4308 50 St.
Leduc, AB T9E 6K8
https://lchs.blackgold.ca

Dear LCHS Families and Students,

Can you believe we are already heading into November? As the leaves fall and the weather turns crisp, our momentum at LCHS is in full swing. Having spent these past few months getting to know our students, staff, and families, I am continually reminded of what a vibrant and active community we have.

As Quarter 1 comes to a close, it has been incredible to see our students thrive across so many areas—from Theatre and Music to Golf, Cross Country, Football, Flag Football, and Volleyball, as well as the active leadership in our Student Council, Grad Council, School Council, and Parent Association. There is truly something for everyone here.

Looking ahead, please note that we have Fall Break from **November 9–13**, followed by a Professional Development Day on **November 16** (no school for students). I hope you all take this time to rest and recharge. I hope you all enjoy this time to relax with family and friends so we can return refreshed and ready for the busy stretch ahead!

Wendy Francis
Principal, Leduc Composite High School

Important Dates this month

Nov 2nd: ELAA Post Secondary Fair in the Maclab Foyer - 6:00 - 7:30pm
Nov 6th: Rememberance Day Ceremony
Nov 9th - 13th: Mid-Term Break- NO SCHOOL
Nov 11th: Rememberance Day
Nov 16th: PD Day - NO SCHOOL (No Students)
Nov 17th: U of C Indigenous Student Recruiter from 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Nov 18th: Augustana booth during Lunch in the Cafeteria
Nov 26th: Parent Council Meeting - 6:30pm
Nov 27th: U of C Booth during lunch in the Cafeteria

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.

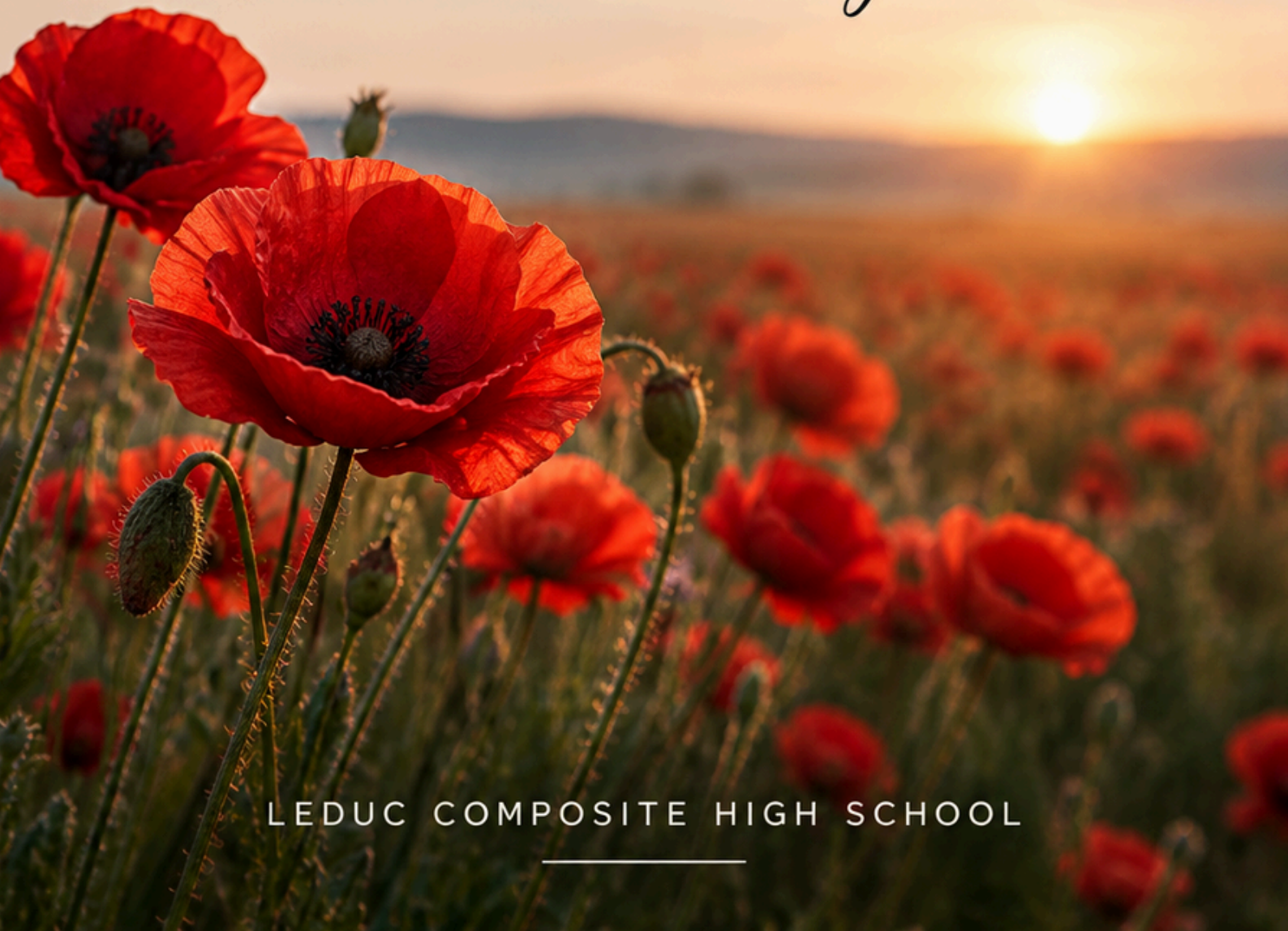
Please note that any outstanding fees will be forwarded to Black Gold School Division office and forwarded on to a collections agency.

NOVEMBER 11

REMEMBRANCE *Day*

TODAY WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER
THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR FREEDOM.

Lest We Forget



LEDUC COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

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!!!





Football Season















STUDENTS...did you know?

- **A Grab-and-Go Breakfast is available to you EVERY MORNING! Visit the Library 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.

YOU'RE THE APPLE OF MY EYE

What We've Learned in Foods Class:

A Taste of Student Creativity!
Our Food Studies students have been busy creating some amazing recipes! Using the apples generously donated to our school, our students have been putting them to good use and creating delicious treats.
We're excited to share their recipes with our school community! Families are invited to click on the pictures or links to explore the recipes and try them at home. Happy cooking!

Apple Pie



Apple Crisp



Class of 2027

HOLIDAY PLANT FUNDRAISER

Premium poinsettias and festive Christmas planters
to brighten your holidays while supporting the
LCHS Class of 2027 Graduation Celebration!



- BEAUTIFUL RED POINSETTIAS
- FRESH CHRISTMAS PLANTERS
- PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFTS
- SUPPORTS GRAD 2027

ORDER DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 18

PICK UP AT LCHS
DECEMBER 3

Scan to Order Today!

Every purchase helps support Grad 2027 activities and celebrations!

BEAUTIFUL PLANTS • HOLIDAY CHEER • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Día de los MUERTOS

REMEMBER ♥ HONOR ♥ CELEBRATE

WHAT IS DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS?

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican holiday celebrated on November 1st and 2nd. It's not a sad day — it's a joyful and loving time to remember and honor family and friends who have passed away.

Families create beautiful altars, share food, look at photos, and spend time together celebrating the lives of their loved ones.

THE ALTAR

Many families build ofrendas (altars) in their homes. These altars include photos, candles, flowers, favorite foods, and special items that belonged to the person being remembered.



SYMBOLS & MEANINGS



SUGAR SKULLS
Represent the sweetness of life and remind us that death is a natural part of the cycle.



MARIGOLD FLOWERS
Their bright color and strong scent help guide the spirits back home.



CANDLES
Light the way for loved ones to return.



PAPEL PICADO
Colorful paper cutouts add beauty and represent the joy of life.



PAN DE MUERTO
A special bread made with beautiful shapes and a hint of orange blossom.

IT'S A TIME OF JOY!

Día de los Muertos isn't about sadness — it's about love, gratitude, and keeping memories alive. It's a reminder that our loved ones are always a part of us, even after they're gone.

La muerte no es el final, sino una continuación del amor.

(Death is not the end, but a continuation of love.)

