

TJSHS Newsletter

January 2020 tjshs@blackgold.ca

Ganton Gazette

Welcome to 2020. I would like to start by saying that I have already failed in my resolution to get these messages to Mrs. Raugust on time. But now back to our regularly scheduled program.

First, in October we had asked for community input to start the creation of a new TJSHS cell phone policy. This policy is available for preview on the following page. This policy will be in effect at the start of the new semester on February 3rd, 2020. I would like to stress that this is likely the first iteration of the policy and that at the end of this school year we will likely reevaluate how the new policy has worked and tweak it a bit. As with all this we at TJSHS are open to feedback, so if you do have any feedback on the policy please feel free to call, email or come in to chat about it.

Second, we are close to $\frac{1}{2}$ way done the year, which means that we are approaching Sr. High final exams and Jr. High midterm exams. Always a stressful time of the year. Students have the aforementioned exams, teachers have their marks being due and missing a curricular week with no buses, our support staff are readying for semester turn over. So please make sure that you are monitoring your students' stress levels and helping whenever/wherever you can.

Third and final, with the weather the way that it was last week, we at TJSHS have started to develop a clear outline of what happens on days where buses have been cancelled by Black Gold. This policy will deal with if new curriculum can be taught, if extra-curricular activities can take place, etc. I hope to have a draft of this for the next newsletter. I can also say that last week was very boring without the majority of our students.

I hope everyone has a great rest of January and beginning of February. As always here is a photo of Jack, Ruby and Lewis taken on Christmas day.



TJSHS Student Personal Electronic Device Policy

This policy will cover personal electronic devices such as but not limited to: Smartphones, iPod touch, tablets, hand-held video consoles, etc.

Rationale:

Student personal electronic usage has become an increasing concern in the classrooms at TJSHS. Some concerns include:

- Students being unable to concentrate on their learning while in possession of their technology.
- The distraction of notifications, text messages, phone calls, social media and games.
- Students leaving class to receive personal phone calls or respond to messages.
- Distraction of the aforementioned alerts to other students in class.
- Photos and videos being secretly taken that breach the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act and Black Gold School Division's acceptable technology use policies.
- The increased frequency in society of cyber-bullying through social media.
- The increased levels of reported student addiction to personal electronic devices.
- The inability to directly correlate personal electronic device usage positively to academic success.

TJSHS Classroom Policies:

- Students will be permitted to use personal electronic devices before school, during breaks, during lunch hour, on school buses and after school.
- A class spare for high school students will be considered a break.
- Students will be expected to securely store their personal electronic devices in their locker prior to arriving at class. They should not be stored in backpacks, purses, pockets etc.
 - In some classrooms storage locations will be provided for example a bin at the front of the room or a wall hanger, students can use these locations, however, the most safe and secure place will be locked in their locker.
- Electronic devices can be brought to class at the request of the teacher for uses in curricular activities.
- In accordance with the Education Act staff members may confiscate a personal electronic device if they are found present in the classroom.
- The Gymnasium, Industrial Arts Lab, Computer Lab, Cosmetology Lab, Foods Lab, Band Room and Library will be considered a classroom

Music while working

- Students will be permitted to bring an MP3 player to class to listen to music while working if previously approved by a staff member. Cellphones, ipod touches, tablets, gaming devices or any device with two-way wireless connectivity options will not be considered MP3 players.

Consequences for inappropriate use of personal electronic devices at TJSHS

1st/2nd offence: The device will be confiscated for the remainder of the class period and returned by the teacher. Incident will be noted in PowerSchool.

3rd/4th offence: The device will be confiscated for the remainder of the day. Device can be picked up by the student from the principal/designate. Student will review with the principal/designate this policy and will be asked to sign the document indicating their understanding of this policy. Incident will be noted in PowerSchool.

5th offence: Should a device need to be confiscated for a fifth time, it will be considered an act of defiance and the student will be suspended from school. At this point the device will also need to be picked up from the office by a parent/guardian of the student. The principal/designate will review this policy with the parent and ask them to sign it to indicate their understanding of this policy.

Note: If a student refuses to hand over a personal electronic device they will be asked to leave class to speak to the principal/designate and it will be treated as an act of defiance.

TJSHS Vision:

By implementing this policy, TJSHS aspires to enhance student learning. TJSHS is committed to being a safe and caring school. It is our goal to provide students with a distraction-free and focused learning environment, one in which students can focus on the task at hand. TJSHS remains committed to better prepare students for the expectations of their future working environments.

