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Admin Corner:

Welcome to March!

Welcome to new staff:

- Mr. Gregson - Teaching Science
- Mrs. Zaporosky - Our new Head Secretary
- Mrs. Villaneau - Joining our EA Team
- Mrs. Tan - Joining our EA team

A few reminders to parents:

- Good attendance is one of the most important factors in school success. Please work with your students and their teachers to help them get to class and to get there on time.
- Take time to access your student's PowerSchool records. You can monitor both attendance and achievement through this portal. If you need help connecting to PowerSchool, please call the main office; 780 986 2248. Most of our teachers make use of Google Classroom. This is a portal that allows students to access copies of their assignments and to receive whole classroom communications. If you as a parent are interested, you can get access to your student's Google Classrooms. Simply contact the teacher.

As we enter March, we are beginning our planning and registration process for the 2024-2025 school year. This year's preparations are particularly complex as many of our students will attend Ohpaho next year and we are adding grade 8 and 9 students to the Tiger family. Over the next several weeks, LCHS students will be completing their course selections for next year. We are also preparing for groups of grades 8-10 students coming from our feeder schools and beyond. It is a very busy and exciting time of year.

Students are reminded that their Semester 1 and Quarter 3 marks will play a large role in their course selections for next year, so make sure your work is complete and that you are doing your best.

Grade 12s are in their final semester of high school. This can be a very exciting time for our 12s and they can sometimes get a little distracted. The Grad List will be coming out soon, so make sure that you're passing your courses so that you will be eligible to participate in the grad ceremony in May. For those planning to go onto post-secondary schools, remember to work hard to maximize your marks as entrance into university and college programs can be highly competitive.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on March 21, 5-8 PM. A sign-up link will be provided to parents on March 15.

The next **Parent Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 PM**, in the LCHS staff room. Join the meeting and support your parent council.

Sincerely,

Brad Clarke
Blair Mailer

Richard Dechaine
Cindy McRae



March

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MEET OUR ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELLOR TEAM

Mr. Brad Clarke	Mr. Blair Mailer	Mr. Richard Dechaine	Mrs. Cindy McRae
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 **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

	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

2023-2024 SCHOOL FEES

Please check your students Power School account for fees periodically. Semester 2 can bring changes to fees due to course changes. Fees are to be paid in full by March 1st. Notifications for outstanding fees will be sent out shortly as per school policy. Please confirm all fees are accurate or call the Accounting office, Wendy Wig 780-986-2248 ext 308. If you are in a financial situation please call to make arrangements.

Wendy Wig
LCHS Accounting Dept.
(780) 986-2248 ext 308



KIMOCHIS



"On the surface, we're a family of cuddly critters and a big bowl of emotions. Underneath, we're a proven system for helping kids grow and transform by dealing skillfully with their feelings."

Emotional Literacy & Communication tools for 3-6
year olds and their grown ups

April 17th- May 8th 1:30pm-3:00pm

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Email FRN@Leduc.ca for more
information scan the QR to register



GRAD NEWS

Grad News

The Grad list has been posted and is being updated weekly. There is a physical copy on the grad board by the main office and it is posted in the Grad 2024 Google Classroom. The list is posted by student number using the number on students' ID cards. The last day to get on the Grad list is May 3, 2024. A grad update was sent out to all parents at the end of February with ticketing information.

Grad Banquet News

A banquet is being planned by the Grad Parents for the evening of May 25, 2024 starting at 6:30 at the Leduc Recreation Centre. Tickets are sold separately from the ceremony. Information on ticket prices will be determined soon based on the amount of fundraising accomplished. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Mar. 13 at 6:30 in the LCHS staffroom

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped support the Grad 2024 fundraisers this far. We are nearing the end, with only 2 months of Fundraisers to go.

Alternate Routes closes March 11 delivery and pick up is Mar 20th

Grad wear closes Mar 15 delivery in April

Grad Lawn Signs March 22 - April 19

Grad Bottle Drive April 6th Please send email if you can help

Growing Smiles Plants April

Grad Movie Night at Leduc Cinema April

Bottles Donation Account at Leduc Depot ongoing Account number: 1057A

Grad Gown Sizing

All Grade 12 graduating students will need to fill out the following form for Grad Gown sizing for our Commencement Ceremony. If students have not completed this form, please do so ASAP.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0aHVliUrWwX42PUBjfRvw0fDMGOL3NKy5LecL9vulomR6jA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Dates to remember:

April 27 - Final grad list posted.

