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Leduc, AB T9E 6K8
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Dear LCHS Families and Students,

Welcome to October! Happy Fall, everyone!

It's hard to believe we're already turning the calendar to October. The first few weeks of school are always a whirlwind, but walking through the halls lately, the energy has been incredible. Seeing our Grade 8s navigate their new schedules with growing confidence, while our Grade 12s step up as leaders and role models, has been an awesome way to start the year.

As the weather cools down and the leaves start to turn, there's a really great rhythm setting in around here.

What's Happening This Fall

- **Check-Ins & Progress:** As we settle into the term, teachers will be updating gradebooks as a reference point for parent teacher interviews. It's a great time to chat with your teen about how their classes are feeling and encourage them to drop by for extra help if they need a hand.
- **Cheer on the Teams & Join a Club:** Fall sports are well underway, and our student clubs are meeting during lunch and after school. Encourage your kids to get involved—it's the absolute best way to make memories here.
- **Grade 11 & 12 Next Steps:** Post-secondary visits and career planning sessions are kicking off this month. Keep an eye on student announcements for dates and drop-in support times.
- **Get Involved:** Our next parent meeting is coming up on October 16—we'd love to see you there and hear your thoughts..

Thank you all for the energy, patience, and support you've poured into these first few weeks. We're so glad to have your families in our corner as we head into a fantastic autumn.

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Important Dates this month

Oct 6th: GRAD Parent Meeting @ 6:30 PM - LCHS Staffroom (doors open at 6:15 PM)

Oct 8th: Parent Teacher Interviews @ 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Oct 12th: Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL

Oct 13th: PD Day - NO SCHOOL

Oct 29th: Awards Night - Maclab Centre @ 6:30 PM

Oct 29th: Quarter One Ends

Oct 30th: Quarter Two Begins

Oct 31st: Halloween

Nov 6th: Remembrance Day Ceremony

Nov 7th - 16th: Mid-Term Break

Nov 11th: Remembrance Day

Administration Team

Grade 8 & 12:

Mrs. McRae (ext 305)

Grade 9 & 10:

Mr. Mailer (ext 306)

Grade 11:

Mr. Dechaine (ext 310)

Returning grade 12 - Mrs. Francis

Counsellor Team

Ms. Reny (ext 315)

Grade 8 & 12 (M-Z)

Grade 9 & 10

Mrs Lidkea (ext 313)

Grade 8 & 12 (A-L)

Grade 11

School Fees

Please check your PowerSchool Parent Portal for any posted school fees under "Student Fees & Forms." If you have any questions, please contact the school at 780-986-2248.

These fees are based on enrollment and are used in full to support our students. They help fund essential classroom supplies, field trips, and hands-on learning opportunities. We appreciate your prompt payment, as it allows us to continue offering these high-quality programs.

Please note that any outstanding fees will be forwarded to Black Gold School Division office and forwarded on to a collections agency.

Fabrication Upgrade



🔥 Exciting times are ahead in the LCCHS Welding Shop! 🔥

Over the summer, our welding shop received a sizable upgrade with the addition of 8 new multi-process welding booths!

This exciting expansion will provide our students with even more opportunities for hands-on learning and skill development across a variety of welding processes, including:

- 🔧 GMAW – Gas Metal Arc Welding
- 🔥 FCAW – Flux-Cored Arc Welding
- ⚡ Arc Welding
- ✨ TIG Welding

With these new booths, our students will have more opportunities to build their skills, gain valuable shop experience, and prepare for future careers in the welding industry.

We can't wait to see what our students create! The future is looking bright—and sparks are definitely going to fly!

Parent Teacher Interviews



Leduc Composite High School will be hosting Parent-Teacher Interviews on **Thursday, October 8, from 5:00–8:00 PM.**

17 **Registration opens Thursday, October 1 at 9:00 AM.**

Parents/Guardians are invited to book appointments with their child's teachers through our online booking system. Please follow the instructions below to schedule your appointments.

