

OCTOBER Newsletter 2024-2025



P rincipal's Message



Greetings Parents and Guardians,

The first month of school is in the books and what a great start it was. When visiting with our staff, they have all commented to me on what a great job the kids are doing this year and that the atmosphere in our school is very positive! Well done everyone!

We had a busy first month of school and many things are happening at ÉLJHS. Our grade 7 students are all settling in and they are now going from class to class without any problems. We had our annual Terry Fox Run, school sports teams are up and running, and some of our student clubs have started as well.

As we head into October, I encourage all parents and guardians to assist their child/children with the demands of school. Please ensure that you are able to log into Powerschool and monitor your child's assignments and progress. As a parent, I had the Powerschool app on my phone and my kids certainly loved that. They always enjoyed it when I would ask them every day why certain assignments were incomplete or not handed in. I really miss the creative responses I would get to those questions.

I hope you all have a fantastic month and I'll see you at Parent Teacher Conferences on the 24th.

Mr Chomlak

OCTOBER

IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER 2:
CUSTODIAN'S DAY

OCTOBER 4:
ÉLJHS CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

OCTOBER 4:
WORLD TEACHERS DAY

OCTOBER 11:
PD DAY- No SCHOOL

OCTOBER 14:
THANKSGIVING DAY

OCTOBER 18-19:
ÉLJHS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 24:
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 29:
PICTURE RETAKES

OCTOBER 31:
HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER 1:
PD DAY- No SCHOOL





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LINK:
ÉLJHS Counselling Corner

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Mental Health Monday

Be kind to your mind.

GRATITUDE

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE:
Appreciating what you have and finding ways to pay it forward, which can improve your well-being and overall health!

WAYS TO HAVE MORE GRATITUDE:

- Share what you're grateful for at dinner with family or friends
- Find gratitude in the challenges
- Do an act of kindness daily
- Volunteer for organizations that help others
- Keep a gratitude journal
- Find gratitude in the little things
- Write someone a thank you note or personally thank someone that did something nice for you
- Post about something you're grateful for

BENEFITS:

- Encourages the development of patience, humility, and wisdom.
- Better mood
- Less materialistic
- Greater resiliency
- Better sleep
- Less likely to experience burnout

OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Principal	Vice-Principal	Vice Principal
Mr. Zane Chomlak	Mr. Jordan Baulkham	Mrs. Sheri May

OUR FRONT OFFICE

Senior Admin Assistant	Finance Admin Assistant	Admin Assistant
Mrs. Shoana Theriault	Mrs. Patricia (Patty) Burak	Mrs. JoAnne Langford



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.



Google Classroom



Hello Parents/Guardians of a BGSD Student,

A large majority of teachers leverage Google Classroom for student assignments. As a guardian, you can receive email summaries of your student's work and progress, including missing work, upcoming work, and recent class activities. Starting in fall 2024 you can also get guardian preview capabilities to view their Classwork page through direct links in the email summary. Note that neither email summaries nor preview capabilities include grading, you'll need access PowerSchool to see that information. We plan to sync guardian emails with Google Classroom in early October. You may be receiving an email from Google asking you to sign up for these email notices. Please see this help site from Google for details.

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 in the school office at:
(780) 986-2184



Celebration Of Success Awards Night

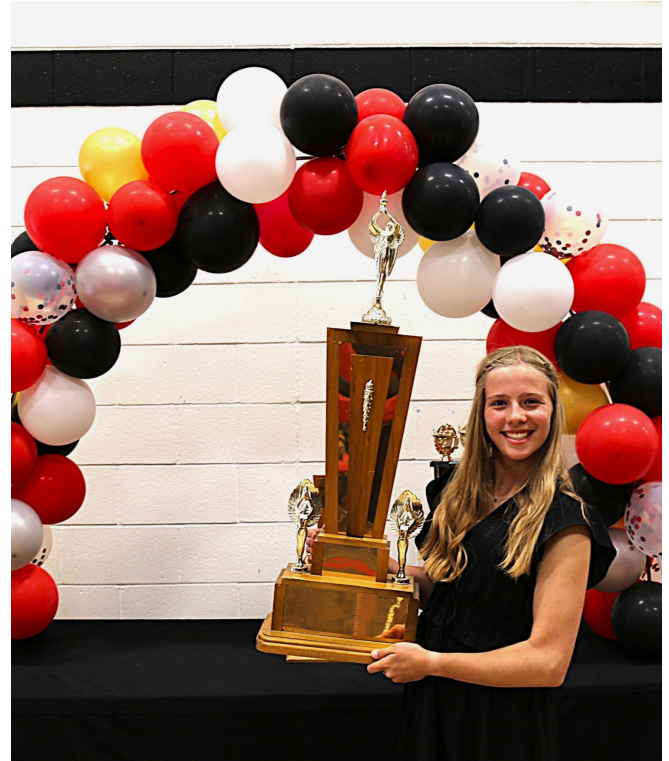


October 3, 2024

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 23/24 : Ella Sereda



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 if they are ill!