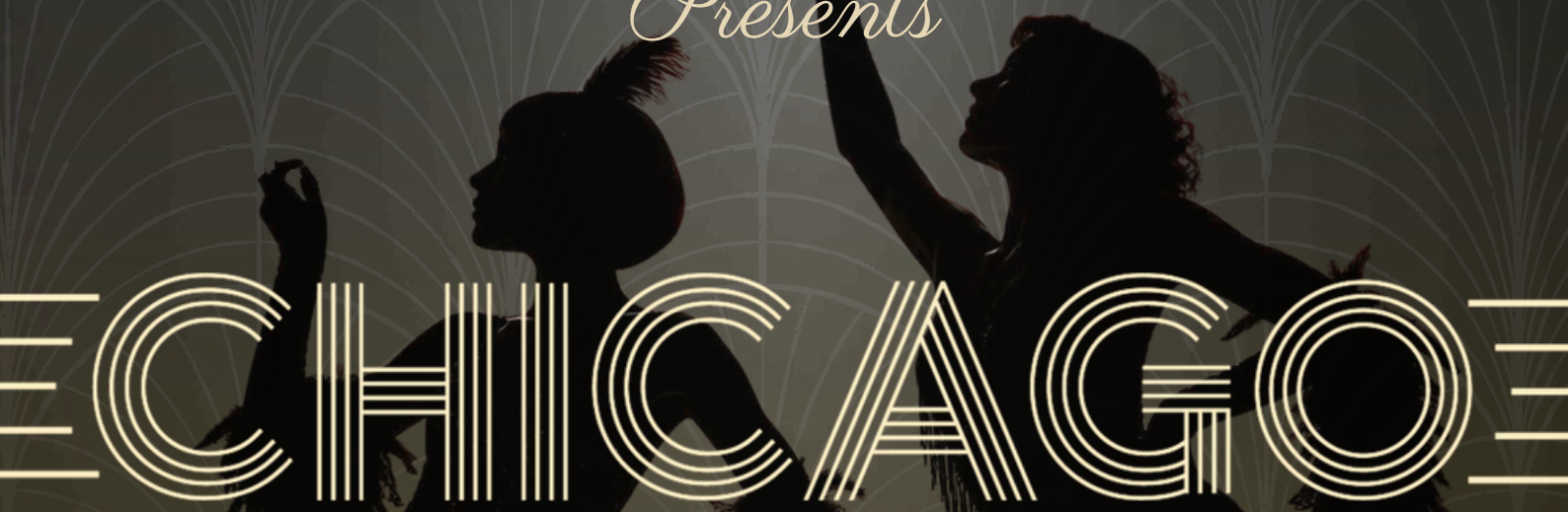


DID YOU KNOW?

Día de los Muertos has been celebrated for thousands of years, and in 2008 it was recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity!

LCHS MUSICAL THEATRE

Presents



CHICAGO

TEEN EDITION

BOOK BY BOB FOSSE & FRED EBB

MUSIC BY JOHN KANDER

LYRICS BY FRED EBB

DECEMBER 10, 11 & 12

Performances

MACLAB CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

DECEMBER 10, 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 11, 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 12, 2:00 & 7:30 PM

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR $20
FROM CAST MEMBERS OR BY CALLING
LCHS AT 780-986-2248
SEE QR CODE FOR ONLINE TICKETS

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 journeyperson 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

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?

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

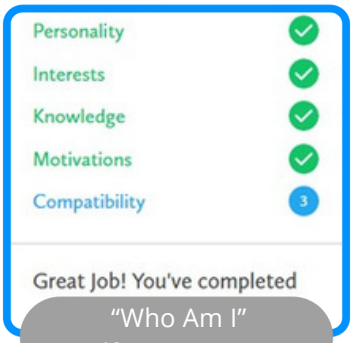
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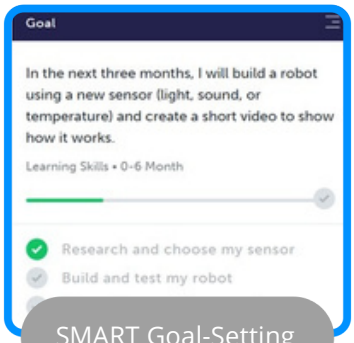
1. Click on the “Sign Up" tab, if requested, enter “leducCHS” as the Activation Key
2. Select our school (Leduc Composite High School) from the drop-down menu and click ‘Create Account’
3. Select ‘Student,’ and your grade
4. CLICK and create an account.
5. ENTER the requested information

Feature Overview

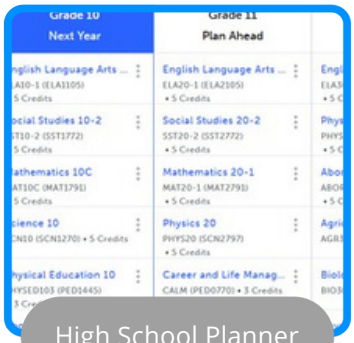
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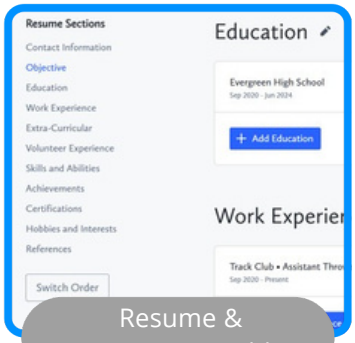
“Who Am I” Self-Assessments