How to Book Your Appointments

1. Visit our School Appointments website: <https://lchs.schoolappointments.com>
 2. **Register for an account:** Click the "REGISTER" tab and complete the online registration form. Choose a User ID and Password, then click "Register Now."
 3. **Add your child(ren):** Click the "Add a Student" button to enter your child's information. If you have more than one child attending LCHS, click "Insert New" to add additional students.
 4. **Select teachers and view calendars:** Click the calendar icon beside your child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff members you wish to meet with, then click "View Calendars." 💡 Tip: Hold down the Ctrl key on a PC or the Command key on a Mac to select multiple staff members at the same time.
 5. **Book your appointment times.**
- Click on the available time slots that work for you to book your appointments.

We look forward to welcoming our LCHS families and providing an opportunity to connect with teachers about your child's progress and success!



INSURANCE OPPORTUNITY

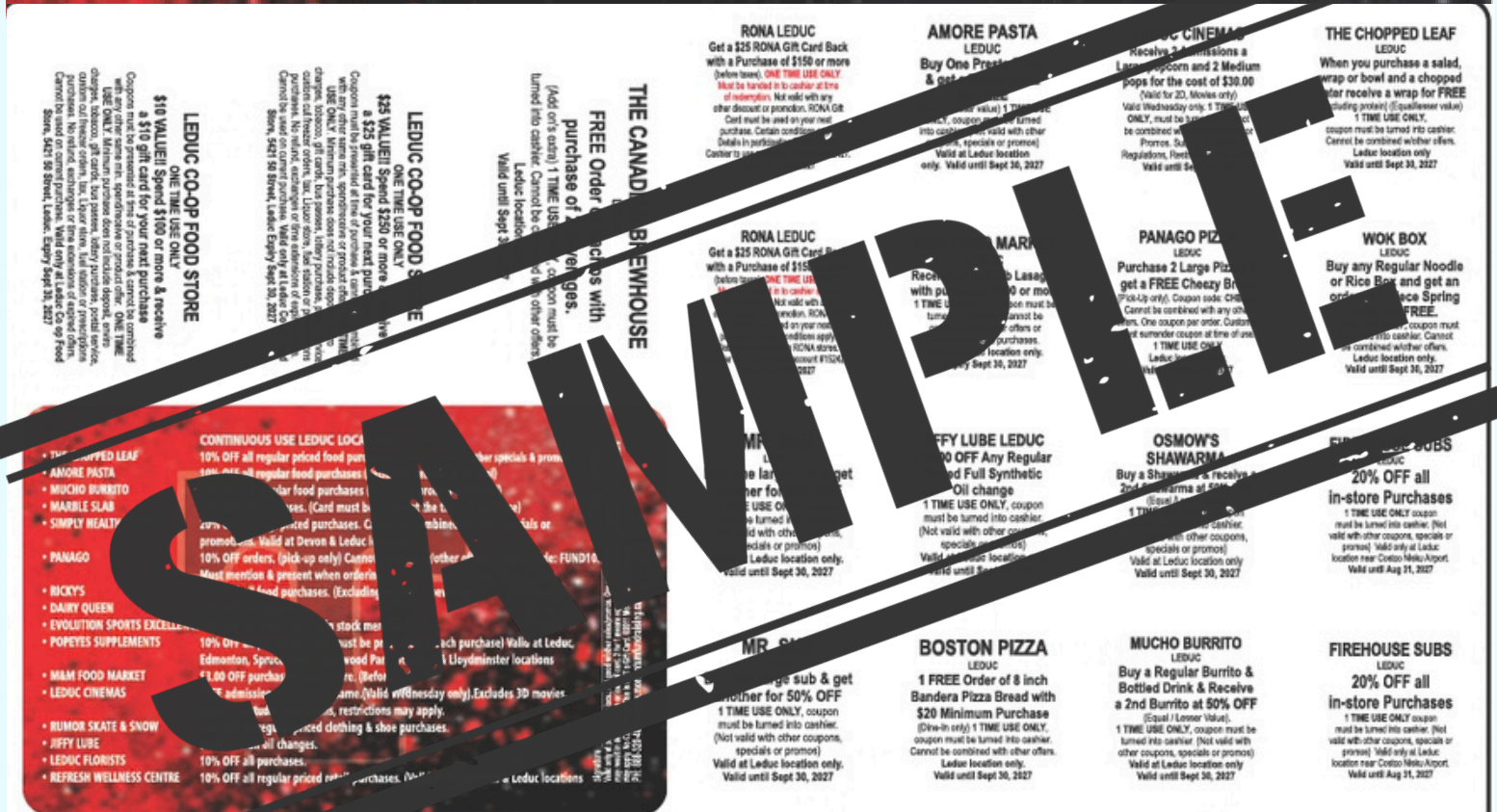
The Division's insurance partner, StudyInsured, has Voluntary Student Accident Insurance that is optional for parents to purchase. Please see the website below for further details on the types of plans parents may purchase and the types of coverage available.

