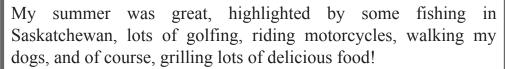
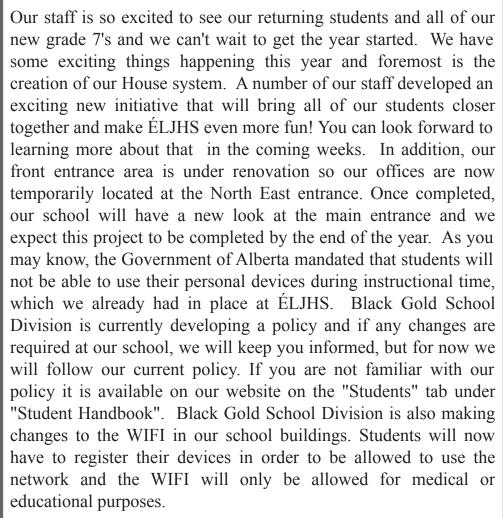
Welcome Back Newsletter 2024-2025



Welcome Back ÉLJHS Families!

I hope you had an awesome summer.





I look forward to seeing all of you and working with you and your children. I know we are going to have an amazing year.

Go Panthers!

Mr. Chomlak





SEPTEMBER IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST 26-27:

TEACHER WORKDAYS

AUGUST 28:

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

AUGUST 29:

FOOD TRUCK FRENZY @ LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 2:

LABOUR DAY- NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 10:

PICTURE DAY

SEPTEMBER 13:

ÉLJHS Reservoir/Terry Fox Run-PM

SEPTEMBER 18:

MEET THE STAFF @ 5:00-7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 20:

PD Day- NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 30:

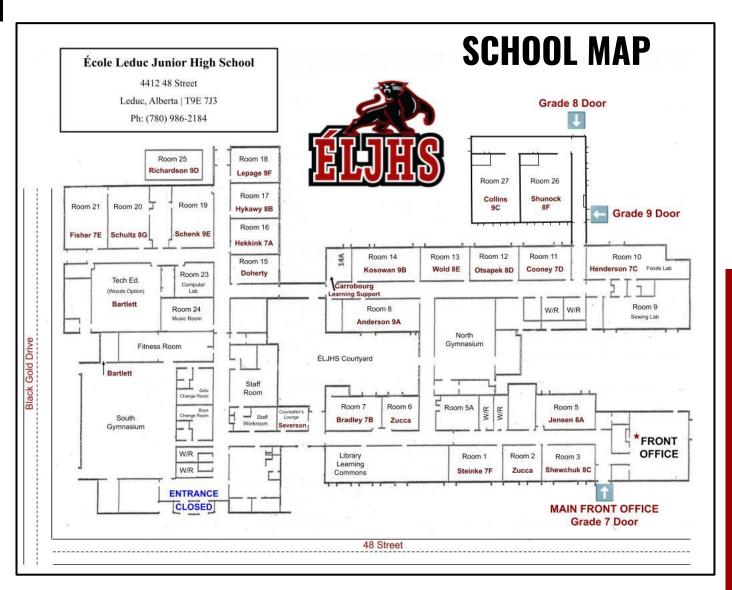
NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION- NO SCHOOL





We are thrilled to announce that our school is undergoing a major renovation to enhance our front office and reception area! The new layout will include a modern front office, a welcoming reception area, and a dedicated student common area.

During the renovation, the main front door will be closed. However, the front office will temporarily move to the north end of the school, facing 48th Street. We appreciate your patience as we work to improve our facilities and look forward to welcoming you to our upgraded space very soon! Here is a map of the grade-allocated entrance doors and where the new office will be located:





2024-2025 School Year Procedures

CLASS SCHEDULES:

Class schedules will be released on PowerSchool: August 27th after 4:00 PM

MANDATORY PERMISSION FORMS:

Please go to the PowerSchool Parent Portal to fill out all "MANDATORY" forms by: September 10th!

FIRST DAY:

- Your child will enter at their designated door to find their name from the class lists to locate their homeroom. Staff will be in the hallways to direct students to their classrooms. Please see the map on the next page for your student's designated door.
- Students will have first day orientation in the morning until lunch hour, with a nutrition break in between, so <u>PACK THEM A SNACK!</u>

• Orientation Includes:

Schedules, Bell Times, Class Locations, Locks/Lockers, Cell Phone Policy, Textbook Distribution & Policy, Hour Zero Emergency Protocols, Class Expectations, and MORE!