OPTION

GRADE 7

OPTION CLASSES:

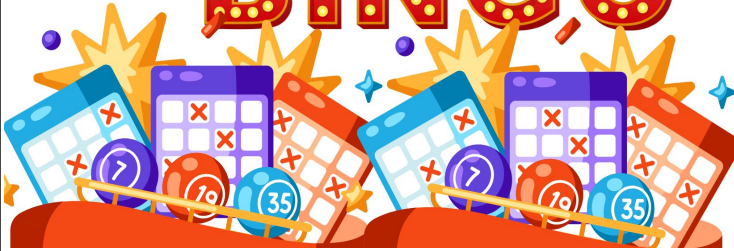
- **Option A:** September 27 - October 29
- **Option B:** August 28 - October 15



LIBRARY NEWS:

B O O K

BINGO



Book B I N G O Challenge

Come play **BOOK BINGO!**

Get 5 in a row or diagonally to **WIN A PRIZE!**

Fill in the whole card and **win a GRAND PRIZE**

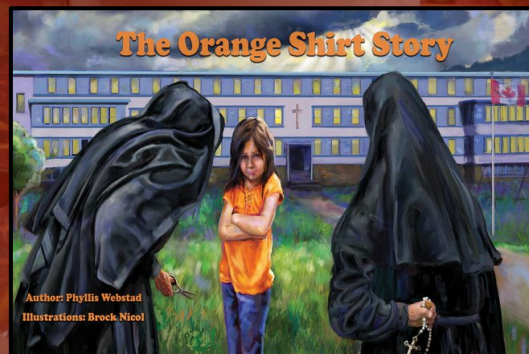
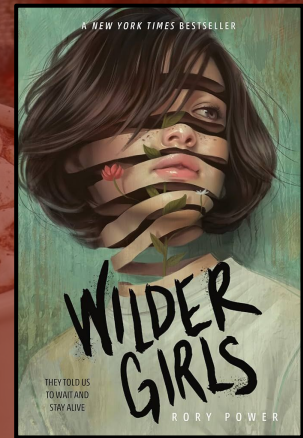
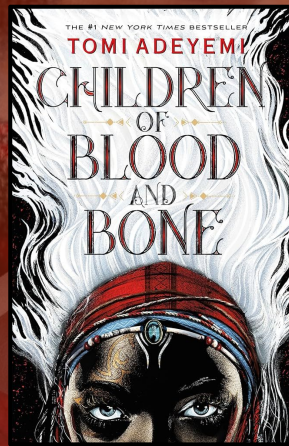
If you fill in the complete Book Bingo game board by October 30, your name will go into the draw to win a book of your choice for a Maximum of \$25.00.

Contest WINNER:

Will be announced in the November Newsletter!



Mrs. Kern's Book Recommendations:



Join us for a HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Viewing of Hocus Pocus!

October 25, 2024

Ecole Leduc Jr. High School

Main office doors open at 5:00 pm, movie starts at 5:30 pm.

There will be popcorn, drinks, and movie snacks at the concession

Don't forget your blankets, pillows and comfy clothes!



JOIN A CLUB OR TEAM!

~ STAY TUNED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| ★ 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, 2024

CLASS THEME WINNERS!



**Pizza Party Winners:
7B / 8A / 9F**



2024 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!



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
- Pick Apples
- Enjoy A Nature Walk
- Make a Thankful List
- 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



BGSD Technology Fee- 2024/2025

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.

WHAT ARE YOUR GREAT IDEAS FOR LEDUC?

If you're between 13 and 15, we want you to bring your big ideas to Leduc Youth Council as a Youth Ambassadors!
Be a voice for your friends and peers and help shape the future of Leduc.

Ambassadors are invited to attend a few Leduc Youth Council meetings each year and can provide ideas for consideration.

- Learn about local government and how to make a difference in the world around you
- Get to know a member of Leduc City Council who supports Youth Council
- Develop new skills while having fun and making new friends
- Be made aware of volunteer opportunities in the community
- Have a competitive edge when applying to participate on Leduc Youth Council
- Looks great on a resume

VISIT LEDUC.CA/YOUTHAMBASSADORS

JOIN YOUTH AMBASSADORS!



