



West Haven Public School Newsletter - December 2020



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Leduc Santa's Helpers

Donations Accepted until Dec 8 at WHPS

December has always been a season of anticipation. Ever since I was a child I've loved the smell of a freshly cut Christmas tree, seeing gifts show up under the tree (hoping the dog didn't chew my gift), watching the snow scintillating in the streetlights on Christmas Eve, walking around the neighbourhoods to 'ooh' and 'ahh' over the house lights and decorations, and of course eagerly watch and listen for Santa.

No matter my own age, I've always loved spending time with my family. My family dynamic has certainly changed over the years and I'm thankful to have my beautiful wife and two amazing girls to share it with this year. The recent announcement restricting get-togethers will be a tough pill to swallow this holiday season with my parents being right down the street and my sister's family only 20 minutes away, yet not being allowed to get together. Our family tradition of having cousins from Calgary spend a couple of days with us is now off the table.

This news is tough for everyone. I hope that all families take these new rules to heart so that we can control the spread of the virus and get all of our students back into school ASAP. As of November 30th, all JH students will be moving to online learning until January 8. Our teachers will be continuing to provide instruction for the next few weeks throughout the day, every scheduled weekday. If your child is in JH, please reinforce that this is NOT a break. They will be expected to attend the same hours they had at school and must continue to complete their assignments. It is imperative that students continue to be diligent in their studies so that we can keep them on track to complete the academic year. Grades 1 - 6 will be in a similar format, but with reduced instruction, for the first week that we would typically return to school from January 4 - 8.

On January 11th, I sincerely hope that we can all return to school, as we expect. Do note that those wishing to switch programming, between Distance Learning and in-school learning, will have the opportunity to make that request shortly. That will start on February 1st. Please, do your part to limit the spread of this virus so we can return our students to school. So, for the upcoming Christmas break, let's be mindful of the rules in place and spread cheer, not the virus.

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Leduc Santa's Helpers



We are looking for NEW/Unused items to include with our Christmas hampers. Toys, Pajamas, Socks, Games, Mitt/Toque sets, etc.

All donations are greatly appreciated! If it is popular with your children it is likely to be on the wishlist of others.

Items that are generally in short supply include:

- Pajamas
- Headphones
- Art Kits
- Power Banks
- Socks
- Make-up Kits
- Craft Kits
- Phone Acces.
- Books
- Curling Irons
- Watches
- Blankets
- Games
- Blow Dryers
- Wallets
- Hoodies/Sweatshirts
- Lego Kits
- Electric Shaver
- Model Kits
- Coloring Books
- Drones
- RC Vehicles
- Gift Cards
- Personal Care Kits
- Bluetooth Speakers
- Sports Items *(Basketballs, Soccer Balls, etc)*

Items for 0 - 2 year olds that are generally in short supply include:

- Pajamas/Onsies/Clothes/Blankets
- Teething Toys
- Stacking Toys
- Learning Toys: Vtech, LeapFrog, Fisher-Price
- Play Mats

**Donations accepted at WHPS - November 17 - December 8
A hamper is located in the front entrance**

Thank you for supporting Leduc Santa's Helpers and helping those less fortunate this holiday season.

Wolverine Dates to Remember

Nov 30-Dec 18: Grades 7-9 - At-home learning commences

Dec 2: Early Dismissal – 2:30 pm; No Kinder Classes; 12 Days of Xmas Fitness Kicks Off (socially distanced of course); Gr 4M Ukrainian Pioneer Christmas In-School Field Trip

Dec 3: Report Cards emailed; SC & FC Meeting - 6:30pm

Dec 4: PD Day - No School

Dec 16: Gr 4H Ukrainian Pioneer Christmas In-School Field Trip

Dec 18: PJ & Stuffedie Day - Wear your favourite PJs. Bring your teddy and blanket too!

Dec 21: Christmas Break - Classes Resume at-home January 4-6, 2021

Jan 4-8: At-home learning - Kindergarten-Grade 9

Jan 11: In-person classes resume.

Thank you to Smile Buddy Pediatric Dentistry in Beaumont for the complimentary dental health packages sent for classes that requested them.



Staff Planning & Development Days

BGSD's staff planning & development program and the Alberta Teachers' Association's Institute days for all staff will continue again this year. **Students do not attend classes on these dates.**

December 4

January 29

February 4-5

March 12

April 30

May 20-21

COVID-19 INFORMATION

WEAR A MASK

Follow the rules for masks in your school



alberta.ca/returntoschool

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Student Pick-Up

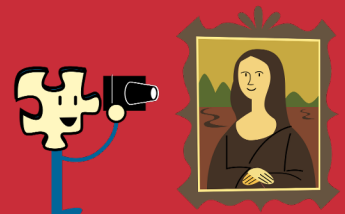
We are unable to release students to anyone besides their parents or legal guardians. If someone other than yourselves will be picking up a student, we need notification from you by either a phone call or a note to the classroom teacher or the office. Thank you for your help in this matter.

****If there is a legal custody order that pertains to your child, please be advised that in order to enforce this, we must have a copy at the school.**

NEW DATE:

Picture Day

Feb 12/21



Bus Loop Safety/Use of the Crosswalks

WHPS has a loop for buses only. Parents have a kiss'n'go area on the street. To prevent injury to members of our school family, vehicle traffic will not be permitted in the bus loop between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This time represents the highest potential risk to students.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this very important matter.



Supervision

The safety and well-being of our students is one of our greatest concerns. In order to assist us in ensuring that we maintain adequate supervision of students, please note the following supervision times and related requests

Supervision AM (before school)– Our entry bell is at 8:30 AM. Beginning at 8:15 AM, we have staff on supervision. If your child attends a daycare or day home that transports your child to our school, please confirm that they are not dropping him/her off prior to this time. We do not want children unsupervised.

Recesses – These times are fully supervised by our own dedicated staff.

After School Supervision– Staff members are outside from 3:15 PM until 3:30 PM.

Please note there will be **NO ACCESS** to the playground before or after school, during entry or dismissal.

Parents, please assist us with ensuring optimal supervision in doing the following:

- If you are riding your bike to school to pick-up your child, we would ask that you model appropriate safety rules by walking your bike on school property and walking across marked crosswalks.
- If you have your dog with you when you pick up your child, we would ask that you wait by the fence which follows the street with your pet. Sometimes we have children afraid of animals or we have children who tend to excite the pet and we would be saddened if an injury occurred to a person or student or an animal to be placed in a situation where they are over excited.

Reminders:

Grade 1 - 9 School Hours: 8:35 am - 3:15 pm

Entry Bell:	8:30 am
Classes Start:	8:40 am
Recess & Lunch	Staggered
Dismissal:	3:15 pm

ECS School Hours:

AM Class	8:30 am - 11:28 am
PM Class	12:22 pm - 3:15 pm



****Supervisors are outside at 8:15 am***

Student Absences

For the safety of our students, it is extremely important to notify the school if your child will be late or absent. If the school is not notified, we are obligated to phone your home or office, or, if needed, your emergency contacts to confirm the absence.

For your convenience, we now have an [Online Absence Reporting Form](#) you can complete on our website you may leave a message concerning absences outside of school hours on the voicemail system from 4:00 pm to 8:00 am, or you can send an e-mail to tobey.morris@blackgold.ca and/or sandy.musteca@blackgold.ca

Visitors to our School

At this time, visitors/volunteers are not permitted in the school. We will inform you if/when this changes.

Early Dismissal (1st Wednesday of each month)

Upcoming: December 2nd, 2020 @ 2:30 pm &

*****No kindergarten on Early Dismissal days*****

January 6th, 2021 @ 2:30 pm



Counsellor's Corner

Mrs. Christou

December, 2020

The Christmas season is upon us! I decorated early this year, and I'm hearing that many of you have too! For some, it is because we are home more, and we have had the time to do this. For others, we are looking for joy in our daily lives, and Christmas gives us joy.

I know that Christmas can also be a difficult time for some. With the global pandemic, we may have more financial difficulties than what we have had in the past. We might be missing out on visits with people we love and activities we used to do.

If you and your family are in need of help this Christmas season, please reach out so that we can connect you with the supports available in the community. If you know of anyone who would benefit from some support, please let them know that we are here to help!

On another note, our school GSA will be starting on December 3rd. The group will be meeting virtually through a Google Meet. Students can request the access code from me either by stopping by my office, sending me an email, or a google chat. We will meet on the first and third Thursday of each month though Google Meet.



If you would like to reach out, please contact me at cindy.christou@blackgold.ca. I would be happy to lend a listening ear and point you in the right direction for further supports.

Take care,
Mrs. Christou

2020- 2021 SCHOOL FEES

Kindergarten: For Sep 8 /20 - Jan 31/21 - \$50.00 payable September
For Feb 1/21 - Jun 21/21 - \$50.00 payable February

Technology Fee: Grade 1 - 3 - \$10.00

Technology Fee: Grade 4 - 6 - \$20.00

Replacement Agenda: \$7.50

Junior High Option Classes: fees vary, please check our website for detailed information

Method of Payment: We are now asking that all fees are paid on-line. Payment can be made on your Parent PowerSchool account. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Division Technology Fee

The BGSD technology access fee covers a variety of new software tools for students. The first such tool is assistive technology software, this will help students by reading text on the screen from websites they visit and documents they create, listening to your work read back to you helps catch writing errors and having text read from other content helps with understanding. The program also provides word prediction for struggling writers, standard and visual dictionaries, highlighting and organization tools and speech to text abilities. A second new software application will be a self assessment tool that uses machine learning to provide writing feedback for the student to help improve spelling, grammar, sentence structure and provide suggestions for improvement. Lastly we will be providing creative publishing and charting tool to enable students to increase creativity and capability beyond a standard document or drawing.

Another use of the technology fee is for internet access. Our internet costs are increasing and a new contract by Alberta Infrastructure is greatly increasing the cost to school divisions. The funds will help manage that access, provide increased bandwidth for BYOED and improve protection for students accessing the internet.

Bus Reminders

- If your child rides the BGSD yellow school bus, they must have their bus pass with them. The pass needs to be scanned daily. Please encourage your child to be on time for the bus pick up and departure time to and from the school.
- Parents of students who are riding the bus this year are reminded that items such as hockey sticks, curling brooms, skateboards, etc. are not be allowed on buses. Articles cannot be transported that are more than 13" x 13" x 23". This applies to buses that regularly transport students, as well as buses that take students on field trips, once field trips resume.

At this time, the following programs will not be running at WHPS:

- ▶ Microwave Program
- ▶ Milk Program
- ▶ Hot Lunch Program
- ▶ Bake Sales

We apologize for the inconvenience and will let you know as soon as we can resume these activities.

Lost and Found

Each year, we see the large amounts of clothing and other articles that are lost and never reclaimed. The main reason is that most of the articles are not labeled, and we have no way of knowing to whom they belong. We are asking parents to go on a HUGE labeling blitz. **Please....take the time to mark all of your child's MASKS / clothing / articles / belongings.**

Leduc Recreation Centre Active 8's & 9's

This is a FREE Membership to the LRC and Alexandra Outdoor Pool for **Grade 8 and Grade 9 students** that live or go to school in the City of Leduc and Leduc County only. The membership has to be renewed each school year and is valid October to August for those that are eligible so we are asking those students that will be in Grade 8 and Grade 9 in this upcoming school year to come in to Guest Services and register for the coming year starting September 1 so you can get moving October 1.

Please note: It is applicable only to residents who pay municipal taxes to the City of Leduc and Leduc County.



Family Leduc Recreation Centre Passes

West Haven Public School is excited to continue a pilot project with Ever Active Schools, in collaboration with the Leduc Recreation Centre (LRC) and Healthy Hearts. We have one family pass for admission to the LRC that our families are welcome to borrow for a week at a time. Note: Due to Covid 19, the use of the LRC amenities must be booked. This can be done through downloading the app at <https://www.leduc.ca/liveleducmobileapp>, by contacting our Guest Services at 780-980-7129, or booking in person at the LRC. To book these passes, please contact either Sheila Ankerstein (sheila.ankerstein@blackgold.ca) or Sandy Musteca (sandy.musteca@blackgold.ca) to book the passes.