Locks and lockers will be assigned during orientation. Please do not send your child with their own lock, we will provide each student with a lock to use for the year. This is mandatory. Students can take their time bringing supplies to school so it is not too much to manage. Backpacks are not to be carried around and should be stored in their lockers once they have one. Cell phones are not allowed in classrooms during learning times and MUST be stored in student's lockers. Please see the ÉLJHS Student Personal Electronic Device Policy on Page 5.

FEES:

School and option class fees will be placed in student's account in the first and second week of school. Please keep checking your account and pay your fees as soon as possible

We've Missed You!

MEET OUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TEAM:



MR. CHOMLAK Principal

ABOUT ME:

- How long have you been at ÉLJHS?
 This is my third 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 BBO'ing

Contact info: zane.chomlak@gshare.blackgold.ca

WELCOME

TO THE TEAM!



MRS. MAY Assistant Principal

ABOUT ME:

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

Contact info: sheri.may@gshare.blackgold.ca



BAULKHAM Assistant Principal

ABOUT ME:

- How long have you been at ÉLJHS?
 This will be my third 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 the past 8 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 got married this summer in the Edmonton area.

Contact info: jordan.baulkham@gshare.blackgold.ca



MRS. SEVERSON
COUNSELLOR

LINK:
Counselling
Corner

https://sites.google.com/gshare.blackg

ABOUT ME:

How long have you been at ÉLJHS?

This is my second year at ÉLJHS!

What is your favourite thing about ÉLJHS?

My favourite thing about ÉLJHS is the students. I love getting to know each one of them in all of their uniqueness. The highlight for me is always the connections I get to make with them.

One fun/interesting thing about you?

I'm a childhood cancer survivor and amputee. This experience gave me the opportunity to compete all over the world as a para-athlete for the Women's National Paralympic Sitting Volleyball Team. I retired from competitive sport in 2013 to focus on building my own family and career. I'm thankful everyday for the journey I have been on and the opportunities and lessons it has provided me.

Contact info: leaha.severson@gshare.blackgold.ca

OUR NEW HOUSE SYSTEM







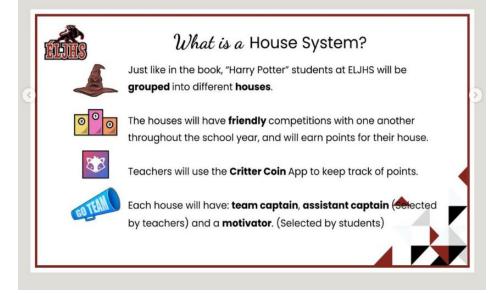
House System Detailed Information







WHATIS A HOUSE SYSTEM?





ÉLJHS NEW BELL SCHEDULE:

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Warning Bell	8:30 am
Late Bell	8:34 am
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 Hour Activities	12:38 - 1:08
Warning Bell	1:08 pm
Late Bell	1:11 pm
Homeroom	1:11 - 1:14

1:14 - 2:07

2:09 - 3:02



ÉLJHS Student Personal Electronic Device Policy:



Personal electronic devices include smartphones, earbuds, tablets, smart watches, and hand-held video game consoles.

Vision:

By implementing this policy, ÉLJHS aspires to significantly enhance student learning. ÉLJHS is committed to being a safe and caring school. It is our goal to provide students with a distraction-free and focused learning environment, one in which students can focus on the task at hand. ÉLJHS remains committed to better prepare students for the expectations of their future working environments.

Rationale:

Student cell phone use has become an increasing concern in the classroom. The 21st century learner can be overwhelmed with new electronic distractions while in the busy school environment. ÉLJHS is deeply concerned with the impact of students bringing smartphones and other personal devices into the classroom. Some of these concerns include:

- Students being unable to concentrate on their learning while in possession of a smartphone.
- The constant distractions of alerts, text messages, phone calls, social media notifications, and games.
- Students leaving class to receive personal phone calls or respond to messages.
- Photos and videos being secretly taken that breach the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, BGSD acceptable technology use policies, and compromise classroom security (ex. examinations, class discussions).
- The increased frequency of cyber-bullying through social media applications.
- The increased stress and anxiety that students may endure due to relational aggression that occurs on electronic devices.
- An increase of student addiction to smartphone technology.
- ÉLJHS is committed to providing students with school Chromebooks whenever required for learning purposes, thus, cell phones are not required during class time.