CITY OF
Leduc



CLUB VOLLEYBALL

TRY OUTS

MALE & FEMALE ATHLETES

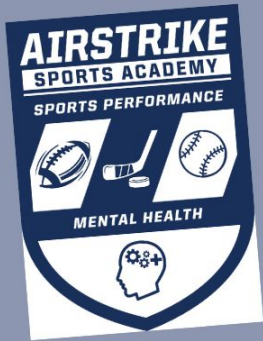
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Sports Psychology, Personalized Apparel Package,
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ATTENTION:
BLACK GOLD STUDENTS

FLAG FOOTBALL

PD DAY CAMPS

2024-2025

Sept 20, Oct 11, Nov 1, Dec 2, Jan 29,
Mar 10, Apr 22 & May 16



Learn some flag football skills
& have fun!

- flag pulling
- handoffs
- passing
- catching
- route running
- agility moves

*No experience necessary

*Bring your running shoes, water bottle, t-shirt, shorts and lunch.

BOYS & GIRLS

U7-11

8:30 AM- 3:00 PM

\$125/PD day

U12-15

12:00 - 3:00 PM

\$80/PD day

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER



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**PAYMENT IS DUE
WITH REGISTRATION.
REGISTRATION
CLOSES TWO WEEKS
PRIOR TO CAMP**

FREE NOVEMBER ANXIETY SERIES

AT LEDUC PUBLIC LIBRARY

Nov 7, 2024 4:30PM-5:30PM

Understanding Anxiety for Kids

Ages 7-11

This session will help children aged 7-11, who are experiencing anxiety, to identify their emotions, understand what anxiety feels like, and how anxiety can affect their daily life. Through stories, activities, and discussion you'll learn about yourself and begin to build confidence in expressing and understanding these challenging feelings.

Nov 14, 2024 4:30PM-5:30PM

Calm and Confident: Tools for Managing Anxiety

Ages 7-11

Join us for a supportive and interactive session designed for kids aged 7-11 who are learning to manage anxiety. In this workshop, you'll discover some ways to help you feel calmer, like deep breathing exercises, muscle relaxation, and guided imagery. We'll practice these tools together and explore ways to identify, label, and cope with your feelings.

Nov 21, 2024 4:30PM-5:30PM

Social Anxiety and Navigating Peer Relationships

Ages 7-11

Join us to explore what social anxiety is, what it feels like, how it can show up in places like school and with friends. This session will allow you to learn about social anxiety and explore some new tools and strategies to begin to manage those tricky feelings.

Nov 28, 2024 4:30PM-5:30PM

Understanding Anxiety: Building Resilience and Positive Thinking

Ages 7-11

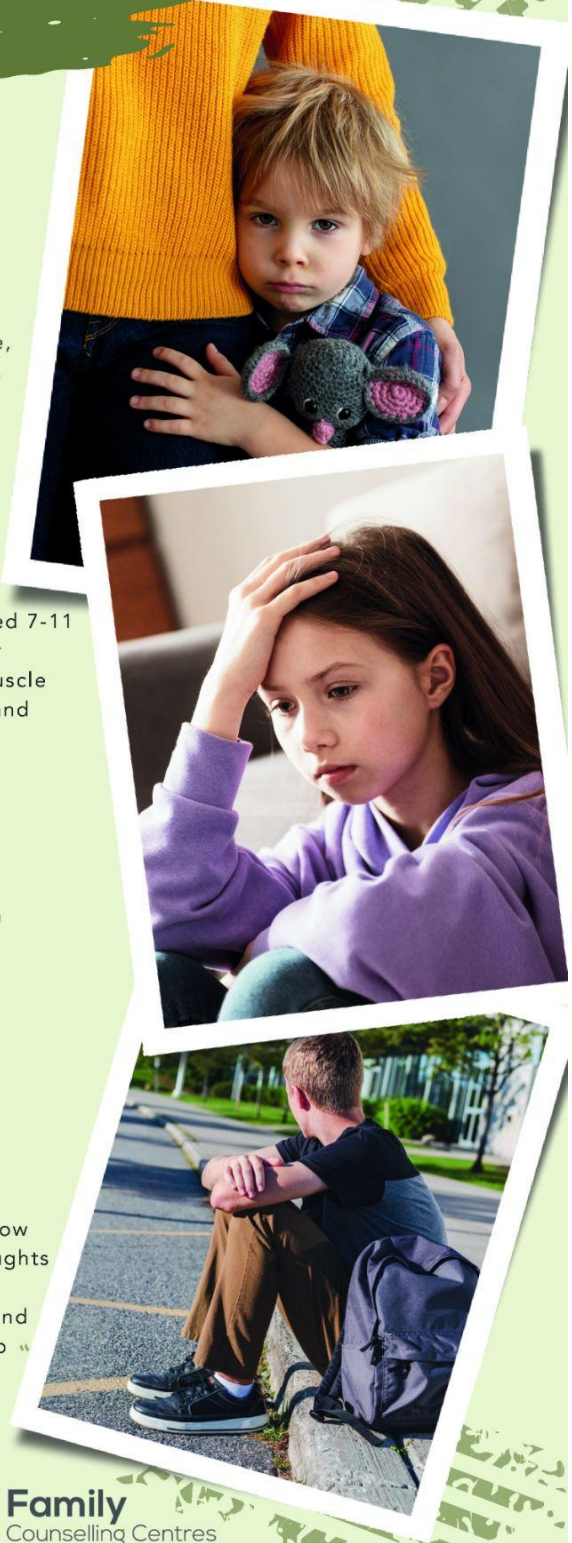
This session will allow kids to learn more about what anxiety is and how it affects their thoughts and feelings. We'll explore how anxious thoughts can sometimes make things seem scarier than they are, and practice ways to turn those thoughts around. Through fun activities, stories, and practical tools, kids will discover ways to build resilience and develop a more positive mindset.



