

HOME BASED SCHOOL

January 2024 News

2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A message from Principal Travnik

Dear Students and Families,

As we embark on this new year, I want to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to each and every one of you. The start of a new year is a symbol of fresh beginnings, offering us the opportunity to reflect on the past and embrace the endless possibilities that lie ahead.

Let's approach this year with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and determination, setting new goals and aspirations that will propel us towards success. Students I encourage you to work with your teachers here at BGSD Outreach and Home-Based schools to



reset / refocus your goals for the last half of the school year to ensure you meet your academic goals.

Students, I challenge you to embrace the power of a positive attitude. Your mindset plays a crucial role in shaping your experiences, and by approaching challenges with optimism, you not only empower yourself but also inspire those around you. Let's work together to create a supportive and inclusive community where everyone feels valued and motivated to achieve their personal best. With dedication, resilience, and a commitment to excellence, I am confident that this year will be filled with accomplishments, growth, and memorable moments.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead, marked by success, joy, and a collective spirit of achievement. Warm regards,

Stan Travnik
Principal



Board appoints Acting Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Vaselenak will take on the role starting January 1, 2024, until May 31 or until such time as Mr. Michael Borgfjord is able to begin his term as the new Superintendent of Schools/CEO. Dr. Vaselenak is taking over from current superintendent Bill Romanchuk, who is retiring on December 31, 2023, after 22 years of service to Black Gold.

<https://www.blackgold.ca/board-appoints-acting-superintendent-of-schools/>

Here is your chance to be involved in the education of your child.

First Parent Advisory Council Meeting for Alternative Learning including the Home-Based School and Beaumont and Leduc Outreach.

In attendance were Stan Travnik (Principal), Nicole Andersen (Coordinator), Barb McMullen (Vice-Chair), Lori Heigh (Chair), and Sarah Heigh (Student Rep).

We have started a Parent Council for Black Gold Home-Based and Outreach!

Next Parent Council Meeting - Tuesday, February 6th, 6 pm... Snacks provided!

Please take a moment to fill out Parent Council's Survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIcdYwFWgf1uzqB6DOWPxKpIANBL0qX2FJ3GiIZAVJ5F9rOA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Future dates coming soon! Have your voice heard! There will be snacks! Interested in Joining? Contact stan.travnik@blackgold.ca



Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024.



- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online. Watch your mailbox!

See below for the letter from Alberta Education.
Remember, your voice matters!!

2024 Alberta Education Survey Letter.pdf

[Download](#)

135.4 KB

BGSD Board of Trustee Highlights for November /December.

Read all about the great stuff that is happening at Black Gold School Division... Including our new Superintendent, Mr. Michael Borgfjord. Click the "Board Highlights" below.



[Board Highlights](#)

The Board Highlights are a summary of our Board of Trustees Regular, Organizational and Special Board Meetings. Also included are PowerPoint presentations or various types of information that

is presented and/or viewed at the regular Board of Trustee Meetings.

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Special Events

Home-Based Special Events

Students had a wonderful time in November and December creating some beautiful Christmas ornaments and decorating some delicious holiday cookies! In January, we have a special Soap Stone event taking place here at the school. This event is full. Keep your eyes peeled for more events coming soon!





Enchanted Antlers - Prospero Theatre

We had an AWESOME opportunity to watch our very special viewing of **Enchanted Antlers - Furget Me Knot by Prospero Theatre**. If you caught the beginning, they did a little shout out to us out here in Beaumont who tuned in! It was a unique experience to be able to watch "Live Theatre" on our computers. Thanks to all those who tuned in!





Science goes outside in these fun winter themed camps. Learn about Arctic animals, discover why the Aurora Borealis light up the winter skies, create your own northern lights art, build snow sculptures and structures, and do science experiments with snow! Campers will also get to visit galleries, see an IMAX film, a Zeidler Dome Planetarium show, and a live science demonstration.

Class sizes are small and sure to sell out. Sign your camper up for a winter camp today!

<https://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/visit/camps/wintercamp/>

Leduc Rotary Music Festival

Registration for the Leduc Rotary Music Festival opens on December 1 - please see the attached poster.

