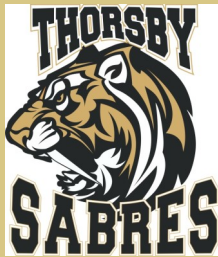


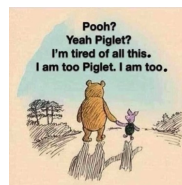
TJSHS Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2020



Ganton Gazette



Did anyone else have a mini heart attack when they received an email from Black Gold Division Office yesterday with the attachment heading “Scenario 2 Planning - COVID”? I know that I sure did, however, I know that sentiment behind the email was to try and snap us out of the pandemic fatigue that we are all experiencing that is now driving up our Alberta wide cases. We have seen in Black Gold and throughout the world, that people are tired of the restrictions that are being placed on our lives.

We’ve seen this creeping into the school as well, where we are having teachers reporting that they are spending too much time with constant reminders for students to: wear their masks properly, making sure they are masked when they are turning to talk, wearing their mask if they get up to hand something in, etc. It is to the point where we are determining if it would be better to just have a policy that students should wear their masks at all times when they are inside the building. It is also the main hesitation in opening other aspects, like lockers or changerooms, in the school as if we are currently struggling with a basic item like mask wearing, why would we compound that with another possible source of issue in hallway congestion or enclosed contact space?

The issues that we have with this and all the other Covid related protocols being broken is the idea of what would happen if a student or students tested positive for COVID and it was determined that they could have shed the virus at school. Based on our current guidelines anyone that was in the room with the student for 15 minutes or more, mask or no mask would legally be required to isolate for 14 days from the time of last contact. So say that a family with a student in grade 7 and student in grade 10 that was taking English 10-1, Math 10C. Shop, CALM and P.E. both tested positive the entire grade 7 class as well as their teachers (Mrs. Engler, Ms. Gramlich, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Sauer, Mr. Feil) and the entire grade 10 class, the entire Shop class and their teachers (Mrs. van Steenis, Mr. Proc, Ms. Wohlgemuth, Mr. Van Horn) would all need to isolate as well. That would leave 2 teaching staff members (Mr. Hodges and Mr. Ganton) still standing for the other 4 grades. Not an ideal scenario and one that we should try to avoid at all costs.



Ganton Gazette, Continued

I believe that the best place for students to be is in school during this time. However, as outlined above, if we let COVID get out of control in the province or Thorsby that will likely not be an option. That is what the Division was trying to get across in that email to the parents. No matter what your belief is on the Pandemic we are all in this together either with your children in the building, or teaching them from home.

Until December, please safely enjoy the time we have off for Remembrance Day and our midterm break. Here is a picture of Jack, Ruby and Lewis being dropped off at daycare ready to enjoy Halloween. As Bethany said this picture is very 2020 (aka not the best)



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Remember, there is no school for students November 11, 12 and 13. Enjoy your Midterm break!



Find us on Social Media!

Look for **Thorsby Junior Senior High School** on Facebook! We've posted grad pictures and videos along with more cool things!



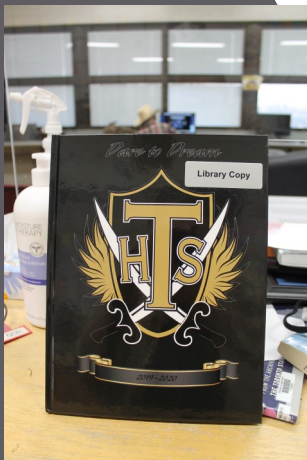
Thorsby Student Union is also on Instagram and Snapchat.

Instagram: **ths_studentsunion**

Snapchat: **thorsbyschool**



Watch for details on upcoming events happening at the high school!



2019-2020 Yearbook

Do you have your 2019-2020 yearbook yet? Mrs. McLeod has them in the office. Cost is \$50. Get yours today!

Meet Ms Banks



My name is Danielle Banks and I joined the TJSHS October 6th of this year. I have been an EA with the Black Gold School board since 2014 and was previously working at TES. I have a 3 year old daughter. Together we enjoyed doing lots of camping this summer and going for rides in the side by side. I look forward to getting to know everybody better.



Grad 2021 News

Plans for Grad are in full swing! Congratulations to our Grad President, McKinlee Coles.

Here are a few things to keep in mind

November 10: Jostens will be coming to the school so you can select and order your Grad rings. There will be an online form to access later to fill out all your personal information and bring it on selection day. There will be some Covid restrictions during their visit.

Poinsettia Sales: Orders are being taken until November 17. Delivery will take place on December 1.

