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## Admin Corner:

The holidays are coming! 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 13 , 2025. Exams for all other courses commence on January 17, 2025.**

**Parking lot traffic flow change** - We have created a 1-way lane in front of the MacLab Theatre and a stop sign on the lane coming in from Corinthia Drive. Please check your email for a message and drawing of the new traffic flow in the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Awards Night was a fantastic success. Congratulations to all the students who received awards; our total of cash and merchandise exceeded \$25,000. 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 "Grease!" The Fine Arts are thriving at LCHS!

The next **Parent Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.** Meetings are held in the LCHS staff room.

The last day of classes before the holiday break is **December 20, 2024.** Our teaching and learning team hope that you have a wonderful holiday season. Students return to classes on **January 6, 2025.**

Sincerely,

Brad Clarke  
Richard Dechaine  
Cindy McRae  
Blair Mailer



### December

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- Art Club News
- Art Contest
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- Grad News
- Mental Health
- My Blueprint
- Santa Helpers

## MEET OUR ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELLOR TEAM

	<b>ADMINISTRATORS</b>	Ext #
Grade 8	Mr. Dechaine	310
Grade 9	Mrs. McRae	305
Grade 10	Mrs. McRae	305
Grade 11	Mr. Mailer	306
Grade 12	Mr. Dechaine	310
R12	Mr. Clarke	304
	<b>COUNSELLORS</b>	Ext #
Grade 8	Mrs. Lidkea	313
Grade 9	Mrs. Lidkea (A-L)	313
Grade 9	Ms. Reny (M-Z)	315
Grade 10	Mrs. Lidkea (A-L)	313
Grade 10	Ms. Reny (M-Z)	315
Grade 11	Ms. Reny	315
Grade 12	Mrs. Lidkea	313



## ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If you do not have access to Power School Parent Portal please contact Mrs. Berardi 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. Berardi 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.

## SCHOOL FEES

Please check your PowerSchool Parent Portal for outstanding School Fees. Fees do change as classes are dropped and new courses are added.

Grade 8's & 9's will have Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 fees added in January. If you have any questions please contact the school at 780-986-2248.

# FABRICATION NEWS

The LCHS welding department would like to thank both **Fab U Tech Industries** as well as **5 Blue Process Equipment Inc.** for their generous donations to our program. Community donations like these make it possible for us to run an amazing welding program and we very much appreciate it.

Thank you to LCHS's Parent Council for their purchase of a new tool box for the welding shop. Mrs. Chisholm, Tracey and the students are very appreciative.



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# GRAD 2025 NEWS

The Grade 12 Google Classroom has links for students to:

- Book Grad photo sessions (these will occur during the January Exam week)
- Share baby photos for the Grad 2025 Slide Show (due January 31)
- Add their suggestion for Grad song

Grad Fees have now been added to PowerSchool. These cover the costs associated with the Graduation Ceremony. This fee will need to be paid if your child is planning to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

Grade 12 students will have an assembly on January 8th from 11 to 11:30 AM



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BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION

# FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 6, 2025

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

FIND YOUR SCHOOL!



## REQUIREMENTS:

Children may begin Kindergarten in a school within the Division in September if they are at least 4 years 8 months old as of August 31 of the respective school year.

Families do not need to come with any French language skills before entering the program!

## WHY CHOOSE FRENCH IMMERSION?

- Ideal age for language acquisition
- Immersive environment enhances linguistic skills
- Boosts cognitive development
- Improves memory, problem-solving, and critical thinking
- Fosters greater cultural awareness and sensitivity
- Sets the foundation for lifelong learning
- Provides a broader perspective of the world
- Bilingualism is a valuable skill
- Opens doors to future opportunities

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# Leduc Composite High School

## Off-Campus Programs

LCHS off-campus programs (Work Experience, RAP and Green Certificate) operate throughout the entire school year including the summer. For further information on each of the different programs, the teacher contacts are listed below.

### Teacher Contacts

Mr. Ken Saskiw  
RAP and Green Certificate  
780-819-6719  
[ken.saskiw@blackgold.ca](mailto:ken.saskiw@blackgold.ca)

Mrs. St. John  
Work Experience  
780-986-2248  
[danielle.stjohn@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:danielle.stjohn@gshare.blackgold.ca)





Supreme Court  
of Canada

# THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA'S



ANNIVERSARY



# ART CONTEST

Young artists, show us your creativity and help us mark the Supreme Court of Canada's 150th anniversary! We're looking for drawings, paintings or other graphic artwork illustrating the history and future of the Court as we commemorate its 150th year.

The contest is open to all young artists residing in Canada who will be between the age of 5 and 17 at the time of the artwork submission.

## DEADLINE

Your artwork has to be received no later than January 31, 2025.

For more information and contest rules, visit:

[scc-csc.ca/150](http://scc-csc.ca/150)

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## DIVISION NEWS-BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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.