This annual music festival, which takes place April 2-18, 2024 is open to performers of all ages from the City of Leduc and Leduc County.

Registration ends on January 26, 2024, with late registration wrapping up on February 2, 2024, so there is plenty of time to consider taking part in the festival.

The Leduc Rotary Music Festival features classes from various disciplines, including piano, vocal, musical theatre, instrumental, band, choir and speech. If your school has a band or choir, the festival provides a wonderful opportunity to feature your talented students and offers a fun experience to work toward over the coming months. There are also awards and scholarships available to eligible individuals and groups.

Finally, our fees remain very competitive, with individual classes ranging from \$15-\$20 depending on the age of the participant and large groups (13 or more people) at \$80.

Please feel free to make this information available to the teachers and parents of your school, particularly your music teachers.

If you have any questions about the festival, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly!

Warm Regards,

Alex Singleton - registrar@leducmusicfestival.ca

Registrar



Leduc Rotary
Music Festival
Association

48th Annual
Music Festival
April 2-18, 2024

**PIANO VOCAL INSTRUMENTAL
CHOIR BAND SPEECH**

Registration opens Dec 1 - Jan 26, 2024
Late registration ends Feb 2, 2024

Open to performers of all ages from the
City of Leduc & Leduc County

Register at: leducmusicfestival.ca



Sports for Kids! Grade 1-12

Registration at Sports For Kids is now open for winter 2024. We have some awesome programs specially designed for homeschooling groups. You can choose from a variety of sports, such as basketball, soccer, tennis, floor hockey, and more. Our programs are suitable for kids from grade 1 to grade 12. Our registration will open soon, and our programs will start in January 2024. The fee is only \$21 per hour per child. Head over to our website www.sportsforkids.ca to find out more.



Accessing your Moodle

All digital course material & video links can be found on our new *Home-Based School Moodle Website* <https://moodle.blackgold.ca/>

We will also be requesting that work submitted digitally (scanned or pdfs) be uploaded through the Moodle dropboxes. Student logins are provided in their Program Plans and are the same as their email/computer logins. Instructions are found in each Moodle course. Please don't hesitate to ask for help!



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Community Events

[Beaumont Library Calendar](#) - Art Escapes, Book Clubs, Chess, Teen Resume Help

Beaumont Drop-In-Sport [link](#)

Loaner BSRC Family Membership - Want to borrow a family membership for a week? Contact the HBS!

CARC Virtual Webinars ([Link](#)) - Free & online!

Leduc City [Guide](#)

Leduc Fieldhouse [Schedule](#)

[Leduc County Calendar](#) - Family Paint Nights, PD Day Hangouts, Family Fun Sports Days, Grief Support

[Leduc Library Calendar](#) - Lego & Gardening!

Telus World of Science Edmonton - <https://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/>



Royal Tyrrell Museum - [link](#) for more info

dates to Remember

Put This On Your Calendar...

December 25 - January 5 - Christmas Vacation - School Closure

Monday, January 8 - School resumes

Wednesday, January 10 - Semester 1 Final Exams begin.

Wednesday, January 31 - PD Day - No School for Students

Thursday, February 1 - Semester 2 begins

Tuesday, February 6 - Parent Council Meeting - 6pm - Beaumont Campus

Thursday, February 8 - No School for students - Teachers' Convention

Friday, February 9 - No School for students - Teachers' Convention

Monday, February 19 - No School - Family Day

Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings Time - Move clocks ahead one hour!

Monday March 11 - No School for students - PD Day

Monday, March 25- Monday, April 1 - NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK!

