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

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year at Leduc Composite High School! As your new Principal, I am honored and excited to join the LCHS community. Whether you are a returning Tiger or joining our school family for the first time, I extend a warm welcome as we embark on another year of learning, achievement, and personal growth together.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all the families who joined us on Wednesday evening for our Meet the Teacher Night. It was fantastic to connect with so many of you, introduce our teaching staff, and share a hot dog together as we kicked off the school year.

As we enter this new school year, I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate Mr. Clarke on his retirement and thank him for his incredible dedication and commitment to LCHS. His love for the arts and the meaningful relationships he built with staff and students leave a lasting legacy that won't be forgotten. It is a privilege to build upon the strong foundation he helped establish.

Our dedicated administration, teaching, and support staff are committed to fostering a safe, structured, and engaging environment where every student feels supported and empowered to reach their full potential. We maintain high standards for academic excellence, character, and personal responsibility, ensuring our students are well-prepared for their futures—whether heading toward post-secondary education, technical trades, or the workforce.

A successful school journey relies on strong collaboration between the school, our students, and their families. Open communication, regular attendance, and active involvement are essential to student success. I encourage every student to approach this year with a positive mindset, setting high goals, staying focused, and taking full advantage of the diverse academic, career, and extracurricular opportunities available at LCHS.

Please take time to review the remaining pages of this newsletter for essential details regarding key September dates, administrative contacts, and digital planning tools like PowerSchool, myBlueprint, and MyPass.

I look forward to an enriching and productive school year ahead. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to our administrative team.

Wendy Francis
Principal, Leduc Composite High School

Important Dates this month

Sept 2nd: Student Course Change Deadline

Sept 4th: Deadline for HS Students to drop courses

Sept 7th: Labour Day - NO SCHOOL

Sept 10th: LCHS Student Pancake Breakfast

Sept 11th: Picture Retakes

Sept 17th: LCHS Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

Sept 18th: PD Day - NO SCHOOL

Sept 24th: Terry Fox Walk

Sept 29th: Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30th: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - NO SCHOOL

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.



FREE SEPTEMBER 10th

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

FOR ALL LCHS STUDENTS



LCHS MAIN DOORS
7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Attendance Reporting

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences. This system will be implemented as of August 27, 2025.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- **On your mobile device:**
 - Using your mobile device, download and install the SM Home app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). Download the app with the following icon:
 - The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account.
 - Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- **Use the SchoolMessenger website:**
 - Go to the [SchoolMessenger website](#). The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account.
 - Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- **By telephone:**
 - Call the toll-free number 780-955-4526 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points (email, text, push notification & phone call) until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up. If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Staff is using the SafeArrival notifications to let you know if your student is absent and the absence is unexplained.

Please download the SchoolMessenger Home app or sign into the website before this date. If you are having trouble logging in, please contact your school.

If you do not already receive text message from your school and would like to start, please ensure your school has your mobile phone number and then text "Y" to 978338. (Standard message and data rates may apply.)

If you are unable to utilize the system above and need to report an absence, please contact the LCHS office @ 780-986-2248 or email lchs@blackgold.ca. Please ensure to leave a reason for absence (sick, appointment, vacation, etc...) when reporting by email or leaving a voicemail.