REGISTER HERE



Family
Counselling Centres





NEED A VISIT FROM SANTA?

www.leduc santashelpers.ca

Helping families in Leduc for 40 years

We believe every child should have a smile on their face at Christmas!

Registration will be open:

November 1 - December 12

To register online visit:

www.leduc santashelpers.ca/hamper-application/

To register via telephone call:

825-995-1008

Program Criteria:

- **Must be a resident of the City of Leduc**
- **Must have children in the household under the age of 18**
- **Must meet the income guidelines:**

Family Size	Maximum Income
Two Persons	up to \$45,000
Three Persons	up to \$47,500
Four Persons	up to \$50,000
Five Persons	up to \$52,500
Six Persons	up to \$55,000
More than Six People	up to \$57,500

Leduc Santa's Helpers



We are looking for NEW/Unused items to include with our Christmas hampers. Toys, Pajamas, Socks, Games, Mitt/Toque sets, etc.

All donations are greatly appreciated! If it is popular with your children it is likely to be on the wishlist of others.

Items that are generally in short supply include:

- Pajamas
- Socks
- Books
- Games
- Lego Kits
- Drones
- Bluetooth Speakers
- Headphones
- Make-up Kits
- Curling Irons
- Blow Dryers
- Electric Shaver
- RC Vehicles
- Art Kits
- Craft Kits
- Watches
- Model Kits
- Pencil Crayons
- Gift Cards
- Sports Items *(Basketballs, Soccer Balls, etc)*
- Power Banks
- Phone Acces.
- Blankets
- Hoodies/Sweatshirts
- Coloring Books
- Personal Care Kits

Items for 0 - 2 year olds that are generally in short supply include:

- Pajamas/Onsies/Clothes/Blankets
- Learning Toys: Vtech, LeapFrog, Fisher-Price
- Teething Toys
- Stacking Toys
- Play Mats

Check with your school for donation deadlines

Thank you for supporting Leduc Santa's Helpers and helping those less fortunate this holiday season.

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Monthly Calendar								Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details
AUGUST 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	5	3	August 26 & 27 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) August 28 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students
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	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
SEPTEMBER 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	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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29	30									
OCTOBER 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	October 11 - PD Day (No Students) October 14 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed) Diploma Exam
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NOVEMBER 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	November 1 - PD Day (No Students) November 3 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward) November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed) November 12 - 15 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed) Diploma Exam
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DECEMBER 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	15	14	December 2 - PD Day (No Students) December 23 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
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JANUARY 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	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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Semester 1: Aug. 28, 2024 - Jan. 29, 2025								95	88	Semester 2 - Commences January 30, 2025
FEBRUARY 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	February 6 & 7 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 17 - Family Day (Schools Closed)
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MARCH 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	March 9 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward) March 10 - PD Day (No Students) March 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)
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APRIL 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	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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MAY 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	May 16 - PD Day (No Students) May 19 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
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JUNE 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day June 25 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam & PAT June 26 & 27 - Teacher Workday (No Students) Diploma Exam Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
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Semester 2: January 30 - June 29, 2025								97	91	
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students								193	179	Aug-Dec/24: 77 -T & 71 -S; Jan-June/25: 116 -T & 108 -S