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## Admin Corner:

Welcome to December! Quarter 2 is almost over and we need to start thinking about final exams. Students need to keep their focus throughout this month as exams begin early in January after we return on the 8th. Please see the exam schedule when it is posted on the school website. **Diploma exams begin on January 10, 2024. Exams for all other courses commence on January 19, 2024.**

Double Block Days will occur on Jan 15 and 16, 2024. The schedule for those days is as follows:

January 15, 2024	January 16, 2024
Morning 8:33 to 11:30 Double Block 1	Morning 8:33 to 11:30 Double Block 2
Afternoon 12:23 to 3:15 Double Block 3	Afternoon 12:23 to 3:15 Double Block 4

Our Awards Night was a fantastic success. Congratulations to all the students who received awards; our total of cash and merchandise exceeded \$33,000. Thank you to all who participated and viewed in-person or online. Your support means a great deal to students.

The winter weather is upon us now. Students need to remember to dress appropriately for the conditions; wear winter coats, toques, footwear and gloves. Frostbite can occur very quickly when it is cold and windy. For our students who drive, please remember to take extra care as the road conditions can be very poor. Give yourself extra time to get to school and slow down.

Thanks to all who attended our Winter Music Concert and our Musical Theater production of "Mean Girls." The Fine Arts are thriving at LCHS!

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30PM. Meetings are held in the LCHS staff room.

The last day of classes before the holiday break is **December 22, 2023**. Our teaching and learning team hope that you have a wonderful holiday season. Students return to classes on **January 8, 2024**.

Sincerely,

Brad Clarke  
Richard Dechaine  
Shelley Hamilton  
Blair Mailer

## December

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## MEET OUR ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELLOR TEAM

<b>Mr. Brad Clarke</b>	<b>Mr. Blair Mailer</b>	<b>Mr. Richard Dechaine</b>	<b>Mrs. Shelley Hamilton</b>
Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal
Ext. 304	Ext. 306	Ext. 310	Ext. 305
R12	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
	<b>Ms. Carolyn Reny</b>	<b>Mrs. Vicki Lidkea</b>	<b>Mrs. Renee Drover</b>
	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 **clearly** saying the first and last name of the student 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**

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

# 2023-2024 SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are now in student accounts. Please continue to check the parent portal often as fees are put in as required. 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 or there is a waiver form on the Blackgold website. If you have a credit on your account and would like to transfer them, go into the parent portal under fees and forms and at the top right corner drop down menu find the transfer button and choose where you would like the fee to go. If you have any questions please reach out.



# THANK YOU

LCHS would like to thank **NAV CANADA** for their generous donation of binders for our students.



# GRAD PHOTOS

Please find attached a brochure about this year's Grad Photos. Edge Photography will be taking the photos in our school during our January exam week. Dates are **Monday, January 22 - Friday, January 26**. This link will allow you to book your grad photos. <https://edgeimaging.ca/en/book-your-grad-session/>

There is a short video with some important instructions about Grad Photos.

School Code for LCHS is **LTI**

Follow the prompts on the website.

A couple of important notes:

- 1) If students would like a full 15 minute photo session, the cost is \$35 and can be paid online at the time of booking.
- 2) If students do not want to pay for the full 20 minute sitting, you can still book a slot (do NOT pay the \$35) and a Yearbook/Composite Photo session. You can still order photos with this shortened session. **We would like all students to have either a full 20 minute session or the shortened 4 photo session.** This ensures every student is included on our Grad composite in the hallway and in our yearbook.
- 3) A reminder to students to check the Exam Schedule prior to booking photos. You will NOT be permitted to leave an exam to have photos taken.
- 4) If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Thiessen in the Student Services Department or email [kerry.thiessen@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:kerry.thiessen@gshare.blackgold.ca).



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December 2023

RE: myBlueprint Family/Advisor Account



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Leduc Composite High School has partnered with myBlueprint to provide you and your child with an engaging online education and career/life planning tool.

myBlueprint Education Planner (7-12) includes many beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through their education including:

- ✓ **Who Am I** – Complete 5 assessments to learn and discover more about yourself, including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, and Motivations
- ✓ **High School** – Visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all destinations and occupations
- ✓ **Post-Secondary** – Explore post-secondary options and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs, and workplace sectors across Canada
- ✓ **Goals** – Set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans to help achieve them
- ✓ **Occupations** – Explore occupations and compare comprehensive information on job outlooks, salary ranges, and more, including the ability to identify occupations that are a good match
- ✓ **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Record personal experiences, build resumes, and write cover letters
- ✓ **Money** – Build a budget to learn about income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- ✓ **Job Search** – Explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- ✓ **Portfolios** – Document and reflect on learning, keep record of important learning, and share your progress with parents, teachers, or future employers

To explore the features of myBlueprint, you can create a **Family/Advisor 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.