LCHS SCHOOL COUNCIL AND
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



AGM Meeting **INVITATION**



Thursday
17 September, 2026



6:30 PM
8:00 PM



LCHS Staff Room
Enter at Main Doors



CONTACT US



lchs.council@blackgold.ca

<https://lchs.blackgold.ca/school-council>

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**

SCAN ME



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

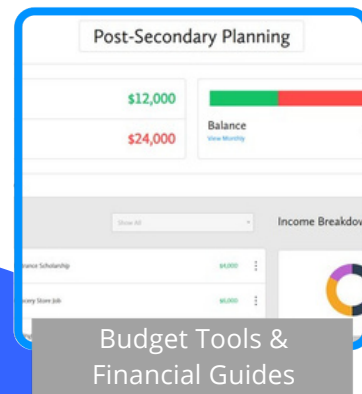
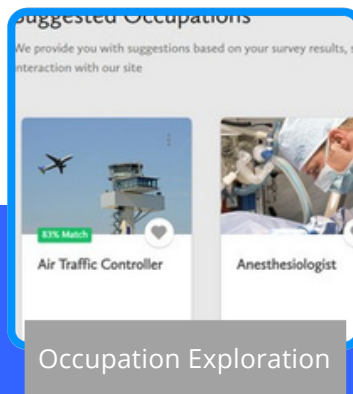
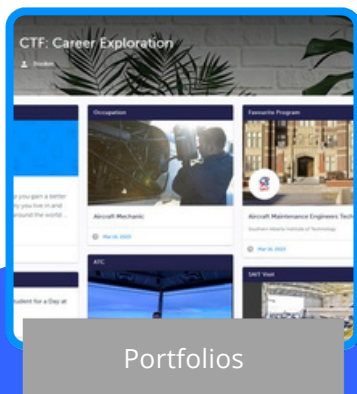
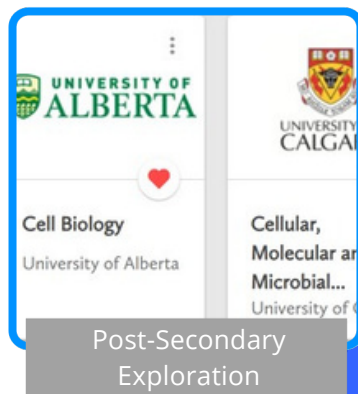
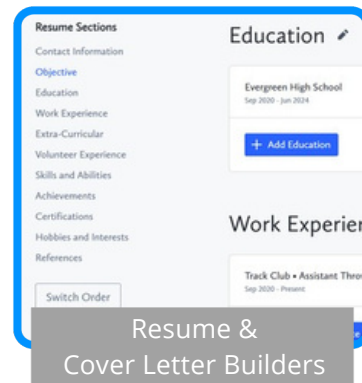
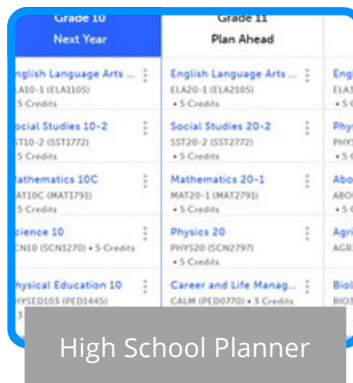
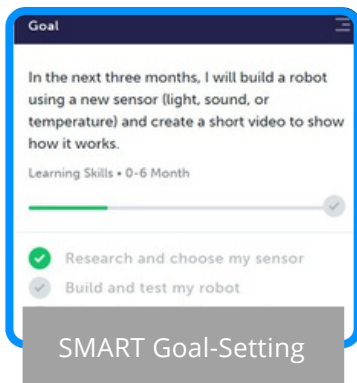
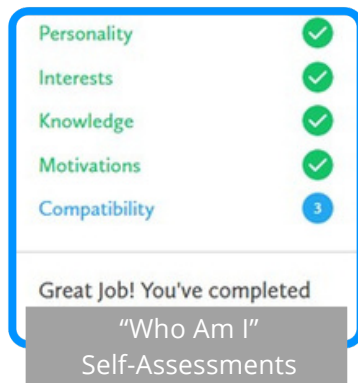
OR

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		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)
		6	7	8	9	10	11			
		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
		3	4	5	6	7	8			
		10	11	12	13	14	15			
		17	18	19	20	21	22			
		24	25	26	27	28	29			
		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)
		7	8	9	10	11	12			
		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)
		7	8	9	10	11	12			
		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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		9	10	11	12	13	14			
		16	17	18	19	20	21			
		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
		6	7	8	9	10	11			
		13	14	15	16	17	18			
		20	21	22	23	24	25			
		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 June Board highlights will be posted to [Board Highlights](#) 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***

