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Admin Corner

The Tiger Team is saying goodbye to a couple of very important people; Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Wig have retired. We wish them the best in the next phase of their lives.

Joining the Tiger Family are Mrs. Bouvier and Mrs. Blize. Welcome to LCHS!

Semester 1 classes are ending soon! The last day of classes for High School Semester 1 is January 16. Students writing English and Social Studies Diploma exams will write their Part A exams on January 13 and 14. The main exam period will commence on January 17 and end on January 28. Junior High classes will continue during this time.

Semester 2 will commence on January 30.

With the beginning of semester 2, we are getting ready to start planning for the 2025/2026 school year. Stay tuned for updates regarding our Parent Information Night, Open House and registration procedures.

The next **Parent Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025**, at 7:00 PM in the staff room. Come on out and support your parent council.

Sincerely,

Brad Clarke
Richard Dechaine
Blair Mailer
Cindy McRae

Administration & Counsellor Team

Administrators

Grade 8- Mr. Dechaine Ext #310

Grade 9- Mrs. McRae Ext #305

Grade 10- Mrs. McRae Ext #305

Grade 11- Mr. Mailer Ext #306

Grade 12- Mr. Dechaine Ext #310

R12- Mr. Clarke Ext #304

Counsellors

Grade 8- Mrs. Lidkea Ext #313

Grade 9- Mrs. Lidkea (A-L) Ext #313

Grade 9- Ms. Reny (M-Z) Ext #315

Grade 10- Mrs. Lidkea (A-L) Ext #313

Grade 10- Ms. Reny (M-Z) Ext #315

Grade 11- Ms. Reny Ext #315

Grade 12- Mrs. Lidkea Ext #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 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 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 Q3 & Q4 fees added in January. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 780-986-2248

Grad News 2025

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 29**)
- Add their suggestion for Grad song
- Purchase Grad Wear
- Sign up to audition for a performance during the ceremony (Will be on Google Classroom in a few weeks)
- Link to enter height for grad gown (Will be on Google Classroom in a few weeks)

Grad Fees have now been added to PowerSchool. These fees 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. If you want to opt out of graduation ceremonies, please email Mrs. Lidkea or Mr. Dechaine so we can inform accounting to remove the grad fee from your account.



Grad News 2025

Colours for the Grad ceremony are **crimson**, **gold** and **cream**

Mandatory Rehearsal: Thursday, May 22nd after lunch

Grad Ceremony: May 24th

Grade Gown Distribution starts at 11:00 AM

Grads line up by 12:30 and the ceremony will start at 1:00 PM

Grad gowns are returned after the ceremony

Grad Status

The first list for grad status will come out on **March 3rd**. If your child is not on this list, then there is an issue with their grad status. This issue could be anything from:

- A) Not being enrolled in a course necessary to graduate
- B) Not passing a course necessary to graduate
- C) Not being enrolled in enough courses to get to 100 credits
- D) Not having grad fees paid. Grad fees are \$45 and need to be paid before you will be eligible to participate in ceremonies. If there are any financial issues, please speak to Mr. Clarke about grad fees.

If you have any questions or concerns about Grad Status, please connect with Mr. Dechaine or Mrs. Lidkea

GRADUATION PHOTOS!

Date: January 20 - 24, 2025

Cost: \$35 paid at time of booking

Pets allowed: YES!

Not allowed: No weapons, even cosplay. No exceptions.

Sign up for your photo appointment using our school code LTI at
bookmygrad.ca

**GRADUATION
INCOMING!**



JANUARY 2025 DIPLOMAS

Monday, Jan. 13 Français 30–1 Partie A and French Language Arts 30–1 Partie A*

Tuesday, Jan. 14 English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* and English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*

Wednesday Jan. 15 Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*

Thursday Jan. 16 Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Partie B

Friday, Jan. 17 Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2

Monday, Jan. 20 Tuesday, English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B

Tuesday, Jan. 21 Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B

Wednesday, Jan. 22 Biology 30

Thursday, Jan. 23 Chemistry 30

Friday, Jan. 24 Physics 30

Monday, Jan. 27 Science 30



GRADE 10 & 11

Final Exams

Monday January 13 - English 10-1 / 10-2 Part B (1st half of test)
English 20-1 / 20-2 Part B (1st half of test)

Tuesday January 14th - English 10-1 / 10-2 Part B (2nd half of test)
English 20-1 / 20-2 Part B (2nd half of test)

Wednesday January 15 - Social 10-1 / 10-2 Part B (1st half of test)
FLA 10-1 Part A (1st half of test)

Social 20-1 / 20-2 Part B (1st half of test)
ÉS 20-1 / 20-2 Part B (1st half of test)

Thursday January 16 - Social 10-1 / 10-2 Part B (2nd half of test)
**FLA 10-1 Part A (2nd half of test)*

Social 20-1 / 20-2 Part B (2nd half of test)
ÉS 20-1 / 20-2 Part B

Friday January 17 - ELA 10-1 Part A, ELA 10-2 Part A
ELA 20-1, 20-2 Part A

Monday January 20 - Soc 10-1 Part A, Soc 10-2 Part A
Soc 20-1, Soc 20-2 Part A
Études Sociales 20-1 / 20-2 Part A

Tuesday January 21 - *FLA 10-1 Part B*
Math 20-1, Math 20-2, Math 20-3
Maths 20-1

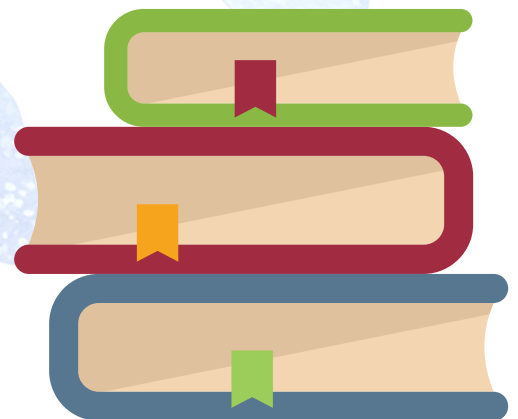
Wednesday January 22 - Math 10C, Math 10-3
Maths 10C

Bio 20, Science 24

Thursday January 23 - Sci 14
Chem 20

Friday January 24 - Sci 10
Sciences 10

Physics 20





Off- Campus Programs

LCHS off-campus programs (Work Experience, RAP & 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.

Mr. Ken Saskiw
RAP & Green Certificate
780-819-6719

ken.saskiw@blackgold.ca

Mrs. St. John
Work Experience
780-986-2248

danielle.stjohn@gshare.blackgold.ca



COSMETOLOGY



Cuts -- \$10.00

Perms -- \$30.00 and up

Colours -- \$30.00 and up

Foils -- \$40.00 and up

Manicures -- \$10.00 and up

Waxing -- \$6.00 and up

GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST

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. Nourish yourself before class for a more productive learning experience!

