



## 2020-2021 School Year SUMMER & SEPTEMBER INFORMATION Thorsby Junior Senior High School

### CONTACT PROCEDURES DURING SUMMER

If you need to contact Thorsby Junior Senior High School (TJSHS) for an inquiry or concern during the summer months (June 29 - August 21) please contact Mr. Jon Ganton by email at [jon.ganton@blackgold.ca](mailto:jon.ganton@blackgold.ca). You may also call the school and leave a message at (780) 789-3983.

Please note that email will ensure a prompt reply. Phone messages will be checked periodically through the summer.

If you have a general inquiry for a specific teacher their email address can be found under the 'about' tab on the TJSHS website ([tjshs.blackgold.ca](http://tjshs.blackgold.ca)) under 'staff contacts' (<http://tjshs.blackgold.ca/about/staff-contacts/>).

### REPORT CARDS & POWERSCHOOL

As all marks are available through PowerSchool, and practicing environmental stewardship, TJSHS does not issue paper copies of final report cards. Paper copies of report cards are made available by request. Please email: [jon.ganton@blackgold.ca](mailto:jon.ganton@blackgold.ca) to request a paper copy of your student's report card.

Please note that only authorized contacts on PowerSchool can request a paper copy of a report card.

PowerSchool marks were made available on June 26th, 2020.

<https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html>

Grade 12 Diploma marks are accessible by July 17, 2020 via Alberta Education myPass online at:

<https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass>

Requested report cards will be mailed on August 27, 2020.

### APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR MARKS, CREDITS, REPORT CARDS

In accordance with [Black Gold Administrative Procedure 390](#), appeals for school-awarded marks can be made for up to 10 business (school) days after the mark was issued on June 26th, 2020. Appeals can be made until noon, July 10, 2020 by contacting Mr. Jon Ganton via email at: [jon.ganton@blackgold.ca](mailto:jon.ganton@blackgold.ca).

Diploma Exam mark appeals are made via direct contact with Alberta Education on and after July 17, 2020 when marks are made available on myPass. Appeals for diploma exam marks must be made prior to August 6, 2020.

Credit checks for all grade 10 and 11 students will be completed over the summer and will be mailed out to parents at the end of August.

On July 17, 2020, marks will be available on *myPass* on the Alberta Education website.

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

The TJSHS newsletter can be found on our website: <http://tjshs.blackgold.ca/> under the 'about' tab and 'newsletter'.

Please note that due to COVID-19 there was no June 2020 School Newsletter at Thorsby Junior Senior High School.

## SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN

The Alberta government announced their Re-entry Plan for the 2020-21 school year to allow schools and parents to prepare for learning while putting student and staff safety first. The Alberta government's Scenario 1 is the preferred and likely plan where students return to daily in-school classes in September (near normal with health measures).

Black Gold School Division, has been planning and updating our [BGSD 2020-2021 SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN Information for Parents & Guardians](#) for September, 2020.

Highlights and details of the [Alberta government's Re-entry Plan](#) are available on their website.

## REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS & RETURNING 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](#)

Students who were registered in Black Gold School Division in 2019-2020 and are returning to a Black Gold School in 2020-2021, should NOT complete a new student registration form. Instead, they could complete an online Student Enrolment Verification Form, through their [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). The form will be available prior to September 1, 2020.

All registrations will be processed from August 26-28, confirmation and any additional information needed for new students will be given/requested when registrations are processed.

## CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDING IN-SCHOOL CLASSES OR LEARNING AT HOME

BGSD will distribute a form via SchoolMessenger, for parents to declare which learning experience is best for each of their children and in doing so, make a 5 month (one semester) commitment until the end of January.

## SCHOOL START DATES & TIMES FOR GRADES 1 - 12 STUDENTS

### **First Day of School (Full Day): Staggered Entry as follows:**

Tuesday, September 8: Grades 3, 6, 9, 12 only

Wednesday, September 9: Grades 2, 5, 8, 11 only

Thursday, September 10: Grades 1, 4, 7, 10 only

Friday, September 11: All students attend and regular classes begin.

*(Contact school if child can't attend on above designated day but will begin on September 11.)*

Regular Day Morning Warning Bell: 8:31 am

Regular Day Morning Classes/Instruction Starts: 8:35 am

Regular Lunch Hour Times: 11:30 am - 12:11pm

Regular Day Afternoon Warning Bell: 12:11 pm

Regular Day Afternoon Classes/Instruction Starts: 12:15 pm

Regular Day Dismissal Time: 3:08

Early Dismissal Lunch Hour Times (1st Wednesday October-June): 11:06 am - 11:48 am

Early Dismissal Afternoon Warning Bell (1st Wednesday October-June): 11:48 am

Early Dismissal Afternoon Classes/Instruction Starts (1st Wednesday October-June): 11:52 am

Early Dismissal Time (1st Wednesday October-June): 2:23 pm

## SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

- 2 good quality, large 2.5", 3ring binder (zippered)
- 50 sheets of unlined paper
- 1000 sheets lined paper
- 1 red pen
- dividers (package)
- geometry set (at home)
- scientific calculator(basic for grade 7-9, see below for 10-12)
- change of clothes for gym (non-marking runners, shorts, t-shirt)
- blue or black pens
- HB pencils & eraser
- pencil crayons
- 4 duotangs
- glue stick
- highlighter pen
- pencil case
- 2 coiled scribblers

Needed rarely but nice to have:

- tape
- reinforcements
- scissors
- USB Key (Computer)

Mathematics 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1, 30-2, and 31 students will use a graphing calculator. Please refer to the following list of approved graphing calculators for diploma examinations:

### Texas Instruments

- TIInspire CX Handheld
- TI83 or TI84 Plus (regular or silver edition)
- TI84 Plus Pocket SE or C Silver or CE Edition
- TIInspire (Touchpad or Clickpad)

### Casio

- fx 9750 G Plus
- fx 9750 GII
- fx 9860 GII

### Hewlett Packard

- HP Prime

### Sharp

- EL9900
- EL9600
- EL9600C

The above list can also be viewed and printed from our website at:

<http://tjshs.blackgold.ca/parents/supply-lists/>

## TIMETABLE & TIMETABLE CHANGES

Important dates for all students to register, obtain timetables, course changes:

Due to adjustments in staffing for the distance education school the TJSHS timetable is being changed and updated. A google form for course selections will be sent out as soon as it is available. There will currently be no in-person dates for course selection. If needed students will be able to register in courses on their staggered start date.

If you have any questions please contact the school 780-789-3983 or Mr. Ganton or Mrs. Engler via email at either [jon.ganton@blackgold.ca](mailto:jon.ganton@blackgold.ca) or [kim.engler@blackgold.ca](mailto:kim.engler@blackgold.ca)

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Junior High Students will be given timetables on the first day of school (September 1-3, 2020), Junior High Students/Parents will be emailed a google form to complete on August 28th to pick option classes.

Time table changes will be completed for students upto September 17th, 2020 based on availability.

## CLASSROOM PLACEMENT

Schedules and classroom placements will be given out to students on the first day of school (September 1st for grades 9&12, September 2nd for Grades 11&8, September 3rd for Grades 7&10, 2020).

## TRANSPORTATION & SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

Information available @ [Transportation Information](#).  
Contact Sue @780-955-6034 or Diane @ 780-955-6048 for inquiries.

**2020-2021 School Year information will be posted to our BGSD website in late August.**