**BE A SPECIAL PERSON IN SOMEONE'S LIFE -
BE A SCHOOL BUS OPERATOR!**

- No daycare costs, take your child with you!
- Summers off, work only school days!

For more information, contact us today:
780-955-6034



Introduction for Parents

The Problem

You've probably noticed...fewer students are walking/cycling for the school journey

Many of today's parents walked or cycled to school when they were young. But, times have changed and car culture is taking over. Now, fewer kids are using active modes of transportation (i.e., walking, cycling, rollerblading, scooting) for their school journey. Many parents are busy or concerned about safety, and so they drive their children to school instead of allowing

them to walk or cycle. The trouble is, when students are driven to school instead of walking or cycling, they miss the opportunity for much-needed physical activity, fresh air and quality interaction with parents, caregivers and friends; and driving increases school zone congestion, which in turn makes conditions less safe for those who do walk or wheel, and adds to air pollution.

A Solution

School Travel Planning is a proven approach for addressing parental concerns

School Travel Planning (STP) is a process that involves school staff, parents and students working with transportation/traffic staff, police and public health to develop a plan to address parental concerns and challenges about school routes, and get more students walking and cycling for the school journey.



So Many Benefits!



Healthier Children

- Active school travel helps school-aged children meet the recommendation to accumulate at least 60 minutes per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity, which is associated with improved physical and mental health.



Less Traffic and Pollution

- Reducing the number of children being driven to school reduces greenhouse gas emissions and particulate air pollution around the school; this improves air quality and reduces associated risks of lung and cardiovascular diseases.



Safer School Zones

- Reducing traffic volumes creates safer school zones and saves school staff time. Improving walking and cycling routes to school also enhances the safety, connectivity, and quality of life for the community as a whole.



Better Academic Performance

- Increased physical activity specifically associated with the school journey increases alertness and attention during the school day.
- Physical activity supports healthy brain development, which can lead to improved learning and academic outcomes.

Let's work together to get more kids walking and cycling to school

How it Works

The STP Process

School Travel Planning flows through a six-phase process over an initial period of two to three years. The process is guided and supported by a Facilitator whose role is to bring everyone together, coordinate activities and compile the School Travel Plan.

How Parents Can be Involved

Parents have an important role in creating a culture of walking and cycling at schools. There are many ways parents that can be involved:

- **Enable your children to walk or cycle to and from school**—you may travel with them and enjoy the opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise along the way, or you may allow them to walk or cycle on their own or with siblings/friends, if they are old enough to do so. Plan a route and practice the journey with them.
- **Have your children ride the school bus** if you live in the 'bus zone.' This is important because increasing usage of assigned bus seats is one way to reduce congestion and improve safety in the school zone.
- **Respond to the Family Survey** and provide valuable input that will help to identify travel issues and concerns about the school journey.
- **Join our School STP Committee.** As a member of the committee, you will:
 - attend regular meetings during the school year;
 - participate in a Walkabout survey to assess the current routes to school; and
 - help develop the school's Action Plan to address travel issues identified.
- **Attend select School STP Committee meetings as a guest** if you're interested in being involved but don't want to commit to being a member.

Examples of STP Actions Other Schools Have Taken Include:

- Walking and cycling route maps
- New bike racks and cycling skills training
- Fun walking events
- Improved signage and crosswalks
- Lower speed limits in school zones

Positive Feedback

"Having (the kids) walk and bike when they can to school has been excellent for them in terms of getting a little bit more activity every day. I think they're happier when they get to school and even when they get home. I know when they walk it's a great feeling for them."

Bruce Krentz, parent

"It's not a far walk, so it is nice to get out and get a good start, run a few errands and walk home, and get a little fresh air!"

Anja Liddy, parent



Get Involved Now

If you have any questions or would like to be a part of the Active School Travel committee, please contact Tracey Coutts at coutts@everactive.org.

WHPS School Council & Fundraising Society News

As the 2020 calendar year wraps up, we would like to wish all our students, teachers and families a happy and healthy holiday season.

A reminder our last West Haven Public School School Council and Fundraising Society Meeting of the year will take place on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 6:30pm over Zoom.

Any questions please email whps.council@blackgold.ca or whpsfs@gmail.com or contact the school office.

Charlene Little, Secretary for WHPSFS and WHPSSC

Fundraising Society

You can support the Fundraising Society by eating at Boston Pizza (in Leduc). Send your BP receipts to the school office so the fundraising society can receive 5% back. Thanks for your support!

Leduc Coop—Whenever people get gas, liquor or groceries, or supplies from the building centre they can give our Coop number and the school will get a small portion back every year. Every little bit helps! Our Coop number is 34666.

PowerSchool Mobile App: Problem Syncing Error

BGSD does not provide technical support for the Mobile App - it is impossible for us to support multiple platforms and an App which is developed by a third party. Instead, please refer to the PowerSchool web portal: <https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public>

Problem

If you are attempting to use the PowerSchool Mobile App and are receiving an error that reads "Problem Syncing", this means that there was a problem syncing your mobile device with our school district's information system. There are several potential causes for this error:

- There may be a system error when pulling in data.
- The district has temporarily paused sending out new data, usually for maintenance.
- The district has not yet sent new data. This occurs frequently during the change of terms.

Here are a few steps you can take to troubleshoot.

Step-By-Step Solution

- Uninstall the app and then restart your phone.
- Re-install the app by downloading the app from the App Store/Google Play Store.
- Once the app is installed open the app and it should land in the page which asks for the District Code.
- Do not enter the District Code, rather click on the link "Where is my district code?" below the District Code.
- Type in Black Gold School Division to find the district name and select
- Enter your PowerSchool Parent Portal Username & Password
- Wait for the system to load

Ongoing Communication



We encourage and value parent's involvement in education. Please maintain regular communication with your child's teacher by reading agendas nightly, providing your email address and contact information to the teacher via email. Emails are found on the website at whps.blackgold.ca under the '**About**' - '**Staff Contacts**' You may also call the school at 780-986-5991 to speak to staff members.

Need to Reach Us?

Our school office is open daily between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM if parents wish to call a staff member. If the staff member is unavailable to take your call, you may ask to leave a voice message and the staff member will return your call. It is often difficult for a teacher to take a call immediately preceding the warning bell in the morning or right after school in the afternoon, so we would ask parents to call at times other than these very busy times.

To ensure effective and timely communication, if you have an e-mail address, please provide it to your child's teacher. This will enable staff to communicate with you electronically. Most staff may be emailed at the school by the following format: **first name.last name@blackgold.ca**

From time to time it may be necessary for the school to relay a message from you to your child. Again, the times immediately preceding dismissal are extremely busy in the office. We would ask that parents use the student agendas to remind their children of plans for after school and only ask the school to relay a message if it is of an emergent nature. We are sometimes asked to remind students to go for a haircut or to walk with someone. These types of messages should be passed on to your child verbally and if necessary, placed in the agenda. Students are not allowed to use the office phone to make play dates with other students. These arrangements need to be made before the student arrives at school.

School Newsletter/Updated Webpage

Our newsletters and school webpage are two of the best ways of communicating all pertinent information about the school. We are continuing to be **GREEN!** All newsletters are posted to the school webpage. Generally, this will occur on the last day of the month. Access these at whps.blackgold.ca

Jr High Students - Leaving School Grounds at Lunchtime

In order for junior high students to leave the school grounds at lunchtime, parents/guardians must fill out the permission form on the Parent PowerSchool account. This form along with more details can be found under Fees/Forms.

Safety Drills

BGSD has a comprehensive emergency response plan. The safety of our students and staff is important to us. WHPS will be practicing various safety drills. These include fire drills and school lock down procedures. Discussions with students will precede our drills to increase the awareness of safety procedures and decrease possible anxiety.

In the event of an **actual** school lock down, parents will be advised by text or email (after the event) of the necessity for the lock down. If alternate arrangements for pick up are necessary, we will contact parents.