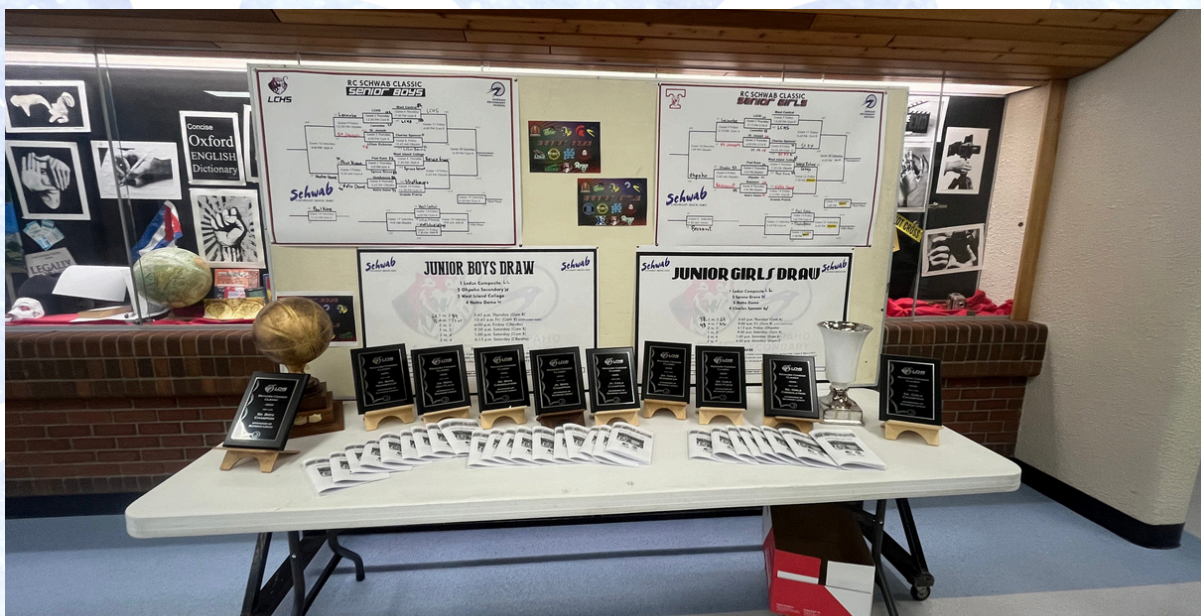
Don't go to class hungry! Visit room 106 (foods lab) from 8:00 - 8:25 for **FREE FOOD!**



Check us out on Instagram: @foodsleduccomp

RC SCHWAB CLASSIC

January 9th-11th, 2025



Go Tigers! All the teams that attended the RC Schwab Classic played with perseverance, heart, and determination. Our Tigers made us very proud. Congratulations to our very own Senior Girls and Boys teams on winning the Championship!



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GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS

Children who are eligible for immunizations may be immunized in the school setting with parent/guardian consent. Please check your child's school bag for a package which contains information about vaccines, along with a consent form for each vaccine. For your child to be immunized in school, consent must be provided to AHS staff verbally or each consent form must be signed and returned to your child's school by the date indicated on the envelope.

For tips on preparing your child for immunizations, please refer to <https://www.immunize.ca/pain-management-kids-and-adolescents>

If there is a signed consent from a previous year and your child has an incomplete immunizations series, Alberta Health Services will provide those immunizations.

The Immunizations round date at Leduc Composite High School is **Wednesday, February 12th, 2025.**



Attention!

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.



ACTIVE 8's & 9's

Receive a **FREE MEMBERSHIP***
to the LRC and
Alexandra Outdoor Pool.



Supreme Court
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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

OHPAHO SECONDARY SCHOOL Presents HADESTOWN!

When: February 14th at 7:00 PM
February 15th at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Where: Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts in Leduc

Cost: \$20.00 per ticket

About: HADESTOWN: Teen Edition, written by Anaïs Mitchell, is a modern retelling of Greek mythologies that weaves together the tales of Orpheus and Eurydice, and Hades and Persephone. HADESTOWN is set against the backdrop of an industrial Depression era inspired underworld. The story explores love, sacrifice and balance between hope and despair. Musically inspired by American folk music and New Orleans blues and jazz, this musical follows the gods, workers and fates as they contemplate the power of art and resilience, even in the face of inevitable tragedy.

Tickets are available through the Maclab Centre's Website
<https://maclabcentre.com/performances/ohpaho-secondary-school-presents-hadestown-teen-edition/>

Or email david.froland@gshare.blackgold.ca

****NOTE:** this production is recommended for audiences of 12 and up**

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.

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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

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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my **Blueprint** education planner



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

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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

Approved - February 22, 2023