick Apples
- Enjoy a Nature Walk
- Have a Scary Movie Night
- Get Spooked at a Haunted House
- Make a Fall Craft
- Drink Apple Cider
- Make a Bird Feeder
- Visit a Corn Maze
- Watch a School Sports Team
- Pick Apples
- Enjoy A Nature Walk
- Make a Thankful List



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 me in the school office:

Shoana Theriault: (780) 986-2184



Celebration Of Success Awards Night



October 4th, 2023

We will celebrate the students of
École Leduc Junior High School
from the **2022-2023** school year
on academic achievements,
leadership, sports, music,
and more.

Invitations were provided to
students who are being recognized

We are looking forward
to celebrating our students
excellence in education.



Student of the Year 22/23 : Alma Munteanu



Schools assist AHS in protecting the health of students under their care and working in their facilities. This includes preventing the spread of respiratory, gastrointestinal, and any other unusual illness identified within the school. Please do not send your child to school sick!

OPTION 2

GRADE 7 TERM 2

OPTION CLASSES

BEGIN:

OCTOBER 2nd

Mom's Pantry

DETAILS & INFORMATION

Orders are to be completed ONLINE ONLY

All orders will be done online through the Mom's Pantry website. Just follow these steps when ordering:

- 1) Pick your item(s). Add to Cart.
- 2) Continue Shopping or Review Your Cart
- 3) Checkout
- 4) Fundraiser Order (Group Pick Up)
 - Group Order Number: **379361**
 - Group Passcode: **41484**
 - Search School By Name: **École Leduc Junior High School**

The deadline for Online orders will be:

Sunday, October 15th at 11:59pm

Items will be delivered to the school for quick pick-up approximately 2-3 weeks after our order is completed.

<http://www.momspantry.ca>



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MOM'S PANTRY

Canada's Food Fundraiser

THANK

YOU

for supporting
our school!





LIBRARY NEWS:



Guess The Book Silhouette Contest

The Library Learning Commons ran a contest in September to guess the book characters on the bulletin.

The student that guessed the most silhouettes won a candy jar from our Librarian, Mrs. Kern.

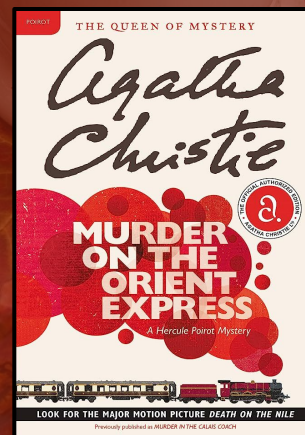
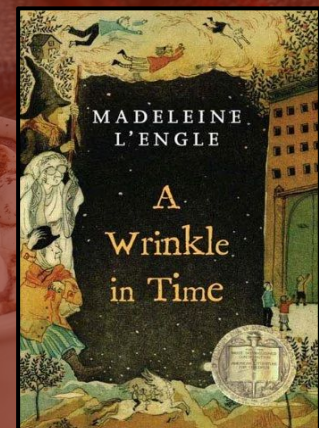
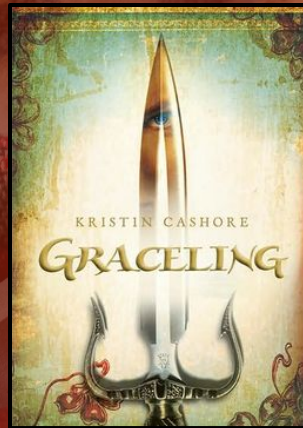


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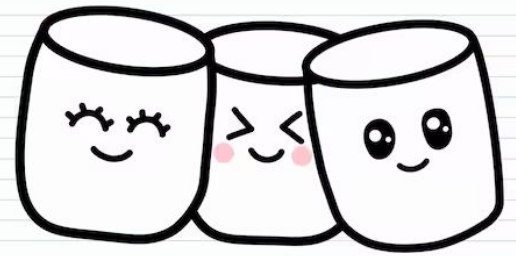


Guess Who? Winner : Emily Haley

Mrs. Kern's Book Recommendations:

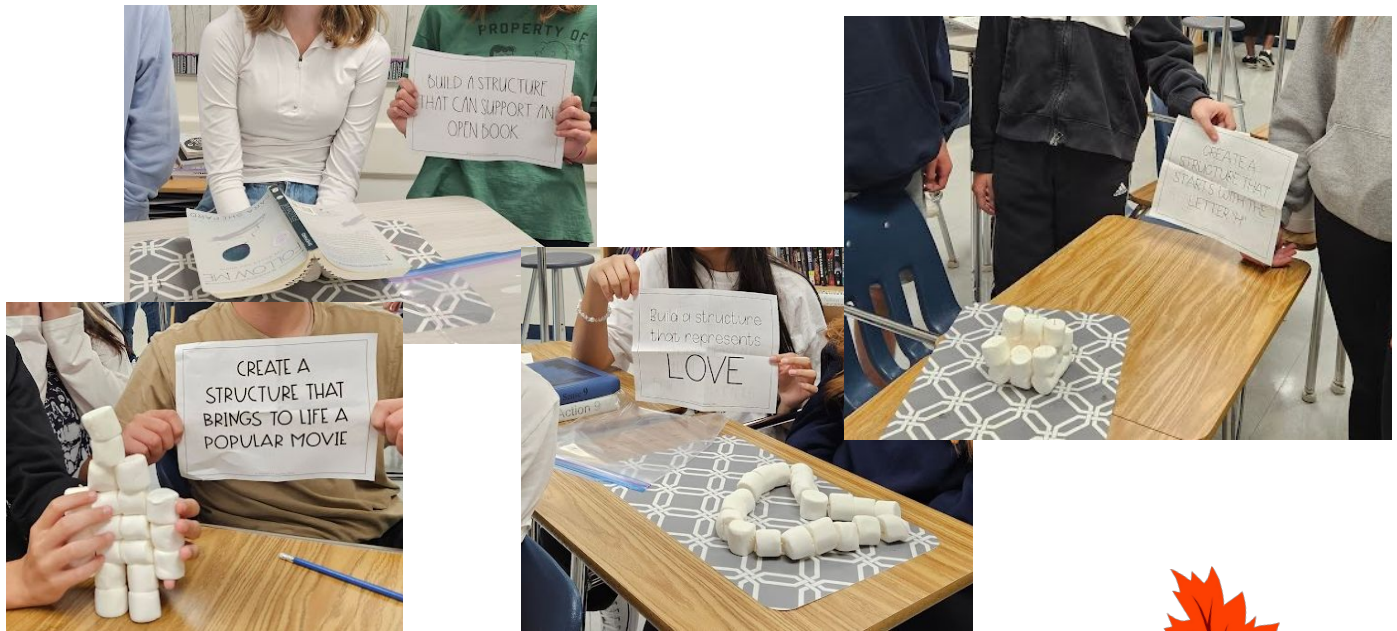


CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:



MARSHMALLOW BUILDING CHALLENGE with 9G

Mrs. Anderson's Language Arts 9G class engaged in a marshmallow building challenge on the first day of school to help break the ice. Students had a great time building structures that represented love, a well-known movie, a building that starts with the letter "H", and something that would support an open book. Can you tell which is which?



JOIN A CLUB OR TEAM!

~ STAY TUNED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| ★ VOLLEYBALL | ★ CITADEL CLUB |
| ★ GOLF | ★ SKI/SNOWBOARD |
| ★ CROSS COUNTRY | ★ YEARBOOK |
| ★ BASKETBALL | ★ GSA |
| ★ TRACK & FIELD | ★ ART CLUB |
| ★ BADMINTON | ★ MUSIC CLUBS |
| ★ RUGBY | ★ IMPROVE CLUB |
| ★ FLAG FOOTBALL | ★ HOMEWORK CLUB |
| ★ SOCCER | ★ LEADERSHIP CLUB |

REMINDER:

If you need to pick up your child during school hours:

- Call: (780)-986-2184 or
- Email: eljhs@blackgold.ca

Please also notify us of any absences before the beginning of the school day..

Thank you for your cooperation!



ÉLJHS EVENTS:



ÉLJHS Reservoir Run

September 14, 2023

CLASS THEME WINNERS!



**7A
Captain
Canada**



**8C
Tacky
Tourists**



**9F
Gru & His Minions**



2023 ÉLjHS Reservoir/Terry Fox Run and BBO

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

Students were encouraged to dress up or create a class theme. The winning theme per grade received a



PIZZA PARTY!!!



Thank you to all of our staff, students, and volunteers for making this event a huge success!

PANTHER WEAR:



 <p>ATC Adult Everyday Fleece Two-Tone Hooded Sweatshirt \$40.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Men's EuroSpin Cotton Tee \$20.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Adult Active Baseball Tee \$25.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Russell Adult Open Bottom with pockets Contrasted Logo Sweatpants \$45.00 3 Colors</p>		
 <p>Ladies EuroSpin Cotton Tee \$20.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>ATC Ladies Executive Core-Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt \$75.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Russell Adult Open Bottom with pockets Screened Logo Sweatpants \$45.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Russell Adult Athletic Cross-Fabric Contrasted Logo Pant \$45.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Russell Adult Athletic Cross-Fabric Screened Logo Pant \$45.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Adult Everyday Fleece Hooded Sweatshirt \$42.00 3 Colors</p>
 <p>Adult Everyday Fleece Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt \$45.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Adult Premium Applique Vintage Crewneck Sweatshirt \$65.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Adult Premium Applique Vintage Hooded Sweatshirt \$75.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Russell Youth Open Bottom Screened Logo Sweatpants \$45.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>ATC Youth Everyday Fleece Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt \$45.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Youth Everyday Fleece Hooded Sweatshirt \$42.00 3 Colors</p>
 <p>ATC Youth Everyday Fleece Two-Tone Hooded Sweatshirt \$49.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Youth EuroSpin Tee \$16.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Youth Baseball Tee \$25.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Youth Everyday Jogger Sweatpants Screened Logo Logo \$42.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>Striped Cuffed Pom Pom Toque \$20.00 3 Colors</p>	
 <p>Youth Flip Toque \$16.00 3 Colors</p>			 <p>Youth Original Cap \$25.00 3 Colors</p>	 <p>OGIO Cotton Pack \$72.00 3 Colors</p>	

ÉLJHS Panther Wear Store

Order Online:

<https://elijhstudents2021.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

BGSD Technology Fee- 2022/23

BGSD has increased our technology fee to help cover the growing costs of technology for our students. Our goal is to improve our ratio of students per device and provide for software that they would not otherwise have access to. The long term goal over the coming years is to get to a ratio of students per device near 1:1 for our grade 4 - 12 students. Standard BGSD funding is able to achieve a 2:1 ratio (students per device) and part of the technology fee is being used to lower that ratio in schools.

Current fees:

The fee structure is as follows:

Division 2, 3 and 4 (Grades 4 - 12) - **\$50**

The technology fee covers all or a portion of the following software costs:

- Assistive software - readers, image dictionaries, word predictors
 - Read Write Chrome
 - PDF reader/Orbit Note
- Premium Google Education+
 - Documents, Sheets, Slides, Forms, etc.
 - Features not available in free google accounts.
- Creative educational software - Adobe Creative Cloud
 - Adobe Photoshop, Premiere, InDesign, Adobe Express.
- EquatIO - Math made digital - graphing and formula writing, scientific tools
- Bandwidth over and above the basic Alb Ed funding
- Management tools to improve efficiency
- Teacher Controls for in classroom management
 - LanSchool, GoGuardian - these give the teacher control over the BGSD managed devices in the classroom, keeping students on task.
- Mental health AI monitoring.
- Backup software - students won't lose their work.
- Canadian content media



Most of this software is available to the student 24/7, at school and at home.

The technology fee also covers a portion of the following hardware costs:

- The purchasing of chromebooks to lower our ratio of students per device.
 - Our goal over the coming years is to get near a 1:1 ratio of managed devices in grades 4 - 12.
- Touchscreen Chromebooks and Chrome Tablets in grade 1 - 3
- A management fee for each chromebook of \$45
- The fee is NOT spent on any network infrastructure. No switches, servers, access points, etc.
- The fee does NOT cover any filtering/blocking software or infrastructure management software.
- The fee does NOT cover any staff devices or classroom displays.

BGSD has over 8,500 devices used by staff and students with over 900 access points, 150 industrial grade switches, 80 servers, fiber optic connections and bandwidth needs that cost a minimum of \$1000 per school per month. There is over 5 million dollars of infrastructure that is evergreened on a rotating 5 - 7 year timeline

Providing students with access to information in a safe and secure environment while meeting their curricular needs is a focus in the coming years as we meet the needs of new curriculum.



LEDUC RECREATION CENTRE FREE FAMILY PASS

Sign out a Family Pass to the
Leduc Recreation Centre at the library!



**ATTENTION
PLEASE**

How does the pass work?

- The LRC Family Pass is valid for 2 adults and all children under 18 years of age, residing in the same household.
- Sign out your LRC Family Pass for FREE from the library.
- This pass will provide you and your family with access to all of the amenities at the LRC. Enjoy the Aquatic Centre, Fieldhouses, Arenas, Fitness Centre and Indoor Track.
- Passes are valid for a one week time period.
- After your one week rental, return the LRC Family Pass back to the office for other families to enjoy.



Leduc.ca/LRC
@leduc recreationcentre



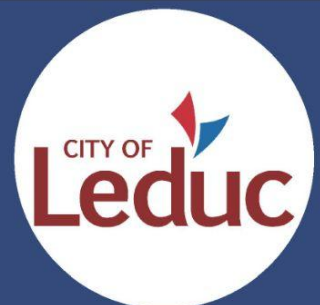
PARENT RESPONSIBILITY IN SPORT

SAFE SPORT
EDUCATION & AWARENESS
WITH ALLISON FORSYTH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
6PM
LEDUC CIVIC CENTRE



TICKETS AT
EVENTBRITE.CA
http://parent_safe_sport_leduc.eventbrite.ca





Show Up YOUR TALENT

Talent showcase

Auditions
Date:
NOV. 4,
2023
1-4 P.M.

Where: Maclab Centre for
the performing arts



Talent
showcase

**YOUTH COUNCIL IS PUTTING OUT THE CALL TO THIS
REGIONS TALENTED YOUTH
(GRADE 7-12) TO AUDITION FOR THE TALENT SHOWCASE
TO BE FEATERED AT THIS YEAR'S YOUTH WELLNESS
SYMPOSIUM ON DEC 4, 2023 AT THE LRC!**

Last day of registrations to Audition, Oct 30, 2023





Join us for a free four-week parenting group.

Learn about child development,
meet other parents of young children
and share real-life parenting experiences.
For parents of children 0-5.

Babies in arms welcome.

**HOSTED BY THE CITY OF LEDUC
FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK**

5102 50TH AVE

SEPTEMBER 13,20,27 AND OCTOBER 4TH

10 AM- 11:30AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

email FRN@leduc.ca



Alberta  Provincial Family
Resource Networks



Public Health
Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé
publique du Canada

Canada 





Mental Health
Capacity Building



SUICIDE AWARENESS



Join us
for a conversation with
Kelly Maxwell as she shares her personal story
around suicide and mental health awareness.

New Sarepta Community High School
Wednesday, September 27
6:00-7:00

Refreshments will be provided

For more information contact Cherie @ 5875904033



ACE



CALLING ALL VOLLEYBALL LOVERS!

ACE Provides Athletes in Leduc with
Club Opportunities From Ages U13-U16

**REGISTER FOR
OPEN GYMS!**



ADVANCING

COMPETITIVE

EXCELLENCE

CONTACT US:

info@acevolleyballclub.ca

MORE INFO:

www.acevolleyballclub.ca





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Leduc Lanes

2023/2024

Youth

BOWLING

*Start date:
Sept 30th*

*No weekly
fees!*

Thursdays at 4PM or Saturdays at 12PM

Looking for a fun and affordable activity for your kids (ages 4-19)?? Look no further!

\$ 20 registration fee - that's it!

Leduc Lanes YBC youth bowling league is 28 weeks of fun, learning, meeting new friends, earning badges, and chances to go into tournaments with their new found skills and friends!

20 registrations needed!

2 cases of chocolates to sell!

For more information and to register, call us at 780-986-3502!

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR										
Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details	
	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT			
AUGUST 2023			1	2	3	4	5	4	2	August 28 & 29 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) August 30 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students
	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 2023						1	2	19	18	September 4 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) September 15 - PD Day: (No Students): (AM) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day September 29 - Day in Lieu - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed) September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
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OCTOBER 2023								21	20	October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed) October 10 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam
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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
	29	30	31							
NOVEMBER 2023				1	2	3	4	17	16	November 1 - PD Day (No Students) November 5 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward) November 11 - Remembrance Day November 13 - 17 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed) Diploma Exam
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DECEMBER 2023						1	2	16	15	December 4 - PD Day (No Students) December 25 - 29 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
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	31									
JANUARY 2024								18	17	January 1 - 5 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed) January 8 - School Resumes January 31 - PD Day (No Students) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam
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Semester 1: Aug 31, 2023 - Jan 31, 2024							95	88	Semester 2 - Commences Feb 1, 2024	
FEBRUARY 2024						1	2	20	18	February 1 - Semester 2 Commences February 8 & 9 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 19 - Family Day (Schools Closed)
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MARCH 2024								16	15	March 10 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward) March 11 - PD Day (No Students) March 25 - 29 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)
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APRIL 2024								21	20	April 1 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed) April 2 - School Resumes April 19 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam
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	27	29	30							
MAY 2024				1	2	3	4	22	21	May 17 - PD Day (No Students) May 20 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
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JUNE 2024							1	20	18	June 26 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam & PAT June 27 & 28 - Teacher Workday (No Students) Diploma Exam & PAT Diploma Exam
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	30									
Semester 2: February 1 - June 28, 2024							99	92		
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students							194	180	Aug-Dec/23: 77 -T & 71 -S; Jan-June/24: 117 -T & 109 -S	

Approved - February 22, 2023