Grad tickets will be available for purchase at the end of the first week in May. More information to follow through Powerschool Messenger.

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

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

Family & Community Support Services

SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS

- For City of Leduc Residents -

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAX ANNUAL INCOME
1 person	\$35,000
2 persons	\$45,000
3 persons	\$47,500
4 persons	\$50,000
5 persons	\$52,500
6 or more persons	Add \$2,500 for each additional family member

SUBSIDIZED COUNSELLING

Short term individuals, couple, and family therapy. Fees are based on household annual income and can range from \$15- \$55 per appointment.

- Clients must have no access to benefits or used up all benefits
- Household income threshold is \$75,000 per year

TRANSIT SUBSIDY

Provides half price monthly bus passes. Client's choice between local, commuter or LATS monthly pass.

UTILITY ARREARS PROGRAM

Provides up to \$400 for past due utility bills.

- Available to each household once every 2 years

RECREATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Provides a free LRC annual membership OR \$200 in funding to use for registered LRC programs per year.

- Also available to RURAL Leduc County Residents

CREATIVE CULTURE CONNECTIONS

Up to \$200 per person, per year to attend Arts or Culture opportunities (example: music lessons, painting, etc).

- Program must be at least once a week for 5 weeks.
- Also available to RURAL Leduc County Residents

INCOME TAX PROGRAM

Provides free income tax filing for residents that have a simple tax return.

- No self-employment income or interest income over \$1000

SANTA'S HELPERS

Intakes on behalf of Leduc Santa's Helpers Society to provide Christmas presents for children in need

YOUTH WEEK

Youth Week is BACK for 2024! We're shaking things up this year and hosting Youth Week in May instead of August.

There are seven days of FREE (we like that word, right?) youth-focused activities. Some events require registration in advance, so be sure to check out each of the events for more information.

For more information visit Leduc.ca/youthweek

Date	Event
Sunday, May 5	3-5 p.m. House of Wheels 7-9 p.m. Youth Swim
Monday, May 6	7-9 p.m. Youth Karaoke & Art night
Tuesday, May 7	4-7 p.m. Youth Open Mic Night 7 p.m. Teen Fit orientation & workout
Wednesday, May 8	6:30-8 p.m. Be Kind to Your Mind
Thursday, May 9	5-7:30 p.m. Murder Mystery
Friday, May 10	Surprise Friday Fun Event
Saturday, May 11	8:30-10:30 p.m. Teen Takeover



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LA CRUDE RUGBY CLUB



APRIL
8

APRIL
15

APRIL
22

Come Try Rugby! Juniors Training Camp

Everyone belongs and is welcome at LA Crude Rugby Club. Your body type, skill level, and experience does not matter - we've got a place for you!

AGES U5 - U19

5PM - 6PM

NISKU TURF TRAINING CENTRE



Sign up for
Try Rugby!