<https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/compare-plans/>

PLEASE NOTE: This coverage is completely voluntary and is meant for parents to purchase - it is separate from the Blanket Student Accident insurance plan held by the Division.

TIGER CARDS ARE IN!

Save yourself money while supporting our Leduc Composite Tigers Football team! Contact Zabrina Bouvier at zabrina.bouvier@blackgold.ca to purchase your Tiger Savings Card now! Cards are \$20 and offer hundreds of dollars in savings! Don't miss out!!!



Senior Volleyball



STUDENTS...did you know?

- A **Grab-and-Go Breakfast** is available to you **EVERY MORNING!** Visit **room 106** (Foods Lab) **between 8:00 and 8:25 AM.** Attending class on an empty stomach can hurt your focus and energy levels. Hunger makes it hard for your brain to concentrate and retain information so why not nourish yourself before class for a more productive learning experience! You can also check us out on Insta @foodsleduccomp
- Our **cafeteria is open Monday through Friday**, and offers a variety of delicious and healthy options. It is run by Apulia Catering and you will not be disappointed! Take time to check out what they have to offer.



ATTN: Parents/Guardians

If you do not have access to **PowerSchool Parent Portal** please email the school at lchs@blackgold.ca. 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 email the school at lchs@blackgold.ca. It is important that we have your most current information on file. Please note that **any changes to address will require a proof of address (preferably a drivers licence).**

If your student will be absent from school, please notify the office lchs@blackgold.ca or 780-986-2248.

LCHS Work Experience Program

The Black Gold Regional Division Off-Campus Education Program is all about students learning valuable work skills beyond the walls of their school. A company work site within their community becomes their 'classroom'.

The purpose of this program is to familiarize students with the world of work. Real-life resumes and interviews can help them land a quality job, while customized skill and safety training give students the opportunity to excel at their work site.

Students will also earn up to a maximum of 30 credits in Work Experience, 15 of which can be used towards their high school diploma. 25 hours of work equals 1 credit.

Mrs. St. John
Work Experience
780-986-2248

danielle.stjohn@blackgold.ca

Off-Campus Programs

Divide your time between:

- your school, to take courses such as English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies to meet the requirements of high school graduation, and
- an approved work site, for on-the-job training in a trade of your choice.

As you work, you will earn:

- at least minimum wage,
- up to 41 high school credits (40 RAP credits, plus 1 CTS safety credit), and
- on-the-job training hours toward an apprenticeship program.

After you complete high school,

- continue working in your trade to earn additional on-the-job hours required to complete the full apprenticeship education program in your trade,
- attend and pass in-class training at a post-secondary institution between and 6 and 12 weeks per year of the program, depending on the trade,
- pass the required exam at the end of each year of your program, and complete your apprenticeship program to earn your journey person certification and apprenticeship education credential.

Mr. Ken Saskiw
RAP & Green Certificate
780-819-6719
ken.saskiw@blackgold.ca

Student Tutoring!

Trusted by Parents. Loved by Students.



MATH | SOCIAL | SCIENCE | LANGUAGE ARTS

WHAT WE OFFER

- VARIETY OF GRADES
- ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS
- INCREDIBLE RATES

**Location: Leduc, and
surrounding area**

**Contact: LCHS or see student list
for details**

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MYPASS ACCOUNT

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO CREATE A MYPASS ACCOUNT. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO HAVE A MYPASS ACCOUNT THROUGH ALBERTA EDUCATION.