Virtual Book Fairs

Thank You!

Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** was a success! Thank you to all families, teachers, and students who participated, supporting our school while enhancing home libraries.

Your investment in your reader helped our school to earn valuable **Rewards** that can be redeemed for new books for our school and classroom libraries, as well as supplies and Education Resources to benefit our students.

We can't wait to hear all about the new stories you have added to your home libraries!

Thank you for participating in our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

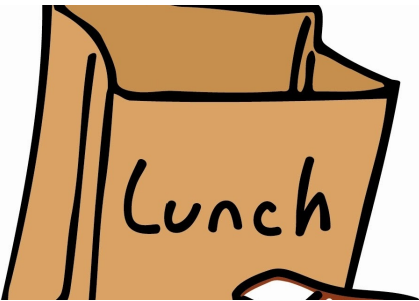
Happy reading



LUNCH HOUR PROTOCOL:

Students are welcome to stay for lunch but they must abide by the rules that have been established. We ask for parents’ support in reviewing these expectations with their child. A copy of these expectations are printed below.

At West Haven Public School, elementary students will have staggered recess with classroom cohorts. We only use staff to supervise during the lunch hour. Our students are supervised by teachers during eating periods. Students go outside, weather permitting and there is always a staff member ‘on call’ in the office to deal with issues/injuries which may occur. Each grade level cohort will be assigned a designated area and be supervised by a staff member. For the most part, our students are well behaved during the lunch hour. In the event of problems during the lunch hour, the teacher on duty will deal with the issue. In the event of repeated issues with a particular student, we will contact the parents to advise them and to seek a resolution. We appreciate your support.



	Lunch Recess	Eating Period
Grades 1 & 4	11:30-11:55am	11:55am-12:22pm
Grades 2 & 5	12:00-12:25pm	12:25-12:52pm
Grade 6	12:30-12:55pm	12:03-12:30pm
Grade 3	1:00-1:25pm	12:33-1:00pm

Lunch Hour Rules

Students are responsible for their behavior and if on-going issues occur and a resolution cannot be reached, the school reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of eating in the class for a period of time or indefinitely.

- All students are expected to be seated while eating lunch. There should be no throwing of food or utensils.
- Students are expected to be in their own classroom during the lunch hour.
- If students need to leave their classroom, for any reason (e.g. bathroom, office, to put things in lockers, etc.) they are to check with the teacher before doing so.
- Students are expected to clean up after themselves. Each classroom has paper towel and cleaning solution.
- When the lunch hour bell rings to go outside for recess, students are to go outside promptly. Supervisors are asked to ensure all students are out of the classroom, turn off lights and close the door.
- If students are to remain inside for any reason, they must be in the class supervised or in the office.
- If a teacher has to speak to a student for misbehavior during the lunch hour, they will monitor the number of times the problem(s) is/are occurring and may contact the parent.



Hygiene Protective Measures

Students will be required to sanitize their hands upon entry and exit from the school. This procedure is mandated and will include recesses and coming to and departing the school.

All grades 4-9 students will be mandated to wear a mask (surgical style or other form of face covering that covers both the mouth and the nose). K-3 has the choice of wearing a mask but it is still highly recommended. Those wearing masks will wear them at all times unless outside, sitting in rows, or when social distancing is otherwise possible.

****Please note that students will not be able to bring in birthday treats or pass around cards to share until further notice.***

Maintaining 2m Spacing

Inside the school, we have directional arrows and 'Stand Here' stickers on the ground helping everyone maintain the required two meters distance. Classes will be arranged in rows as per guidelines based upon the need for 2m spacing.

Please remember that parents picking up and dropping off their child should maintain 2m spacing outside the school, if not waiting in a vehicle.

Limited Contact

To minimize exposure, the school is required to limit the number of people coming into the building. We will gladly welcome parents once the guidelines permit us to do so. This will impact the following until further notice:

Volunteering at WHPS

For the 2020-2021 there will be NO VOLUNTEERING. This, unfortunately, means no Hot Lunch, microwave days, bake sales, parents coming in to read, and parents coming into the school with their children.

No deliveries can be accepted at the school.

Plan ahead!

Please send your child to school with his/her lunch. Items sometimes delivered at the school that should be avoided include lunches, snacks, school work, Skip the Dishes, etc.

Students won't be using hallway lockers until further notice. Please plan to limit the number of items brought to school in the backpack. That's where they will be asked to store their lunch and any belongings that won't stay in their desk.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Many questions have arisen in light of positive COVID-19 and close contact notifications. I hope this list helps answer some of the Frequently Asked Questions.

- 1) **Q-What do I do if one of my children is considered a close contact but they have siblings in the same house?**

A- Only those identified as direct close contacts are required to isolate. If you choose to keep a sibling home as a precaution during that isolation period, please let both your child's teacher and the school know. When leaving a message on the school's voicemail, please provide specific information.

- 2) **Q- Do I need to show my child's negative test result prior to him/her returning to school?**

A- No. Students are required to stay out of school while they are symptomatic or are in isolation or quarantine.

- 3) **Q- Am I required to get a COVID-19 test?**

A- There is no requirement for a COVID-19 test. AHS would recommend testing if you have any of the primary symptoms or two or more of the secondary symptoms.

- 4) **Q- How do I know what the school is doing to keep my child safe?**

A- Every school in the Black Gold School Division has a Re-Entry Plan posted to its school website. There are numerous categories identifying measures being taken. Following any notification of a case in the school, protocols are followed to isolate individuals, notify families, and then a deep clean of that environment takes place while the students are away.

- 5) **Q- If my child is in isolation, when can he/she return to school?**

A- When the school notifies families of a case, the school also sends a document and a voice message identifying the expected date the isolation period will be lifted. If Alberta Health Services provides a different date afterward, we will follow the AHS given date. Students are unable to return to school until AHS provides that confirmed re-entry date from quarantine or isolation.



- 6) Q- How does my child keep up with his/her learning while in Isolation or quarantine?

A- Our classroom teachers endeavour to provide in-school and at-home learning. Please understand that the transition to at-home learning may take a day or two. Most classrooms use Google Classroom to post work and where students can submit completed work. Either the classroom teacher or a substitute teacher will be checking in with those at home.

- 7) Q- What happens if my child cannot be at school for picture day?

A- Picture day is scheduled for November 30th. Retake Day for those who are absent or unable to come in will be February 3rd. This helps reach learners from both semesters.

- 8) Q- Will the Principal or Black Gold shut down the school or move to Scenario two or three?

A- This decision is made by AHS. They will notify the Superintendent of Schools and the parent community, should this happen.

- 9) Q- Can my child switch into or out of in-school learning?

A- BGSD has asked parents to make decisions for Semester 1 and will be asking about your decision for Semester 2 in December. All requests are submitted by emailing bgsd@blackgold.ca.

Helpful Resources:

[WHPS Re-Entry Information](#)


[AHS Close Contact Information](#)

[Symptoms Flow Chart](#)

Sincerely,

Mr. Raymond Cable, M.Ed.
Principal

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Nov 30 Gr 7-9 begin At-Home Learning	1 Day 3	2 Day 4 2:30pm Early Dismissal No Kinder Classes 12 Days of Xmas Fitness Kick-off Gr 4 M Ukrainian Pioneer Christmas (In-School)	3 Day 5 Term 1 Report Cards emailed 6:30pm - WHPS SC & FC Meetings (Virtual)	4 PD Day	5
6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12
13	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3 Gr 4H Ukrainian Pioneer Chrsitmas (In-School)	17 Day 4	18 Day 5 PJ & Stuffie Day Christmas Break starts today!	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve		

Christmas Vacation

Christmas Vacation

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Years Day	2
3	4 Day 1 At-home learning for Kindergarten - Gr 9 starts today	5 Day 2	6 Day 3 2:30pm Early Dismissal No Kinder Classes	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9
10	11 Day 1 In-person classes resume for Kindergarten - Gr 9	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5 Jersey Day	16
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23
24	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3 International Family Literacy Day	28 Day 4 Character Ed Assembly - COURAGE	29 PD Day	30
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