SPRING
OUTDOOR
SEASON

Weather permitting
- starting the first
week of May

Contact Troy at
lacrudejuniorvp@gmail.com
for more info

Registration for the 2024 Season begins in March

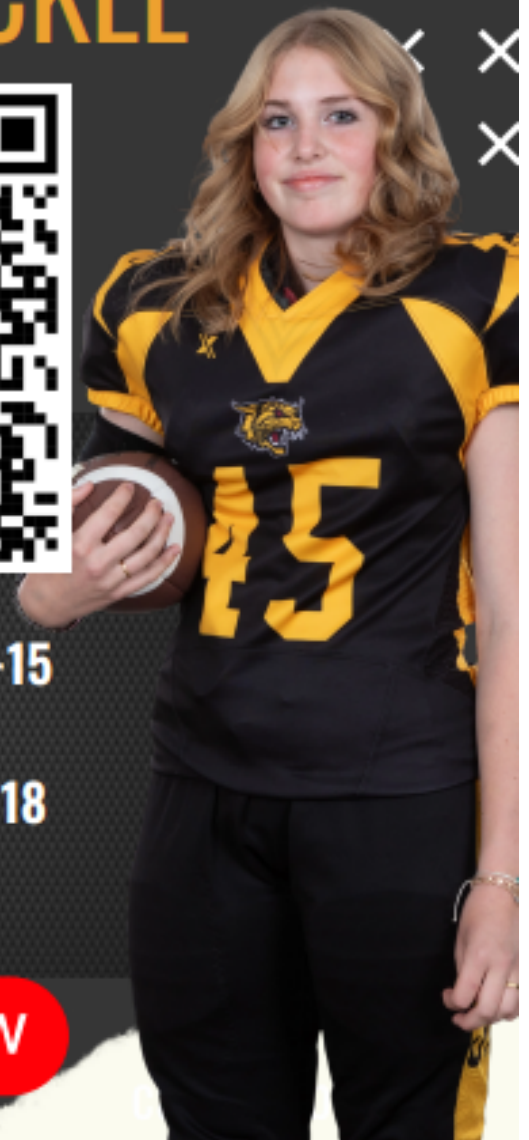
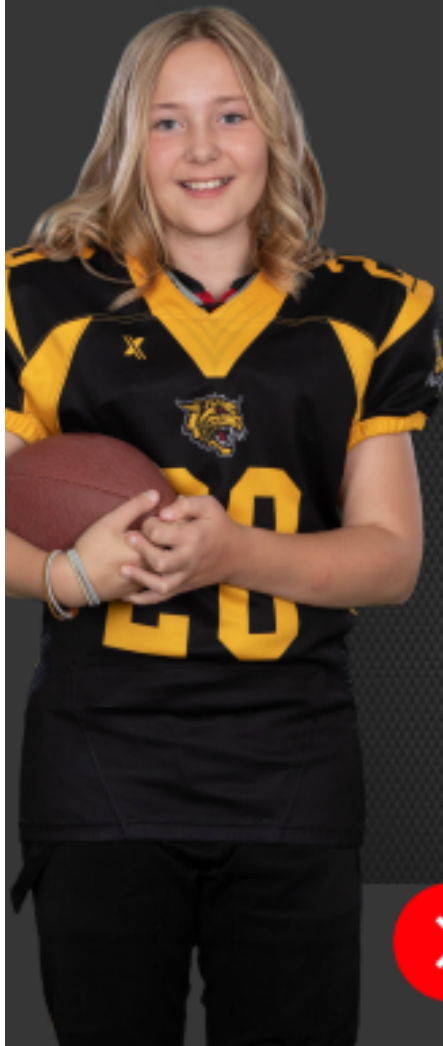


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LEDUC & DISTRICT MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MARCH-JUNE FEMALE TACKLE



U16 Female ages 13-15
(2009 to 2011)

U19 Female ages 16-18
(2006 to 2008)

[> REGISTER NOW](#)

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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



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SAVE THE DATE!

To the Youth of Leduc and Leduc County

The Black Gold Quilt Patch Guild (BGQPG) of Leduc

invites you to enter the

2024 Leduc QuiltFest

which will run

October 18th & 19th, 2024.

There will be 3 categories for **Youth** entries:

Juniors : ages 9-11

Intermediates : ages 12-15

Seniors : ages 16 - 18

We invite you to make a quilted project which consists of three layers:

a fabric top layer (pieced or whole cloth), batting (middle layer) and a fabric bottom layer which are all quilted together with stitching, and bound with a binding. The size and end use of the entry is up to you. Try making a table runner, placemats, wall hanging, coasters or a bed quilt.

Maximum 3 entries per participant. Group entries may be accepted.

We will display all Youth entries in their own location of the show, a written Bio of the maker(s) will be posted along side your entry for friends and family to view.

Deadline for Entries is September 1, 2024 :

watch for more information at <https://www.facebook.com/BlackGoldQuiltPatchGuild>

If you have any questions please contact vicepresident@bgqpg.com.

We look forward to sharing your work with the community.

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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/January-31-2024-Board-Highlights-1-1.pdf>

They are also posted to our Board Highlights website section.

The January 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



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) August 30 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students	
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SEPTEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	September 4 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) September 15 - PD Day: (No Students): (AM) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day September 29 - Day in Lieu - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed) September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	
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JANUARY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	January 1 - 5 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed) January 8 - School Resumes January 31 - PD Day (No Students) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam	
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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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APRIL 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	April 1 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed) April 2 - School Resumes April 19 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam	
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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