The MyPass Account can be used to

- Access the student's DAR (detailed academic report) which includes their credit count and all of the high school courses they have taken with their final grades Access the student's credential report which includes all of the graduation requirements that are completed and incomplete
 - Students can choose between credentials for an Alberta High School Diploma or the credentials for a Certificate of High School Achievement (KAE certificate)
- Access the student's Diploma exam results (this is the ONLY way to see these results) Obtain a High School Transcript for themselves or to be mailed to a post-secondary institution.



[HTTPS://LCHS.BLACKGOLD.CA/MYPS-SIGN-UP](https://lchs.blackgold.ca/myps-sign-up)

Help plan your child's future with



myBlueprint

What is the myBlueprint Education Planner?

myBlueprint Education Planner is a student-friendly, interactive education and career/life planning tool that Black Gold junior high and high school students use to make the most informed decisions about their future.

myBlueprint allows students to visually plan towards graduation requirements while instantly discovering their eligibility for every post-secondary pathway in Canada, or compare information on apprenticeships, programs, and occupations to ensure they make better decisions and are more prepared for their futures after high school.

Students also learn the basics of financial literacy and money management, and discover what employers are looking for with job search tools tied directly to the student's occupations of interest.

As a parent/guardian, can I access myBlueprint Education Planner?

Yes! To explore the features of **myBlueprint**, you can create a Family Account and link to your child's account (requires student permission).

With direct access from home, you can get more informed and involved with your child's education, and support your child in making the most informed decisions about their future.

Why would I want access to myBlueprint Education Planner?

The family account allows you to view student artifacts and reflections, including the goals they are setting, careers they are interested in, and what they are learning in school.

You can log in to your account to comment on your child's work or receive messages from their teacher(s). Keep in mind that the Family Account has read-only access for linked student accounts – it does not allow you to complete activities or post to portfolios within the student's account.

To get started, please scan the QR code below:



How to use a QR code:

1. Open the camera on your phone
2. Point it at the code
3. Tap the link that appears

For assistance, contact Ms. Watters - hayley.watters@blackgold.ca

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION



Getting Started with myBlueprint

New to myBlueprint?



Start here with our most helpful tools and tips to get you up and running with confidence.

To access myBlueprint:

1. Visit myBlueprint.ca/blackgold
2. Select "Login" then scroll to "School Account login."
3. Select your division from the drop-down menu*
4. Enter your school credentials