Tuesday , April 2 - School resumes



STAFF DIRECTORY

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↓ Helpful Links ↓

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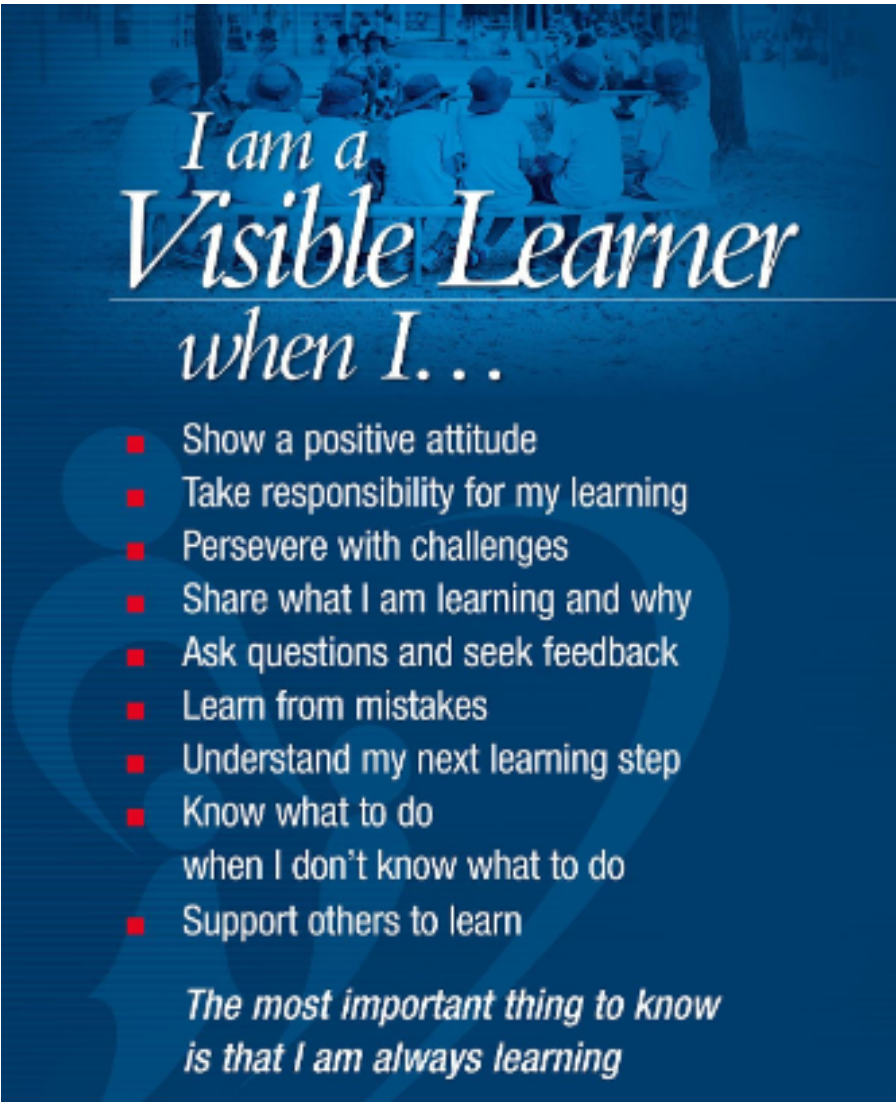
[Home Based School Website](#)

[2023-2024 Division School Calendars](#)

[School Handbook 2023-2024](#)

[Parent Directed Reimbursement Information 2023-2024](#)

[Virtual Open House](#)



I am a Visible Learner when I...

- Show a positive attitude
- Take responsibility for my learning
- Persevere with challenges
- Share what I am learning and why
- Ask questions and seek feedback
- Learn from mistakes
- Understand my next learning step
- Know what to do
when I don't know what to do
- Support others to learn

*The most important thing to know
is that I am always learning*



Black Gold Home-Based School

Our Schools • Your Children • The Future



Mission Statement

Black Gold is a leading school division in creating innovative programming to inspire and create success for students. Black Gold Home-Based School is committed to providing flexible learning

options so every student can achieve. Home-Based education choices work in cooperation with students, parents and Black Gold Schools to ensure quality program planning and transition. Home-Based School provides opportunities for Parent-Directed or Teacher-Directed programs and is respectful of parent choice and collaboration. We believe to achieve their full potential, children must be the center of all decisions related to learning and provide course work online or in print in a variety of environments. Home-Based education allows for a personalized learning opportunity for students who require flexibility.



Tracy Melnyk

Tracy is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters