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LEARN, CREATE, HONOUR, SUCCEED

Admin Corner:

Welcome to LCHS for 2023-2024! Our motto here is LEARN, CREATE, HONOR, SUCCEED. Everything we do at the school reflects a commitment to those core values and we work to reinforce that message whenever possible. You will see it posted in the school and reflected in communications such as our newsletter or website. Please take the time to visit our website or to follow us on Facebook and X. We will send out communications via these media and via email. We value parent communication, so please contact us if you have any questions about your child's education.

Welcome to our new staff:

- Mr. Mailer - Grade 10 Assistant Principal
- Mr. Caesar - Computing Science and English
- Mrs. Angus - English
- Mrs. Anderson - Inclusive Education
- Mr. Zylstra - Science
- Mrs. Lee - Social Studies
- Mrs. Berardi - Student Services Assistant
- Mrs. Sharun - Educational Assistant

Welcome Back:

- Mrs. Robertshaw - English

Our admin and counseling teams have cycled their grade assignments. This is who parents and students can contact to address any questions or issues:

- Grade 10 - Mr. Mailer (AP) and Mrs. Reny (Counselor)
- Grade 11 - Mr. Dechaine (AP) and Mrs. Lidkea (Counselor)
- Grade 12 - Mrs. Hamilton (AP) and Mrs. Drover (Counselor)
- Year 4 and 5 students - Mr. Clarke (Principal) and Mrs. Drover (Counselor)

Here are a few reminders for parents and students to help make the year go as smoothly as possible:

- Please don't park in the lane next to the school and Maclab Theatre. Our buses need to get through and stopping there can cause congestion.
- For students who drive, please remember that you should only give rides to people in your own household.
- Please yield to buses in the parking lot.
- Students, as you walk through the parking lot, be aware of traffic. The drivers can't always see you.

Welcome back! We look forward to a safe and rewarding 2023/2024 school year!

Sincerely,

Brad Clarke
Shelley Hamilton

Richard Dechaine
Blair Mailer

SEPTEMBER

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MEET OUR ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELLOR TEAM

Mr. Brad Clarke	Mr. Blair Mailer	Mr. Richard Dechaine	Mrs. Shelley Hamilton
Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal
Ext. 304	Ext. 306	Ext. 310	Ext. 305
R12	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
	Ms. Carolyn Reny	Mrs. Vicki Lidkea	Mrs. Renee Drover
	Counsellor	Counsellor	Counsellor
	Ext. 314	Ext. 313	Ext. 315
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If you do not have access to Power School Parent Portal please contact Mrs. Gerlitz at 780-986-2248 ext 302. The Parent Portal allows you to view your students' attendance, marks, pay fees on line, 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 Mrs. Gerlitz in the office at 780-986-2248 ext 302. 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 the attendance accordingly. If it is after hours, please leave the message on the school answering machine.

LCHS Locked Door Policy



In order to improve safety and security in schools, and in response to the changes in our society, Black Gold has officially announced a "Locked Door" initiative in all Division schools. The safety of our students and staff is of paramount importance at LCHS and compliance with this initiative began in spring of 2023. This video-monitored intercom entry system will allow office personnel to determine who is at the door and admit arrivals without having to leave the front desk. This new procedure both allows staff to know who is in the building and impedes trespassers from entering the premises. With the technical challenges now worked out, LCHS will begin **full implementation the week of September 11, 2023**. This will make LCHS consistent with other BGSD schools

LCHS will implement its Locked Door Policy in the following way:

- All school exterior doors will be locked during instructional times and students will need School-Issued Photo ID in order to enter the building.
 - Soft Implementation - September 11 & 12.
Students will be admitted to the school and reminded that they will need the ID cards later in the week.
 - Final Implementation - September 13 and beyond.
Students will be required to show their ID to enter the school
- There are video-monitored systems installed at our two designated main entrances. Those main entrances are the **front entrance (Cafeteria)** and the **back entrance (Cosmetology)** adjacent to the parking lot. Students must enter the building using one of the two designated entrances.
- Students must press the intercom and show photo ID to the camera to identify themselves. The office will verify their ID and then admit them into the building.
- The two main entrances will be unlocked during non-instructional times.
- Parents/caregivers, school visitors, and other guests, must use the front door video-monitored intercom entry system. Our office staff will communicate with visitors and grant access if appropriate.
- Food delivery services will not be permitted into the building.

Regarding ID Cards:

- Students are provided with an ID card by the school. If a student has lost their card, a new card will be issued and a replacement fee charged.
- Our new school photo service will be providing us with digital ID cards that students can keep on their phone. More information will be provided when the digital cards are ready.

Students are prohibited from:

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- allowing other students (or visitors) in the building without permission.
- propping open exterior doors

Students who violate these rules will receive a disciplinary consequence.

Classes that are outside for instruction:

- As the class is entering as a group, the teacher will need to fob their class in.
- If a student becomes separated from their class, they will need to enter using one of the two principal entrances when returning to the building.

Due to safety concerns, students are subject to school disciplinary action if they violate the conditions of this policy.

