



2023-2024 School Year

SUMMER & SEPTEMBER INFORMATION

West Haven Public School

CONTACT PROCEDURES DURING SUMMER

Principal: Jennifer O'Brien jennifer.obrien@blackgold.ca
Assistant Principal Rachel Djordjevic rachel.djordjevic@blackgold.ca
Assistant Principal: Isaac Schnell isaac.schnell@blackgold.ca

From July 1- 15, please direct emails to Assistant Principal Djordjevic.
From July 16-31, please direct emails to Assistant Principal Schnell.
From August 1 - 25, please direct emails to Principal O'Brien.
Alternatively, you may leave a message on the school's answering machine. Phone and email messages will be checked periodically.

REPORT CARDS & POWERSCHOOL

On June 29, 2023 report cards were distributed by email and PowerSchool. Final marks are also available online.

APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR MARKS, CREDITS, REPORT CARDS

Parents/students may appeal school marks no later than July 14, 2023. This may be done by emailing Assistant Principal Schnell at isaac.schnell@blackgold.ca.

On July 14, 2023, diploma exam marks from June administration will be available on *myPass* on the Alberta Education website.

REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS

All new families are to register their child(ren) online via PowerSchool Registration which is available on the Black Gold School Division website at: [New Student Registration](#)

Parents registering over the summer will receive a confirmation by August 25th, 2023. Should an in-take meeting be required, please email this request to Principal O'Brien jennifer.obrien@blackgold.ca so that she may direct this request accordingly.

RETURNING STUDENTS - VERIFICATION FORM

Students who were attending a Black Gold School Division (BGSD) school in 2022-2023 and are returning to a BGSD school in 2023-2024 are automatically registered for the 2023-2024 school year.

All BGSD families are expected to complete the Student Enrollment Verification Form for the 2023-2024 school year. In late August, parents/guardians will receive an email via SchoolMessenger with details on how to access this form during the first week of school.

SCHOOL START DATE & TIMES FOR GRADES 1 - 12 STUDENTS

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

(The times entered below MUST correspond with your approved Instructional Hours Template information. The start and dismissal times will be utilized for the School Opening Information posted to our website.)

Regular Day Morning Classes Warning Bell: 8:30

Regular Lunch Hour Times: 12:00 - 12:50

Regular Day Afternoon Classes Warning Bell: 12:50

Regular Day Dismissal Time: 3:15

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (ECS): KINDERGARTEN & PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN:

WHPS offers morning or afternoon daily English ECS instruction. Students will be assigned a staggered entry date between August 30 to September 1st and will be notified of the staggered entry date via email in early August. Families registering over the summer will be notified of their staggered entry date between August 23-29. All ECS students will start their first regular day on September 5th.

A morning warning bell for regular morning classes rings at 8:30 with dismissal at 11:19. The afternoon classes do not have a warning bell. Afternoon times run from 12:31 - 3:15.

The WHPS school supply list is available through our [website here](#). It can also be found online through the school website [whps.blackgold.ca](https://www.blackgold.ca) under the Parents tab and Supply Lists. *Note: the only supplies required for kindergarten students are a backpack, indoor running shoes (non-scuff), water bottle, and a lunch box.

Early Intervention Program (EIP) - Pre-Kindergarten:

Early Intervention Program (EIP) - Pre-Kindergarten is offered at Calmar Elementary School, École Bellevue School, École Corinthia Park School, Linsford Park School, Robina Baker Elementary School, and Thorsby Elementary School. Only children who qualify for Early Intervention programming due to a delay or diagnosis as per Alberta Education criteria are eligible. Children may qualify as early as two years eight months by August 31st of the respective school year if they meet the criteria. Please go to <https://www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs/pre-kindergarten/> to enter intake for free eligibility screening.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Junior Kindergarten Program:

The ESL Junior Kindergarten program is a half-day program, four days a week, led by a certified teacher with an Education Assistant at École Dansereau Meadows School. Only children three years and eight months by August 31st of the respective school year and whose main language at home is not English are eligible. Please go to <https://www.blackgold.ca/esl-junior-kindergarten/> to enter intake for free eligibility screening.

To ensure a balance of strengths and needs across all programs, program times will be communicated directly by the school to all eligible families in September once school staff have had the opportunity to meet all the children in person and perform any necessary assessments.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

The WHPS school supply list is available through our website [here](#) for all K-9 students. It can also be found online through the school website whps.blackgold.ca under the Parents tab and Supply Lists.

Parents also have the following options:

Staples: You may order online at <https://www.staples.ca/pages/schooltools#parents> or through the local store.

School Start: You will be able to place your order online at <http://www.schoolstart.ca>

TIMETABLE & TIMETABLE CHANGES

Students will receive their timetables on the first day of classes. Students and parents may contact Assistant Principal Schnell isaac.schnell@blackgold.ca for Junior High complementary course change requests after August 30th.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL CLASSROOM PLACEMENT

All students registered prior to June 29th will receive an email from their homeroom teacher during the first two weeks of August informing them of their class placement. Those registering after this date will be notified by the main office between August 23-29.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WHPS wishes its entire family a happy, safe, and healthy summer.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION & SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

[Transportation Information](#). Call 780-955-6034 or 780-955-6048 for inquiries.

2023-2024 School Year information will be posted to our BGSD website in late August.