To create your **Family Account**, follow these simple steps:

1. Visit [www.myBlueprint.ca/blackgold](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/blackgold)
2. Click **Sign Up** at the top
3. Enter your child's school Activation Key: **Leducchs**
4. Select **Family/Advisor**
5. Complete the sign up form
6. Invite your student to login to their account and click their name in the top right-hand corner. Select **My Links** and accept your link invitation

You can also watch a video about the Family account at [myBlueprint.ca/support/videos](http://myBlueprint.ca/support/videos)

We encourage you to get started today!

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school and ask for the MyBluePrint site lead, Ms. Hayley Watters or email: [hayleywatters@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:hayleywatters@gshare.blackgold.ca)

# GRAD NEWS

The Grad newsletter went out in the middle of November. Contact the office if you did not receive one.

## **Grad Council News**

Grad Council is made up of students in the graduating class who are interested in helping to plan Grad 2023. They are currently in the process of choosing decorations for the ceremony at the Jubilee. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at lunch in Room 108.

## **Grad Banquet/Parent Association**

The Parent Association has created a Grad Banquet Parent group who are organizing a banquet after the graduation ceremony. There were two fundraisers that happened in the month of November. More fundraising will happen after the Winter Break. Thanks to everyone who supported these fundraisers.

LCHS Grad has an account with the Bottle Depot. You are always welcome to drop your bottles off there to support our grads. **Our account number is: 1057A**

The next Grad parent Banquet meeting was held in the staff room on December 7th at 6:30 pm..

## **Dates to remember:**

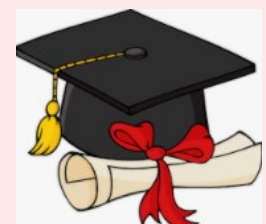
**January 22 - 26, 2024. Grad Photos: Bookings will be online. More details to follow.**

**Monday, March 4 - Grad list is posted. See the criteria explained in the newsletter.**

**Friday, May 3 - Last day to be added to the grad list.**

**Thursday, May 23th 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 pm - Mandatory grad rehearsal and class photo in Gym B**

**Saturday, May 25th 1:00 p.m. LCHS Graduation Ceremony Jubilee Auditorium  
Grad Banquet to follow at the Leduc Recreation Centre.**





JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

# YOUTH COUNCIL

We give young people in Leduc ages 16-22 to participate an opportunity in local government by researching, advising, proposing, and planning actions in the community to City Council.

Apply today  
[leduc.ca/boards-committees](http://leduc.ca/boards-committees)



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# TRANSIT

## >>> **SUBSIDY** <<<

Receive 50% off of a monthly Leduc Transit bus pass for low-income residents!

- Choose between a local, commuter, or LATS (*if eligible*) bus pass
- Must be a City of Leduc resident
- Must meet income eligibility requirement



For more information:

**780-980-7109**





**The Automotive Department is looking for donation vehicles to help with the program. Tax receipts will be issued for the value of the vehicle. Please contact the school at 780-986-2248 (ext. 127)**



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## **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.

**\*\*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

Parents can access the Board Highlights at:

<http://www.blackgold.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/37/2023/09/August-30-2023-Board-Highlights-1-1.pdf>

They are also posted to our Board Highlights website section.

The November Board Highlights have been posted to our website at: [News](#). They are also posted to our [Board Highlights](#) website section

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.

**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



# COSMETOLOGY



- Cuts \$ 10.00
- Perms \$ 30.00 and up
- Colors \$ 30.00 and up
- Foils \$ 40.00 and up
- Manicures \$ 10.00 and up
- Waxing \$ 6.00 and up

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<b>BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR</b>											
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) August 30 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students	
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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 February 8 & 9 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 19 - Family Day (Schools Closed)	
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MARCH 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	March 10 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward) March 11 - PD Day (No Students) March 25 - 29 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)	
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MAY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	May 17 - PD Day (No Students) May 20 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)	
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JUNE 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	June 26 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam & PAT June 27 & 28 - Teacher Workday (No Students) Diploma Exam & PAT Diploma Exam	
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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		

Approved - February 22, 2023