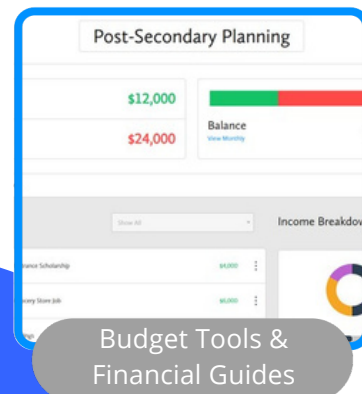
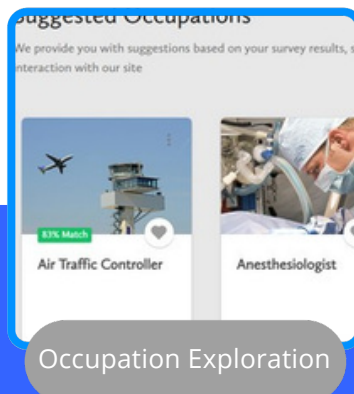
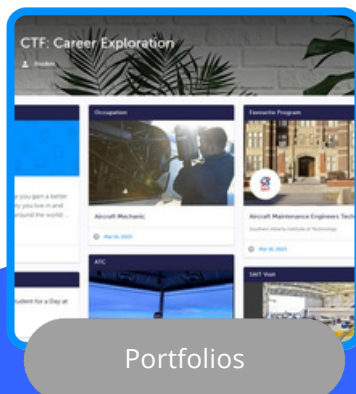
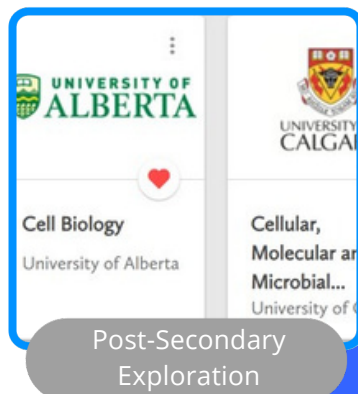
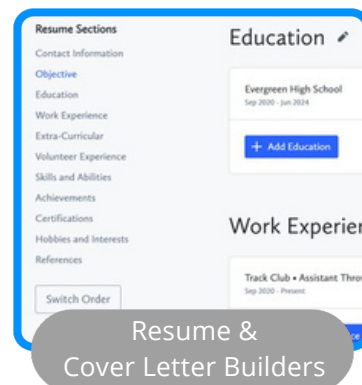
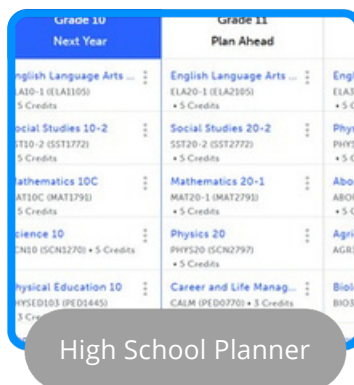
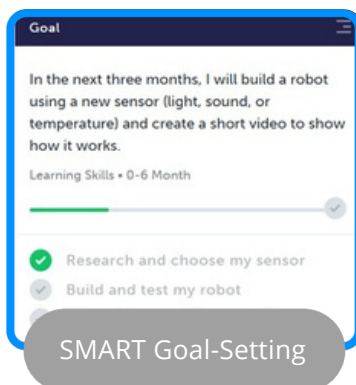
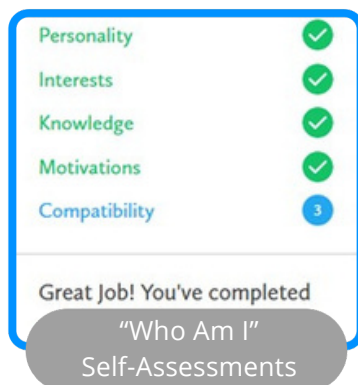
OR

1. Click on the "Sign Up" tab, if requested, enter "leducCHS" as the Activation Key
2. Select our school (Leduc Composite High School) from the drop-down menu and click 'Create Account'
3. Select 'Student,' and your grade
4. CLICK and create an account.
5. ENTER the requested information



Feature Overview

myBlueprint platform features in student accounts:



For assistance, contact Ms. Watters - hayley.watters@blackgold.ca

BGSD Calendar

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Monthly Calendar								Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details	
AUGUST 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	5	3	August 25 - 26 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) August 27- School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students	
		2	3	4	5	6	7				
		9	10	11	12	13	14				
		16	17	18	19	20	21				
		23	24	25	26	27	28				
		30	31								
SEPTEMBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	September 7 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) September 18 - PD Day: (No Students): September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)	
		6	7	8	9	10	11				
		13	14	15	16	17	18				
		20	21	22	23	24	25				
		27	28	29	30						
OCTOBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	October 12 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed) October 13 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam	
		4	5	6	7	8	9				
		11	12	13	14	15	16				
		18	19	20	21	22	23				
		25	26	27	28	29	30				
NOVEMBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	November 1 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward) November 9 -13 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed) November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed) November 16 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam	
		1	2	3	4	5	6				
		8	9	10	11	12	13				
		15	16	17	18	19	20				
		22	23	24	25	26	27				
		29	30								
DECEMBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	December 4- PD Day (No Students) December 23 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)	
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		13	14	15	16	17	18				
		20	21	22	23	24	25				
		27	28	29	30	31					
JANUARY 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	January 1- 5 Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed) January 6 - School Resumes January 29 - PD Day (No Students) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam	
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		31									
Semester 1: Aug. 27, 2026 - Jan. 29, 2027								96	89	Semester 2 - Commences February 1, 2027	
FEBRUARY 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	February 1 - Semester 2 Commences February 4 & 5 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 15 - Family Day (Schools Closed)	
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		14	15	16	17	18	19				
		21	22	23	24	25	26				
		28									
MARCH 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	March 14 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward) March 15 - PD Day (No Students) March 26 - Good Friday (Schools Closed) March 29 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed) March 29 - 31- Spring Break (Schools Closed)	
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		14	15	16	17	18	19				
		21	22	23	24	25	26				
		28	29	30	31						
APRIL 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	April 1 - 2 Spring Break (Schools Closed) April 5 - School Resumes April 23 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam	
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		11	12	13	14	15	16				
		18	19	20	21	22	23				
		25	26	27	28	29	30				
MAY 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	May 21 - PD Day (No Students) May 24 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)	
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		23	24	25	26	27	28				
		30	31								
JUNE 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	19	June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day June 25- Last School Day with Diploma Exam June 28 & 29- Teacher Workday (No Students) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Diploma Exam	
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		27	28	29	30						
Semester 2: February 1 - June 25, 2027								99	92		
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students								195	181	Sept-Dec/26: 78 -T & 72 -S; Jan-June/27: 117 -T & 109 -S	