Contacting Students During Classtime:

In a situation where a parent/guardian must urgently contact a student during class time, calls are to be directed to the school office (780) 789-3983 who will then relay the information to the student. In the event of a parent needs to talk to a student again please call the school.

Info at a Glance

Contact us:

tjshs@blackgold.ca

PH: 780 789 3983

Fax: 780 789 3024

Box 500

5306 48 Avenue

Thorsby, Alberta T0C 2P0

Breakfast Program

Students at TJSHS are very fortunate to be able to enjoy breakfast every morning. This program would not be able to succeed without donations. We always welcome donations of cheez whiz, cheese strings, real fruit juices, granola bars, yogurt, bread or cash

Add Students' Union on SnapChat and Follow us on Instagram

To See Upcoming Spirit Days,
Fundraisers and More!



Instagram: [ths_studentsunion](#)

Snapchat: [thorsbyschool](#)

Facebook: [Thorsby High](#)

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

TJSHS is partnering with Thorsby Elementary School to offer hot lunches to our students who are interested. The program is run every Tuesday and Friday (or Thursday if the Friday is not a school day) Cost is \$3. Money is collected the day of the hot lunch when orders are collected. Orders are due at 9:00 am and will be delivered to the school at 11:30 am. See the menu in this newsletter.

Hot Lunch Menu

\$3

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Hot dogs	8	9	10 Perogie s/sausage	11
12	13	14 Ham Pizza	15	16	17 Grilled cheese	18
19	20	21 chicken burgers	22	23	24 Pancakes	25
26	27	28 nugget s/nachos	29	30 Taco in a bag	31	

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Hamburgers	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 ham pizza	12	13	14 Taco in a bag	15
16	17	18 chicken burgers	19	20	21 grilled cheese	22
23	24	25 nuggets /nachos	26	27	28	29

End of Semester I and Exam Information – January 2020

Overview:

- Jr. High: Students will write midterm exams in the morning and have study hall in the afternoon. Last day of semester 1 classes is January 24, 2020.
- Sr. High: Last day of semester 1 classes is January 23, 2020. Students can get help on a remedial day on January 24th during their regular class time.

Exam Procedures:

The following will be held in the gymnasium:

A.M.	8:35 – 9:00	Review for upcoming exam
	9:00 – 11:00	Exams written (students can leave after 1 hour)
	11:00 – 11:30	Extra time for exams
	11:30 – 12:15	Lunch.
P.M.	12:15 – 3:08	Study Hall or Make-up Exams

DIPLOMA EXAM INFORMATION:

- English 30-1/30-2 Part A Monday, January 13, 2020 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) Room 105
- Social 30-1/30-2 Part A Tuesday, January 14, 2020 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) Comp Lab
- Math 30-1/30-2 Wednesday, January 22, 2020 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) Band Room
- English 30-1/30-2 Part B Thursday, January 23, 2020 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) Band Room
- Social 30-1/30-2 Part B Friday, January 24, 2020 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) Band Room
- Science 30 Thursday, January 30, 2020 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) Office

EXAM WEEK SCHEDULE (Monday January 27 – Thursday January 30)

AM Monday, January 27 Location: Gym Jr. High (Grade 7,8,9) Math Sr. High English 10-1 (Class/Online) English 10-2 (Class/Online) English 20-1 (Class/Online) English 20-2 (Class/Online) Diploma: None	AM Tuesday, January 28 Location: Gym Jr. High (Grade 7,8,9) English Sr. High Biology 20 (Class/Online) Science 10 (Class/Online) Science 14 (if needed) Science 24 (if needed) Diploma: None	AM Wednesday, January 29 Location: Gym Jr. High (Grade 7,8,9) Social Sr. High Chem 20 Social 20-1 (online) Social 20-2 (online) Math 20-3 (online) Math 30-3 (if needed) Diploma: None	AM Thursday, January 30 Location: Gym Jr. High (Grade 7,8,9) Science Sr. High Missed Exam Make Up Day Diploma: Science 30
PM 12:15 – 3:08 Study Hall Or Make-up exams	PM 12:15 – 3:08 Study Hall Or Make-up exams	PM 12:15 – 3:08 Study Hall Or Make-up exams	PM 12:15 – 3:08 Study Hall Or Make-up exams

Happiness Basics

in Thorsby

This workshop teaches skills to boost overall happiness. Improve mood, vitality and energy levels, boost physical and mental health and reduce pain.

Cost: \$20 for workshop materials

**Taught by a PCN
Mental Health Clinician**

This is a 4-part workshop
January 23, 30, February 6 & 13, 2020
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Arctic Spa Recreation Complex
4901 48 Avenue
Thorsby

A partnership between:



To register, visit
www.lbdpcn.com
or call 780-986-6624

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5 WAYS TO CELEBRATE FLAG DAY

February 15

National Flag of Canada Day

Canada's flag is a symbol that unites all Canadians and reflects our common values — equality, diversity and inclusion.

2 **Create a living flag**

Create a living flag with your classmates and friends! Wear red and white or use coloured paper.



1 **Host a flag ceremony**


Our flag was raised for the first time on **Parliament Hill on February 15, 1965.** Organize your own flag raising ceremony!



3 **Take a selfie**

Use the official filter and post it on social media. Don't forget to use the hashtag: **#CanadianFlag**

Tag your friends!



4 **Do something artistic**

DRAW, PAINT OR SCULPT with the flag theme as inspiration. Create a wall collage, mural or exhibition of your designs!



5 **Wear the colours**

Show off your Canadian pride by wearing our national colours — red and white! Dress up your pets too and tag them on social media using **#CanadianFlag**



DID YOU KNOW?

The maple leaf began to gain popularity as a national symbol in the 19th century.

February 15 was declared National Flag of Canada Day in 1996.

The official colours of Canada red and white — were declared by King George V in 1921.

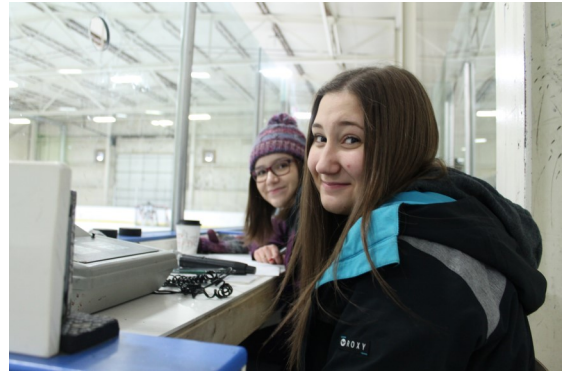


More information on the National Flag of Canada:
canada.ca/flagday

Hockey Game



Hockey Game







The PTA would like to extend a huge Thank You to all of our donators to the Silent Auction Fund-raiser at the Evening of the Arts. \$1954 was raised to help support our school.

5 Star Propane	Kollbrook Esso
6S Bale Hauling/Stern Family	Lloyd Chung - Reset Wellness
Ag Exchange Group—Nalaina Anderson	Mary Kay - Cara Knoch
Ang's Decals	Mikes Homes
Arctic Spas Recreation Centre	Navigate Consulting
ATB	Rabbit Hill
Bangz	Rack 'em Beauty Bar
Blue Falls Manufacturing	Remax - Darcy Powlik
BMR Greenhouse	Ruhr Valley Lumber
C'est la Vie	Sam's Balloons
CE Media	Scentsy - Chantelle Kuny
Cheryl Raugust	Shalanne Herzog
Coffee Pucks and Poutine	Silver Icing - Collette Benbow
Communities in Bloom	S'mac That Yarn
Co-operators	Spruc'd Up Creations
Country Cuts	Stampin' Up - Cynthia McLachlin
Creative Force	Thorsby Electric
Debbie Pilon	Thorsby Family Foods/Village Supermarket
Dyck Insurance Agency	Thorsby High School Staff
Empowered Fitness	Thorsby Hotel
Epicure - Katherine Moore	Thorsby Target
Esthetics Avenue	Thirty - one Bags - Kathy Mudry
Grade 9 Shop Class	Town Of Thorsby
Guardian Drugs	Tupperware—Bev Doherty
HP Electric	Twisted Lime Liquor Co.
Hair by Tammy	Two Buds Floral Artistry
JimCan	You Fancy, Huh Jewelry
Just 4U Crafts	Young Living - Kim Pohlka
Kayla Sarvas - Rodan Fields	Younique - Maureen Newman
Keltic Knot	
Kim Chung	

January 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu



Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Back to School</i>	7	8 <i>Early dismissal</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <i>Ski Day</i>	23 <i>Last day of classes for Seniors</i>	24 <i>Optional Study Day</i>	25
26	27 <i>Jr Math</i>	28 <i>Jr English</i>	29 <i>Jr Social</i>	30 <i>Jr Science</i>	31 <i>No School PD Day</i>	

February 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3	4	5 <i>Early Dismissal</i>	6 <i>Teachers Convention</i>	7 <i>Teachers Convention</i>	8
9	10	11 <i>PTA Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	12 <i>Ski club</i>	13	14 	15 <i>Flag Day</i> 
16	17 <i>Family Day No School</i>	18	19	20 <i>Ski club</i>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