Schedule

	Current Bell Schedule	Time	Locked/Unlocked
Warning Bell	8:30	7:45-8:40	Unlocked
Block 1	8:33-10:02	8:40-9:52	Locked
Break	10:02-10:06	9:52-10:10	Unlocked
Block 2	10:06-11:30	10:10-11:30	Locked
Lunch	11:30-12:19	11:30-12:33	Unlocked
Warning Bell	12:19		
Block 3	12:23-1:47	12:33-1:40	Locked
Break	1:47-1:51	1:40-1:56	Unlocked
Block 4	1:51-3:15	1:56-3:15	Locked
After School		3:15 - 4:00	Unlocked
After Hours		4:00 - 7:45 am	Locked / No Access

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees will be put into student account within the next few weeks. Students at LCHS have a few weeks to drop courses without being charged, after that date they will be accessed the appropriate school fees for the courses they are enrolled in. Fees can be paid in the **Power School Parent Portal**. Fees can also be paid at the school by Visa, Debit, Master Card, Cheque or Cash. If you are in a financial situation and would like to discuss options, please do not hesitate to reach out to Wendy Wig in the Accounting Office at (780) 986-2248 ext 308. There are also waivers on the Blackgold website if needed for you to fill out. If you have a credit in your account and would like to transfer them, go into your parent portal under fees and forms and at the top right corner drop down menu, push the transfer button and choose where you would like the fee to go. If you have any questions please reach out.

Thank you to the SUREPOINT GROUP in Nisku for their generous donation of Tim's gift cards and muffins for our staff!



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.



So... if you have a job and want to earn credits..

Come and see Mrs. St. John in room 121 or 215.

TIGERS FOOTBALL



Sept. 7
4:30

TIGERS FIELD



Sept. 15
5:00

FOOTE FIELD



Sept. 22
5:00

LARRY

OLEXIAK FIELD



Sept. 29
7:30

J.P. BOWL



Oct. 6
5:00

Beaumont



Oct. 12
7:30

Beaumont



Oct. 19
6:00

Beaumont

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****Check us out on Instagram: @foodsleduccomp ****



Grab- N –Go Breakfast Program Free!!

Don't go to class hungry.

Open 8:00- 8:27

ROOM 106 FOODS LAB



DIVISION NEWS-BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board Highlights have been posted to our website at: [Division News - Board Highlights](#)

The Board Highlights are a summary of our Board of Education Meetings to communicate pertinent information to our staff, School Councils, parents, students and stakeholders. To be environmentally friendly, paper copies will no longer be provided to the schools and School Council Chairs. The Board of Education minutes are also posted to our Division website.

If you cannot access the Board Highlights from the link above, please view or print them from our website as follows:

www.blackgold.ca

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Hey LCHS

Did you know that Leduc Composite High School is operating the most successful Green Certificate Program in the province?

What is the Green Certificate Program?

It is an apprenticeship style training program serving the agriculture industry.

How does it work?

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) works in partnership with the agriculture industry and Alberta Education (via the off campus education policy) to offer the Green Certificate Program to all Albertans. Trainees select a specialization and under the guidance of their trainer, work towards mastering all of the skills within their training program.

What is in it for me, as a high school student?

- Earn 16 grade twelve diploma credits per specialization completed
- Have fun learning more about agriculture in a practical, hands-on environment.
- Increase your knowledge and skill level and gain valuable work experience
- Reach further educational goals; many post-secondary agricultural institutions and scholarship programs look favorably upon Green Certificate involvement
- Explore career options in the agriculture industry
- Earn recognition for what you can already do on the farm
- Learn more about crops or animals, agriculture, machinery and farming operations
- Include the experience and training on your resume and add the certificate of completion to your portfolio.

Areas of Study

- Cow-Calf
- Swine
- Field Crops
- Dairy
- Irrigated Crops
- Feedlot
- Sheep
- Bee Keeping
- Greenhouse



BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR											
Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details		
AUGUST 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	4	2	August 28 & 29 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)	
		6	7	8	9	10	11			12	August 30 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students
		13	14	15	16	17	18			19	
		20	21	22	23	24	25			26	
		27	28	29	30	31					
SEPTEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	September 4 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)	
	3		5	6	7	8	9			September 15 - PD Day: (No Students):	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			(AM) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			September 29 - Day in Lieu - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	
OCTOBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			October 10 - PD Day (No Students)	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			Diploma Exam	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28				
NOVEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	16	November 1 - PD Day (No Students)	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			November 5 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward)	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			November 11 - Remembrance Day	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25			November 13 - 17 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)	
	26	27	28	29	30					Diploma Exam	
DECEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	December 4 - PD Day (No Students)	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			December 25 - 29 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23				
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30				
JANUARY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	January 1 - 5 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			January 8 - School Resumes	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			January 31 - PD Day (No Students)	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)	
	28	29	30	31						Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam	
Semester 1: Aug 31, 2023 - Jan 31, 2024							95	88	Semester 2 - Commences Feb 1, 2024		
FEBRUARY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	February 1 - Semester 2 Commences	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			February 8 & 9 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students)	
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			February 19 - Family Day (Schools Closed)	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
	25	26	27	28	29						
MARCH 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	March 10 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward)	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			March 11 - PD Day (No Students)	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			March 25 - 29 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23				
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30				
APRIL 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	April 1 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed)	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			April 2 - School Resumes	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			April 19 - PD Day (No Students)	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			Diploma Exam	
	27	28	29	30							
MAY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	May 17 - PD Day (No Students)	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			May 20 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25				
	26	27	28	29	30	31					
JUNE 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	June 26 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam & PAT	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			June 27 & 28 - Teacher Workday (No Students)	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			Diploma Exam & PAT	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22			Diploma Exam	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29				
Semester 2: February 1 - June 28, 2024							99	92			
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students							194	180	Aug-Dec/23: 77 -T & 71 -S; Jan-June/24: 117 -T & 109 -S		