

HOME BASED SCHOOL

Welcome Back Edition 2024

WELCOME



SCHOOL

A Message from Principal Holbrow

Welcome back.

I am very excited to be working as the principal of these two campuses and Home-Based Education for Black Gold School Division. I have been in administration for 18 years with the last 4 as the principal of New Sarepta Community High School. I jumped at the opportunity to work with these amazing teachers and support staff and to meet the many wonderful students who are looking for another way to get their education. Like everyone else in these buildings, I believe that there are many ways to educate yourself and it is important to find the way that works best for you.

I have a musical background, starting to play when I was 8 years old and I haven't stopped. I still play with a community band in Edmonton that has allowed me to tour in Europe three times, so far. I love going to the theatre, to concerts, to movies, art galleries. In other words, I am very engaged with the arts. I also love watching football and hockey.



I look forward to meeting you and working with you whether you are a student, a parent or a community member. We have a terrific school that we are proud of.

dates to Remember

Put This On Your Calendar...

- August 28 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - Welcome Back!
- September 2 - NO SCHOOL - Labour Day
- September 20 - PD DAY - No school for students
- September 30 - NO SCHOOL - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 11 - PD DAY - No school for students
- October 14 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day
- October 31 - Happy Halloween
- November 1 - PD DAY - No school for students
- November 3 - Daylight Savings Time (Turn your clocks back)
- November 11 - NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day
- November 12 - 15 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
- November 18 - Classes Resume

Returning Loaned items over the summer

Hi Parents,

When you are checking out report cards, please also check the fees and forms section of your Powerschool parent portal. If loaned items are returned over the summer, fees will be removed in the Fall. There is a 24 hour drop box located next to the entrance for convenient returns.



Teacher Directed Learning

HOME LEARNING

Those students who are registering in the Teacher Directed Program for grades 1-9, your Program Plan Meetings can be scheduled now. Please email Mrs. Melnyk to set them up

Teacher Directed Moodle Classroom

We will be utilizing our Moodle Capacity this year. Students and parents are required to watch the Moodle Tutorial video below. Please familiarize yourself with the video. The Moodle Site can only be access with the student's Blackgold account. It is the same log-in credentials that you use to check your Blackgold email (same username and password). You can access all of your materials digitally, watch video tutorials, and scan in your work all by using Moodle.

Website <https://moodle.blackgold.ca/> . We will also be requesting that work submitted digitally (scanned or pdfs) be uploaded through the Moodle dropboxes. Instructions are found in each Moodle course. Please don't hesitate to ask for help!

Please note Mrs. Melnyk will enroll you in the courses - you are NOT required to self enroll - ignore that part in the video. See the video below - click the link ↴

Moodle Tutorial.mp4

🔗 drive.google.com

Parent Directed Home Education



Parent Directed Program Plan Meetings

Parent Directed Home Ed Program Plan Meetings can be scheduled now. Please email Mrs. Melnyk to set them up tracy.melnyk@gshare.blackgold.ca

Parent Directed - Home Education Reimbursement Information

Are you enrolled in the Parent Directed Home Education Program with us? We have included an easy checklist for your Home Education Reimbursements. The PDF below is attached. The reimbursements are for this school year only. Receipts must be dated for August 2024 - May 2025. Deadline to submit reimbursements June 1, 2025. For all other information, check out our website here: <https://hbs.blackgold.ca/parents/standards-for-home-education-reimbursement/>



Reimbursement-Claim-Form-Checklist-2019-2020-3.pdf

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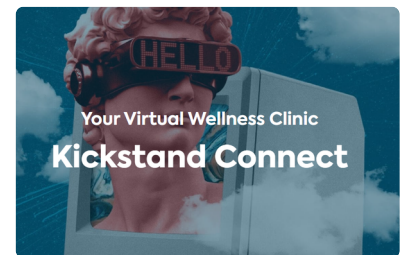
Mental Health & Wellness



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Kickstand

Kickstand Connect is a virtual walk-in clinic for Albertans aged 11-25 (but they said their age range is soft; kids will not be denied if they are older or younger than that). Their services are provided by Alberta-certified providers, and there is NO COST associated with them.



There is NO limit to how many times a kid can access the walk-in services; they will be directed to further support if their needs are more intensive. This program has a TON of connections to other mental health support programs in the province.

<https://mykickstand.ca/connect/>

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



Fall programs Sept 10-Oct 16

Tuesdays

Parented (6 classes)

1-2:30PM

\$160

Created for children to attend with an adult and experience the farm together.

All ages welcome

Siblings under 2 free



Wednesday- Drop off

6-10 yr (6 classes)

4-6:30PM

\$245

Sept 11-Oct 16



Fun with Mini Horses



Cuddle kittens and baby goats



Gardening and Seed Harvesting



Art and Games



Feed chickens and collect eggs

What Does Each Class Include

Start the day off with a group activity and a discovery walk. Explore the hidden treasures in nature while learning about plants and animals. Each class will have special nature theme which we will learn about and explore



Feed the horses, chickens and goats. Play with baby kittens! Brush, braid, paint, bath and learn horsemanship skills with Pete and Mango



To Register email us at: charnesacres@gmail.com
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Community Events

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

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](#)

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

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



Board Highlights

June 19, 2024

June 2024 Board Highlights

The June 19, 2024 Board Highlights are attached and 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. To be environmentally friendly, paper copies are not provided to the schools and School Council Chairs. The minutes of the regular meeting and organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees are also posted to our Division website.

If you cannot access the Board Highlights from the links above, please view them from our website as follows:

- www.blackgold.ca
- Board
- Board Highlights
- Board Highlights - June, 2024 & School News

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↓ Helpful Links ↓

[Come Visit Us](#)

[Home Based School Website](#)

[How to Use Moodle - Tutorial Video](#)

[2024-2025 Division School Calendars](#)

[School Handbook 2023-2024](#)

[Home Education Handbook](#)

[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

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