REVISED Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details	
AUGUST 2019	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	2	0	August 29 & 30 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
SEPTEMBER 2019	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	September 2 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) September 3 - School Commencement - FULL Day September 20 - PD Day: School-Based (No Students); (Morning) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day: School-Based
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
OCTOBER 2019	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	October 2 - Early Dismissal October 14 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed) October 21 - PD Day: School-Based & Support Staff (No Students) October 21 - Federal Election - Polling Sites at BGRD Schools
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
NOVEMBER 2019	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	November 6 - Early Dismissal November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed) November 12 - Mid-Term Break (Schools Closed) November 13 - PD Day: ATA (No Students)
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
DECEMBER 2019	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	15	14	December 4 - Early Dismissal December 6 - PD Day: Combined (No Students) December 23 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
JANUARY 2020	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	January 1 - 3 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed) January 6 - School Resumes January 8 - Early Dismissal Diploma Exam Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Administrative Window January 31 - PD Day: ATA (No Students)
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
Semester 1: August 23, 2019 - January 31, 2020								98	91	(Semester 2 - Commences February 3, 2020)
FEBRUARY 2020	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	February 3 - Semester 2 Commences February 5 - Early Dismissal February 6 & 7 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 17 - Family Day (Schools Closed)
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
MARCH 2020	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	March 4 - Early Dismissal March 20 - PD Day: Combined (No Students) March 30 & 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
APRIL 2020	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	16	April 1 - 3 - Spring Break (Schools Closed) April 8 - Early Dismissal April 10 - Good Friday (Schools Closed) April 13 - Mid-Term Break/Easter Monday (Schools Closed) April 24 - PD Day: Combined (No Students)
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	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
MAY 2020	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	May 6 - Early Dismissal Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Administrative Window May 15 - PD Day: School-Based (No Students) May 18 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
JUNE 2020	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	20	June 3 - Early Dismissal Diploma Exam Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Administrative Window Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window June 26 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam & PAT Admin Window June 29 & 30 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
Semester 2: February 3 - June 30, 2020								98	91	(Semester 2 - Commences February 3, 2020)
TOTAL - Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students								196	182	(Aug-Dec/19: 78-T & 72-S; Jan-June/20: 118-T & 110-S)

REVISION APPROVED - June 19, 2019

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER 2020	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	18	November 4 - Early Dismissal November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed) November 12 & 13 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed) Diploma Exam
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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
DECEMBER 2020	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	14	13	December 2 - Early Dismissal December 4 - PD Day: Combined (No Students) December 21 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
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JANUARY 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	January 1 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed) January 4 - School Resumes January 6 - Early Dismissal January 29 - PD Day: ATA (No Students) Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Diploma Exam
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
FEBRUARY 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	Semester 1: August 27, 2020 - January 29, 2021 Semester 2: Commences February 1, 2021 February 1 - Semester 2 Commences February 3 - Early Dismissal February 4 & 5 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 15 - Family Day (Schools Closed)
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MAY 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	May 5 - Early Dismissal May 20 - PD Day: School-Based (No Students) May 21 - PD Day: ATA (No Students) May 24 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
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JUNE 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	19	June 2 - Early Dismissal June 25 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam June 28 - Teacher Workday with Diploma Exam June 28 & 29 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) National Indigenous Peoples Day (Regular Classes Scheduled) Diploma Exam Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Administrative Window Semester 2: Commences February 1, 2021
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
Semester 2: February 1 - June 29, 2021								99	91	(Aug-Dec/20: 76-T & 71-S; Jan-June/21: 119-T & 110-S)
TOTAL - Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students								195	181	

APPROVED - January 8, 2020

School Premises Insurance

School Premises

Coverage begins when the Insured Person leaves their residence to travel to school and ends upon arrival at their residence after school. Coverage also applies during approved and supervised school trips/activities. The full School Premises coverage wording is:

Injury sustained by the Insured Person while:

- (a) in or on school buildings or premises by reason of attending classes on any regular school day;
- (b) in attendance at or participating in any school activity approved and supervised by proper school authority;
- (c) Travelling Directly to or from any regularly scheduled and approved school activity under the direction or supervision of a proper school authority;
- (d) Travelling Directly to or from the Insured Person's Residence and school for the purpose of attending classes or participating in any school sponsored activity.

"Travelling Directly" is defined as "any travel that would take the Insured Person directly to or from his Residence and the school along the most normal and reasonable route without delay or stopover."