



WEST HAVEN

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Wishing you the brightest
Holiday Season this year!
May the happiness and joy
of Christmas stay with you
through the next year.

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DAYS TO REMEMBER

January 2-6 - Christmas Break - No School

January 9 - Kindergarten Registration opens

January 11 - PAT testing

January 13 - Spirit Day (Jersey Day), Hot Lunch (Buster's Pizza)

January 16 - Grade 9 Immunizations, Ski Club to Rabbit Hill 3:30 pm to 9:30 pm

January 18 - Bake Sale hosted by 6H (all items are \$0.50 each)

January 20 - Sr. Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament Tap 17 (Jan 20&21), Hot Lunch (Extreme Pita)

January 25 - Bake Sale hosted by 4M (all items are \$0.50 each)

January 26 - Character Education Assembly for Students, Shelter In Place Drill @ 9:30 am

January 27 - ECS Common Day (No Kindergarten Classes), Hot Lunch (Panda Hut)

January 30 - PD Day (No Classes for Students)

February 2 - WHPS SC & FS Meetings beginning at 6:30 pm

February 3 - Spirit Day (Retro Day), Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza

February 6 - Ski Club to Rabbit Hill 3:30 pm to 9:00 pm

February 8 - Bake Sale hosted by 1C (all items are \$0.50 each)

February 9 & 10 - Teachers' Convention - No classes for students

February 17 - C.R.E.W. Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 20 - Family Day (No School)

February 21 - PD Day (No School for Students)

February 22 - Spirit Day (Pink Shirt Day)

February 24 - Character Education Assemblies for Students, Hot Lunch - Dairy queen

February 27 - Ski Club to Rabbit Hill from 3:30 pm to 9:00 pm

February 28 - Bake Sale hosted by KBPM & KHPM (all items are \$0.50 each)

March 3 - Hot Lunch - Panago

March 6 - Ski Club

March 9-10 Junior High Ski Trip to Marmot Basin

March 10 - Career Day, Ecs Common day (no Kindergarten Classes), Hot Lunch - Subway

March 16 - Term 2 ends

March 17 - Term 3 begins, Hot Lunch - Extreme Pita

March 13 - PD Day - No School

March 20 - Ski Club

March 22 - Parent Teacher Interviews, Grade 6 City hall field trip

March 24 - Character Ed Assembly, Hot Lunch - Busters Pizza

March 27-31 - Spring Break - No School

April 6 - School Council Meeting - 6:30pm

June 1 - School Council Meeting - 6:30pm

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.***

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 am and 4:00 pm. 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

Morning Supervision (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.

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.

PARKING LOT REMINDER

Please remember that the parking lot behind the school is for staff parking only. Please find alternate areas to drop off and pick up your children.

Reminders

Grade 1 - 9 School Hours: 8:30 am - 3:15 pm

ECS School Hours:

Entry Bell: 8:30 am

AM Class 8:35am - 11:18 am

Classes Start : 8:40 am

PM Class 12:32 pm - 3:15 pm

Recess :Staggered Lunch (Grades 1-9) 12:00-12:56pm

Dismissal: 3:15 pm

*Supervisors are out side at 8:15am

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 out side of school hours on the voicemail system from 4:00 pm t o 8:00 am, or you can send an e-mail to paula.breitkreuz@blackgold.ca and/or sandy.musteca@blackgold.ca.

Ongoing Communication

We encourage and value parental 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. Staff respond to emails between 7:00 am & 7:00 pm. Teachers will refrain from responding during teaching time.

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 childs 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.

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.

Grade	Morning Recess	Lunch Recess	Eating Period
Grades 1 -3	10:00-10:15am	12:00-12:25pm	12:25-12:55pm
Grades 4-6	10:15-10:30am	12:25-12:55pm	12:00-12:25pm
Grades 7-9	10:15-10:25am Locker Break	12:00-12:55pm	12:00-12:55pm

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.

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 picked 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, ect are not to be allowed on the busses. Articles cannot be transported that are more than 13" x 13" x 23". This applies to busses that regularly transport students, as well as buses that take students on field trips.

Assessing Respiratory Illness Symptoms

If you are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, use the assessment tool to help decide if you should talk to someone about your symptoms or need additional care, or if you are recommended to have COVID-19 testing. You can complete an assessment for yourself or another person, like a child/youth or someone else you are caring for.

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17058.aspx>

Dear parents/guardians and caregivers

Kindergarten registration opens on January 9, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

We encourage families to register early. Please note that programs and class preferences are subject to change based on enrollment, space and program viability.

For more information, please visit: www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs/kindergarten.



BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION

Three young children are lying on their stomachs on a blue carpet with large, colorful letters. The child on the left is wearing a white and blue hockey jersey. The child in the middle is wearing a green t-shirt with 'Tim Hortons' on it. The child on the right is wearing a white t-shirt with colorful patterns and glasses.

**2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration
Opens January 9, 2023**

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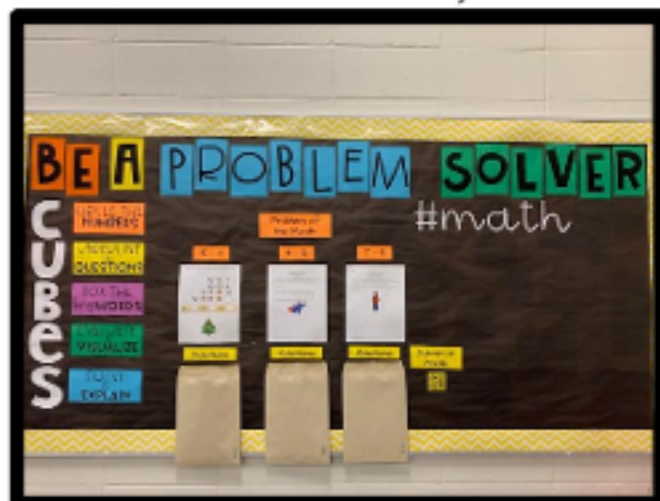
January news from the **LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM**

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Mrs. K. Lavoie kathryn.lavoie@blackgold.ca

Mr. J. Hendrickson jake.hendrickson@blackgold.ca
Mrs. C. Stewart cayley.stewart@blackgold.ca

Throughout the year the Learning Support Team provides support in a variety of classrooms and works with a range of students and teaching teams. A friendly reminder that your first point of contact is always the classroom teacher.

Students are engaging in monthly math challenges to develop problem solving skills. Numeracy is visible throughout the school, including our "Be a Problem Solver" bulletin board in the front foyer.



A warm New Year message shared by our English Language Learner Coordinator, Mrs. Lavoie!



The following suggested activities can be used at home to support **PRINT AWARENESS AND FLUENCY**:

(Adapted from Orchestrating Success in Reading by Dawn Reithaug)

- ❖ Choose a sign during a walk or car trip. Have your child read the sign and talk about what the sign means and the purpose of the sign.
- ❖ Ask your child to find common words on everyday grocery items (e.g., cereal boxes, cans). See if s/he can find other words that they know.
- ❖ Bring your child's attention to print features (e.g., "This is the word the. It appears very frequently in this book. Can you help me find other places where the word the appears?").
- ❖ Practice sight words to improve automaticity.
- ❖ Re-read passages to improve fluency.

West Haven January Wellness News

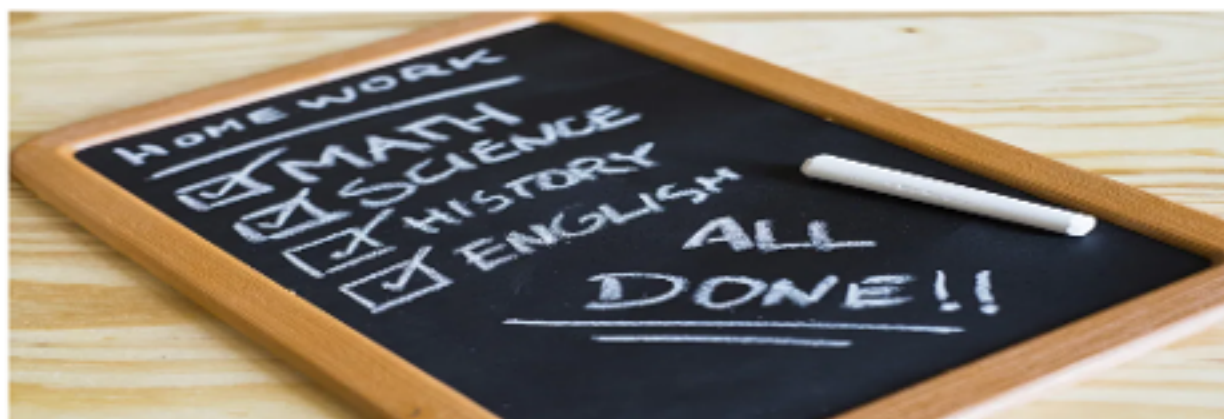
Time can be a funny concept. It seemingly moves sooo SLOW while completing an unpleasant task or watching the clock, but then flies while doing something fun or interesting. This observation leaves me wondering, what is it about life that makes time seemingly drag or fly-by in a blur? Is it the jam packed schedules? The pressure of deadlines or the constant running here and there? Undoubtedly, the hustle and bustle of everyday life - including school life - leaves many people wishing they had more hours in the day, if only so they could give more attention to the things they truly value and enjoy.



It is this idea of valuing time, and the goal of perhaps using our time more wisely, that the West Haven CREW team wishes to challenge everyone (and themselves) to set the goal of ***being truly present*** in whatever you do this January.

For some being *present* may mean focusing more intently on themselves by being more active and/or eating healthier; for others it could mean focusing more intently, so as to gather information and avoid extra work; while for others it could simply mean connecting more meaningfully with family or people in general. Regardless of the meaning, being *more present* will allow you to better focus your attention and energies. As part of West Haven Public's mental health focus, we encourage parents and students to reflect and focus on what's been happening at school. Discuss how school has been going so far, and then set some realistic goals for the

next semester. Right now is the perfect time to make the best use of the remaining months of school and perhaps lay out a plan to positively improve or maintain classroom performance. Creating a plan to manage your time efficiently can go along way towards staying on top of work and not falling behind...this includes parents.



Here are a couple useful links to help get you started on creating some S.M.A.R.T. goals:

Setting SMART Goals for Students -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PA-O_u2Blk

SMART goals - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCRSVRD2EAK>

Goal Setting for Kids (a Tutorial) -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cC4ZI-R6wkc>

In conclusion, we trust that everyone had an enjoyable and restful break and want to wish everyone back for a great start to the New Year!

Mr. Henderson

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 the 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.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/cdc/if-hp-cdc-ipsm-tips-make-imm-easier-child.pdf>

The immunization round dates at West Haven for Gr 9 will be Jan 16 2023

*If your child is not present on the round dates they may receive immunizations on other dates throughout the school year.

****If you are new to Alberta OR if your child has been immunized at your doctor's office or pharmacy, AHS Public Health may not have a record of your child's immunizations. To ensure your child is up to date with all recommended immunizations refer to the schedule at <https://www.alberta.ca/immunization-routine-schedule.aspx>*

To provide an up to date immunization record or if you have any questions you may contact the nurse assigned to your child's school at 780-980-5026

WHPs BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details		
AUGUST 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	5	3	<div><div>August 25 & 26 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)</div><div>August 29 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students</div></div>	
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SEPTEMBER 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div>September 5 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)</div><div>September 16 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students): (Morning) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (No follow) PD/Collaboration Day</div><div>September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)</div></div>	
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OCTOBER 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div>October 10 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)</div><div>October 11 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students)</div><div>Diploma Exam</div></div>	
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NOVEMBER 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	16	<div><div>November 1 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students)</div><div>November 7 - 10 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)</div><div>November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)</div><div>Diploma Exam</div></div>	
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DECEMBER 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	16	<div><div>December 6 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students)</div><div>December 26 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</div></div>	
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JANUARY 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	16	<div><div>January 2 - 6 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</div><div>January 9 - School Resumes</div><div>January 30 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students)</div><div>January 31 - Semester 2 Commences</div><div>Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div><div>Diploma Exam</div><div>Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div><div>Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window</div><div>Semester 2 Commences January 31, 2023</div></div>	
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Semester 1: August 25, 2022 - January 30, 2023							95	93			
FEBRUARY 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18		
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MARCH 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	<div><div>March 13 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students)</div><div>March 27 - 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)</div></div>	
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APRIL 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	<div><div>April 3 - School Resumes</div><div>April 7 - Good Friday (Schools Closed)</div><div>April 10 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed)</div><div>April 28 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students)</div><div>Diploma Exam</div></div>	
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MAY 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	<div><div>May 19 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students)</div><div>May 22 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)</div><div>Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div></div>	
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JUNE 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	18	<div><div>June 6 - PD/Collaboration Day (No Students)</div><div>June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day (Regular Classes Scheduled)</div><div>June 27 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam</div><div>June 28 & 29 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)</div><div>Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window</div><div>Diploma Exam</div></div>	
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Semester 2: January 31 - June 29, 2023							99	99			
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students							194	178	Aug-Dec/22: 79-T & 73-S; Jan-June/23: 115-T & 105-S		

Approved - January 26, 2022

January

2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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CHRISTMAS VACATION - NO CLASSES						
8	9 DAY 1 School classes resume Kindergarten Registration opens	10 DAY 2	11 DAY 3 PAT Testing	12 DAY 4	13 DAY 5 Jersey Day Hot lunch - Busters Pizza	14
15	16 DAY 1 Ski Club Grade 9 Immunizations	17 DAY 2	18 DAY 3	19 DAY 4	20 DAY 5 Hot lunch - Extreme Pita	21
22	23 DAY 1	24 DAY 2	25 DAY 3	26 DAY 4 Character Ed Assembly Shelter in place 9:30am	27 DAY 5 ECS common Day -NO KIINDER CLASSES Hot Lunch - Panda Hut	28
29	30 PD DAY No Classes	31 DAY 1 SEMESTER 2 COMMENCES				



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	DAY 2 1	DAY 3 2 School Council / Fundraising Society meeting	DAY 4 3 Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza Retro Day	4
5	DAY 5 6 Ski Club	DAY 1 7	DAY 2 8	9	10	11
12	DAY 3 13	DAY 4 14 Valentines day	DAY 5 15	DAY 1 16	DAY 2 17 Hot Lunch - Press'd Random act of kindness Day	18
19	20 Family day - no classes	21 PD Day - no classes	DAY 3 22 Pink Shirt Day	DAY 4 23	DAY 5 24 Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen Character Ed Assembly	25
26	DAY 1 27 Ski Club	DAY 2 28	1	2	3	4

Holidays and Observances: 14: Valentine's Day, 20: Presidents' Day