[www.blackgold.ca](http://www.blackgold.ca)

# 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

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**Are you a new user?**

Please register at: <https://app.myblueprint.ca/blackgold> [myBlueprint.ca/blackgold](https://myblueprint.ca/blackgold)

1. Try using the "School Account Login"
- OR
2. Click on the "Sign Up" tab, if requested, enter "**leducCHS**" as the **Activation Key**
- b) Select our school (Leduc Composite High School) from the drop-down menu and click 'Create Account'
  - c) Select 'Student' and your grade
  - d) CLICK and create an account.
  - e) ENTER the requested information

**Leduc Composite High School** has partnered with **myBlueprint** to provide you with an engaging online education and career/life planning tool. **myBlueprint Education Planner (7-12)** includes many beneficial resources to support you as you 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

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



## Art Clubs Happenings



### WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU!

The snow might not be on the ground yet, but the holiday season is just around the corner! Come join in our art classes for the month of December. We will be creating everything from snow globes to the north pole and of course some winter wonderland magic! Head on over to our website to sign up! Full list of details are over there for all the age groups! Can't wait to get creating with your kids!



[www.missvs.ca](http://www.missvs.ca)  
780-707-1373

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



# Grab- N –Go Breakfast Program Free!!

Don't go to class hungry.

Open 8:00- 8:25

**ROOM 106 FOODS LAB**





<b>BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR</b>											
<b>Monthly Calendar</b>							<b>Teacher Days</b>	<b>Student Days</b>	<b>Dates &amp; Details</b>		
<b>AUGUST 2024</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	August 26 & 27 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)	
		4	5	6	7	8	9			10	August 28 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students
		11	12	13	14	15	16			17	
		18	19	20	21	22	23			24	
		25	26	27	28	29	30			31	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2024</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	September 2 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)	
		8	9	10	11	12	13			14	September 20 - PD Day: (No Students); (AM) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day
		15	16	17	18	19	20			21	September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
		22	23	24	25	26	27			28	
		29	30	31							
<b>OCTOBER 2024</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	October 11 - PD Day (No Students)	
		6	7	8	9	10	11			12	October 14 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)
		13	14	15	16	17	18			19	
		20	21	22	23	24	25			26	
		27	28	29	30	31					
<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	November 1 - PD Day (No Students)	
		3	4	5	6	7	8			9	November 3 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward)
		10	11	12	13	14	15			16	November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)
		17	18	19	20	21	22			23	November 12 - 15 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)
		24	25	26	27	28	29			30	Diploma Exam
<b>DECEMBER 2024</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	December 2 - PD Day (No Students)	
		1	2	3	4	5	6			7	December 23 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
		8	9	10	11	12	13			14	
		15	16	17	18	19	20			21	
		22	23	24	25	26	27			28	
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	January 1 - 3 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)	
		5	6	7	8	9	10			11	January 6 - School Resumes
		12	13	14	15	16	17			18	January 29 - PD Day (No Students)
		19	20	21	22	23	24			25	January 30 - Semester 2 Commences
		26	27	28	29	30	31				Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam
<b>Semester 1: Aug. 28, 2024 - Jan. 29, 2025</b>							<b>95</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>Semester 2 - Commences January 30, 2025</b>		
<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	February 6 & 7 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students)	
		2	3	4	5	6	7			8	February 17 - Family Day (Schools Closed)
		9	10	11	12	13	14			15	
		16	17	18	19	20	21			22	
		23	24	25	26	27	28				
<b>MARCH 2025</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	March 9 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward)	
		2	3	4	5	6	7			8	March 10 - PD Day (No Students)
		9	10	11	12	13	14			15	March 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)
		16	17	18	19	20	21			22	Diploma Exam
		23	24	25	26	27	28			29	
<b>APRIL 2025</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	April 1 - 4 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)	
		6	7	8	9	10	11			12	April 7 - School Resumes & Diploma Exam
		13	14	15	16	17	18			19	April 18 - Good Friday (Schools Closed)
		20	21	22	23	24	25			26	April 21 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
		27	28	29	30						April 22 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam
<b>MAY 2025</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	May 16 - PD Day (No Students)	
		4	5	6	7	8	9			10	May 19 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)
		11	12	13	14	15	16			17	Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
		18	19	20	21	22	23			24	
		25	26	27	28	29	30			31	
<b>JUNE 2025</b>	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day	
		8	9	10	11	12	13			14	June 25 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam & PAT
		15	16	17	18	19	20			21	June 26 & 27 - Teacher Workday (No Students)
		22	23	24	25	26	27			28	Diploma Exam
		29	30								Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
<b>Semester 2: January 30 - June 29, 2025</b>							<b>97</b>	<b>91</b>			
<b>TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students</b>							<b>193</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>Aug-Dec/24: 77 -T &amp; 71 -S; Jan-June/25: 116 -T &amp; 108 -S</b>		

Approved - February 22, 2023