Attention!

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The remainder of the newsletter includes information about different community programs and initiatives that you may not know about. We encourage you to read more about what Leduc has to offer!

Take advantage of this great perk! If you are a student in Grades 8 & 9 and attending a school in Leduc or Leduc County, visit Guest Services and register for your FREE membership at the LRC & Alexandra Outdoor Pool.



ACTIVE 8's & 9's
Receive a **FREE MEMBERSHIP***
to the LRC and
Alexandra Outdoor Pool.

PLAY ON!
**WE'LL HELP WITH THE SPORT
REGISTRATION FEES.**

Alberta
**EVERY KID
CAN PLAY**
A GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA PROGRAM
POWERED BY KIDSPORT

 Your child could be eligible for a grant up to \$250 to help cover sport registration fees! Find out more at kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/leduc-and-county



Division News - Board Highlights

The Board Highlights are a summary of our Board of Trustee meetings to communicate pertinent information to our staff, school councils, parents, students and stakeholders.

The September Board highlights will be posted to [BoardHighlights](#) website section soon! www.blackgold.ca

Teen Programs

AT THE LEDUC PUBLIC LIBRARY

FREE • REGISTERED

New Driver Learner's Test Study Group

Don't let your wallet take a detour! Each attempt at the driver's test costs money - so study smart! Join us for a fun, brain-boosting session using Alberta Driver's Flash Cards to help you retain key info and pass your permit test. We'll have pastries and hot chocolate!

Thursday, Sept. 10 | 5:30 - 7:30pm | Grade 8-12

Craft Café: Collage Lab

Turn magazines, paper, photos, and found materials into a unique work of art. Cut, layer, and create whatever inspires you - there's no right or wrong way to collage. All supplies provided. Enjoy Hot chocolate and cookies.

Thursday, Sept. 17 | 5:45 - 7:15pm | Grades 7-12

Craft Cafe: Open Studio

Come in and get creative! We'll provide a variety of craft supplies and materials—what you make is entirely up to you. Explore, experiment, and let your imagination lead the way. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

Thursday, Nov. 19 | 5:45 - 7:15pm | Grades 7-12

Craft Cafe: Holiday Village House

Spend an evening creating, relaxing, and getting into the holiday spirit. Express your creativity and create a holiday décor piece you'll be proud to display. Teens will decorate wooden mini houses using paint, embellishments, and festive materials while enjoying hot chocolate, cookies, and a relaxed social atmosphere.

Thursday, Dec. 3 | 5:45 - 7:15pm | Grades 7-12

Teen Toastmasters

The library is partnering with the Leduc Blackgold Toastmasters to help you build confidence and communication skills in a fun and supportive environment! If you want to improve your leadership skills or just conquer stage fright, this 6-week program is for you!

Thursday, Oct. 1 - Nov. 5 (6 weeks) | 5:30 - 7:30pm | Grades 7-12

***Please visit our program guide at
www.leduclibrary.ca
for more programs for all ages***