ÉLJHS Classroom Policies:

- Students are to place all of their devices in their lockers during learning time. This includes smartwatches, cell phones and earbuds.
- Students will be permitted the use of personal electronic devices before school, during breaks, during the lunch hour, on school busses, and after school.
- Students must bring their own personal calculators to class.
- The Library Learning Commons (LLC) and gym classes at any location will be considered a classroom space.
- Personal electronic devices will be confiscated by staff members if they are found present in the classrooms and hallways except for the permitted times.
- *First offence-* the student device will be confiscated for the day.
- Subsequent offences- the student device will be confiscated for the day and the teacher will contact the parent/guardian
- Further repeat offences may be treated as willful disobedience by school administration.
- If parents/guardians need to reach their child/children they can contact the main office at 780-986-2184.
- If your child is required to have their cell phone for specific medical reasons, please contact the office to fill in the "Student Device Medical Exception Form"





ÉLJHS OFFICE INFORMATION:

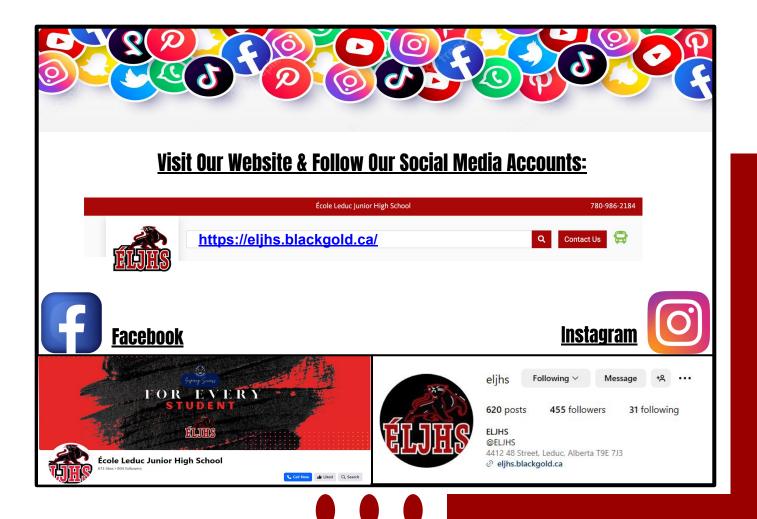


ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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!



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.
- A lock rental fee will be \$2.00 per lock. NO outside locks will be permitted. One lock each is required for student's hall locker and PE locker (if assigned one).

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.





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.

STAFF PARKING ONLY

Black Gold School Division - TRANSPORTATION NEWS

As the 2024-2025 school year begins, the Transportation Department want to remind everyone that school buses will also be returning to the roads. All Black Gold School Division buses will begin transporting students to and from school starting Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

CAUTION: When the school bus *RED LIGHTS* are FLASHING, there is NO PASSING!

Flashing red lights and an extended stop sign (driver's side) means the school bus is stopped and students will be entering or exiting the bus. You must come to a complete stop around 4-5 car lengths (20 metres) away from the school bus. This distance allows other drivers to see the flashing lights and any students that may be crossing the roadway. Remain stopped until the red lights are no longer flashing and the stop sign on the driver's side is no longer extended.

All of our regular buses are equipped with cameras that capture license plate numbers. Any vehicle passing a school bus with flashing red lights and an activated stop sign will be reported to the RCMP, with video footage provided as needed.

The fine for passing a school bus when its red lights are flashing, if convicted, is \$567.00 along with 6 demerit points. We also have cameras in the inside the buses for the safety of riders and the drivers, and to deter and detect inappropriate activity.



We wish all students, their families, our drivers and the entire Black Gold community safe travels during the school year!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LLC:





*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 Destiny. Destiny 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 suggested 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	\$21.00 Rebinding Fee
	Water/Mold Damage	100% Replacement Value
	Writing Inside or Outside Book	\$10.00 Fee (depending where, what, how much)
	Writing Inside or Outside Book	100 % Replacement Value (Can not be removed or inappropriate content)



ÉLJHS UPCOMING EVENTS:



ÉLJHS Reservoir Run

September 13, 2024

1:12 - 3:03 PM

Fred Johns Park



2024 ÉLjHS 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

PIZZA PARTY!!!

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

mike.bartlett@blackgold.ca



Parents are encouraged to come watch and cheer on our students.

Go PANTHERS Go!

ÉLJHS SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS:



VOLLEYBALL TEAM INFO







TRYOUTS:

Senior Girls:

• Aug 28th & 29th @ 3:15

Senior Boys:

Sept 3rd & 4th @ 3:15

Junior/District Boys & Girls (Grade 7/8):

 Will follow the Senior tryouts so have your child listen to announcements!

X-COUNTRY TEAM INFO 🌣 🔯







TRYOUTS Coming Soon:

- ★ Tryouts will be 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.



Leduc Recreation Centre

This is a FREE Membership to the LRC and Alexandra Outdoor Pool for Grade 8 and Grade 9 students that live or go to school in the City of Leduc and Leduc County only. The membership has to be renewed each school year and is valid September to August for those that are eligible so we are asking those students that will be in Grade 8 and Grade 9 in this upcoming school year to come in to Guest Services and register for the coming year 2024/2025. Please note: It is applicable only to residents who pay municipal taxes to the City of Leduc and Leduc County.



ACTIVE 8's & 9's

Receive a FREE MEMBERSHIP to the LRC and Alexandra Outdoor Pool.





ATTENTION ALL GRADE 8 & 9 STUDENTS

Who is eligible for the Active 8's and 9's membership?

Applicable to 2024/2025 Grade 8 and Grade 9 students that live or go to school in the City of Leduc or Leduc County. Applicable only to residents who pay municipal taxes to the City of Leduc and Leduc County.

What is the cost for the Active 8's and 9's membership?

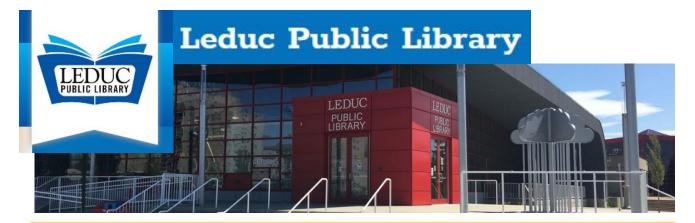
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When can I register for the membership?

Starting August, 2024 you can visit Guest Services to register and the membership will become active.

What facilities can you access with the membership?

The LRC and Alexandra Outdoor Pool.





FREE • TEEN • REGISTERED

Open Minds, Open Pages - Mental Health Matters

Grades 7-12 & Parents/Caregivers Welcome Registered

Discover the importance of mental health and explore the valuable therapeutic supports available for youth in our engaging 3-session workshop! Plus, there will be pizza! Get ready to learn, connect, and enjoy some delicious slices and door prizes! Registration is for all 3 sessions please.

Visit us online for more information and to register at www.leduclibrary.ca

Thursday, August 29 - Navigating Teen Mental Wellness

Presented by Oksana Atwood – Community Facilitator – Riseup Society Edmonton
Practical strategies for teens, combating stigma, using social media mindfully and prioritizing self-care.

Thursday, September 5 - Foundations For Balance

Presented by Kim Silverthorn BA, RPC, MPCC, CT – Therapist – Tacit Knowledge
Learn about 4 key aspects of daily life that create a foundation for healthy mental wellness overall.

Thursday, September 12 - Building Bridges: Nurturing Healthy Relationships for Mental Well-being

Presentation By Karley Spelrem (Youth Outreach Worker, FCSS Leduc)
and Jenna Weir (Youth Coordinator, BGC Leduc)
Learn practical tools to cultivate healthy friendships and supportive connections.



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2024-2025 DIVISION SCHOOL YEAR:

		Teacher	Student	
Monthly Cale	endar	Days	Days	Dates & Details
AUGUST 2024 4 5 6 11 12 13 18 19 20 25 26 27	14 15 16 17 21 22 23 24	5	3	August 26 & 27 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) August 28 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students
SUN MON TUES 2024 8 9 10 15 16 17 22 23 24 29 20	4 5 6 7 11 12 13 14 18 19 20 21	19	18	September 2 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) September 20 - 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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JANUARY 2025 5 6 7 12 13 14	22 23 24 25	20	19	January 1 - 3 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed) January 6 - School Resumes January 29 - PD Day (No Students) January 30 - Semester 2 Commences Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam
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APRIL 2025 6 7 8 13 14 15 20 22 27 28 29	23 24 25 26	16	15	April 1 - 4 - Spring Break (Schools Closed) April 7 - School Resumes & Diploma Exam April 18 - Good Friday (Schools Closed) April 21 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed) April 22 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam
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Semester 2: January 30) - June 29 2025	97	91	

Updated Diploma Exams & PATs - April 12, 2024

Approved - February 22, 2023