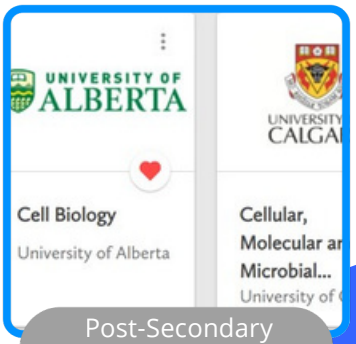
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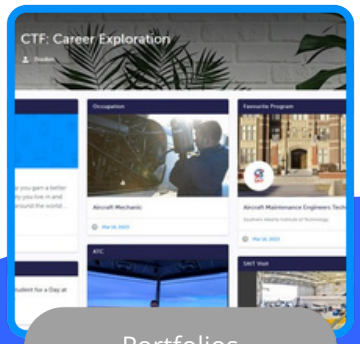
High School Planner



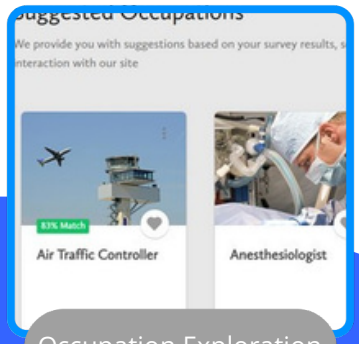
Resume & Cover Letter Builders



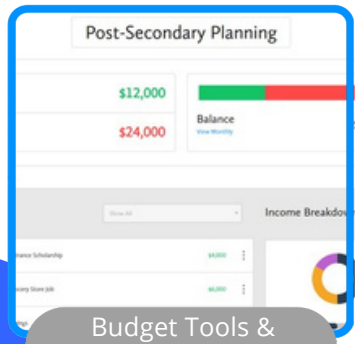
Post-Secondary Exploration



Portfolios



Occupation Exploration



Budget Tools & Financial Guides

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 1 2 3 4 5 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	5	3	August 25 - 26 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) August 27- School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students
SEPTEMBER 2026 SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT 1 2 3 4 5 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~~	20	19	~~September 7 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)~~ September 18 - PD Day: (No Students): ~~September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation~~ (Schools Closed)
OCTOBER 2026 SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT 1 2 3 4 5 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	21	20	~~October 12 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)~~ October 13 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam
NOVEMBER 2026 SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 ~~9~~ ~~10~~ ~~11~~ ~~12~~ ~~13~~ 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 29 29 30	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
DECEMBER 2026 SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT 1 2 3 4 5 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~~	16	15	December 4- PD Day (No Students) ~~December 23 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)~~
JANUARY 2027 SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT ~~1~~ 2 3 ~~4~~ ~~5~~ 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	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
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 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 ~~15~~ 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	19	17	February 1 - Semester 2 Commences February 4 & 5 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) ~~February 15 - Family Day (Schools Closed)~~
MARCH 2027 SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT 1 2 3 4 5 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~~	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)~~
APRIL 2027 SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT ~~1~~ ~~2~~ 3 4 5 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	20	19	~~April 1 - 2 Spring Break (Schools Closed)~~ April 5 - School Resumes April 23 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam
MAY 2027 SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT 1 2 3 4 5 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	20	19	May 21 - PD Day (No Students) ~~May 24 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)~~ Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
JUNE 2027 SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 ☺ 26 27 28 29 30	21	19	June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day ☺ June25- Last School Day with Diploma Exam June 28 & 29- Teacher Workday (No Students) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Diploma Exam
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

Approved February 21, 2024

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.







INSURANCE OPPORTUNITY

The Division's insurance partner, StudyInsured, offers Voluntary Student Accident Insurance that is optional for parents to purchase. To explore coverage types and compare available plans, please visit:

👉 studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/compare-plans/

PLEASE NOTE: This coverage is completely voluntary and is purchased directly by parents. It is separate from the Blanket Student Accident insurance plan held by the Division.

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/Onesies/Clothes/Blankets
- Teething Toys
- Stacking Toys
- Learning Toys: Vtech, LeapFrog, Fisher-Price
- 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.

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

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