November 23: Grad caps have been ordered for Nov. 23rd Grad pictures. Each student will receive his/her cap in advance and be expected to bring it to the photo session. Also, Lifetouch has suggested boys wear a collared shirt and tie and girls wear an open neck shirt/dress. Other props, such as gowns, stoles, scrolls and roses, will be at the Grad's discretion to use, but will be sanitized between sessions by the Lifetouch staff. As per usual, Grads will sanitize before and after photos to ensure Covid protocols are followed on our end too. Please note that Lifetouch will not be able to group photos at this time, just individual photos. We will try and do group photos at our Grad event at the end of the year. Also, please limit your attire change to only one and only bring a small number of props if you are planning to bring something. (i.e. changing to your basketball jersey and bring a basketball with you)

Post Secondary and Career Planning Bulletin Board: Check out the Bulletin board across from the Library. It is full of info you might need to start planning your life beyond TJSHS.



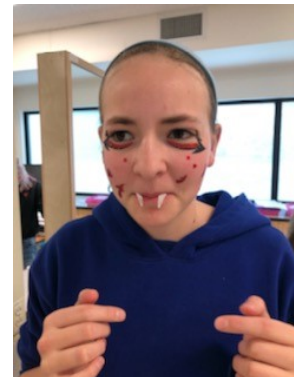
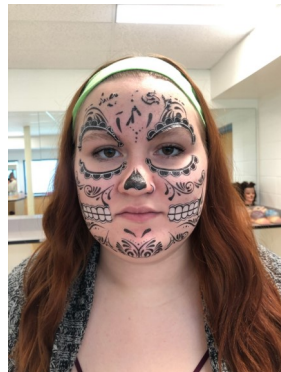
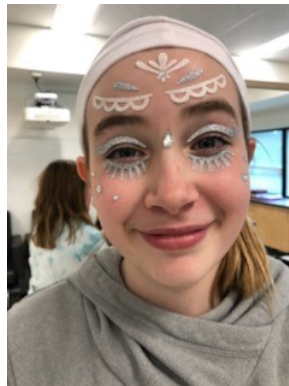
Grad Fundraiser: Pointsettias



The grads are once again selling beautiful pointsettias and other seasonal greenery as part of their fundraising campaign. Ask any of our grads for an order form or go to:

<https://tjshs.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home> for Covid safe ordering. Orders will be taken until November 17 and will be available for pick up on December 1.

Junior and Senior Cos





Halloween







Sign out a Family Pass to the
Leduc Recreation Centre at the office!

Come get it from
the Library!



How does the pass work?

- The LRC Family Pass is valid for 2 adults and all children living in the same household.
- Sign out your LRC Family Pass for FREE from the office.
- This pass will provide you and your family with access to all of the amenities at the LRC. Enjoy the Aquatic Centre, Field Houses, Arenas, Fitness Centre and Indoor Track.
- Passes are valid for a one week time period.
- After your one week rental, return the LRC Family Pass back to the office for other families to enjoy.



Due to COVID-19, LRC amenities must be booked in advance through the LiveLeduc App or by calling 780-980-7120.
For more information, go to leduc.ca/re-opening.



[@leduc recreation centre](https://leduc.ca/LRC)



ACTIVE 8's & 9's

Enjoy your
FREE
MEMBERSHIP*
to the LRC and
Alexandra Outdoor Pool.

October 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021

Applicable to 2020/2021 Grade 8 and Grade 9 students that live or go to school in the City of Leduc or Leduc County.

Let's get moving!

Get the latest information about what is happening at the LRC, receive special offers and discounts and be in the know about contests and giveaways.

leduc.ca/lrc  [@educrecreationcentre](https://www.facebook.com/educrecreationcentre)

*Applicable only to residents who pay municipal taxes to the City of Leduc and Leduc County.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for the Active 8's and 9's membership?

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What schools are within the City of Leduc and Leduc County?

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Black Gold Outreach | Father Leduc Catholic School |
| Caledonia Park | New Sarepta Community High |
| Calmar Secondary | Thorsby Junior/High |
| Christ the King | Warburg Hutterite Colony |
| Covenant Christian | Warburg School |
| Ecole Leduc Junior High | West Haven School |

How long is the membership valid for?

October 1 – August 31, 2021

What is the cost for the Active 8's and 9's membership?

FREE for those Grade 8 and Grade 9 students that live or go to school in the City of Leduc or Leduc County.

When can I register for the membership?

Starting September 1 you can visit Guest Services to register so you can get moving October 1.

What facilities can you access with the membership?

The LRC and Alexandra Outdoor Pool.

This opportunity is funded by the City of Leduc through tax support and Leduc County through the financial contribution, made by them on behalf of their residents, for recreational opportunities offered in Leduc via the Cost Sharing Agreement we have in place.





RE/MAX of Western Canada **QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE 2021**

Who can participate?

Grade 12 students attending high school from September 2020 to June 2021.

Grade 12 students may not have participated in graduation commencement ceremonies in the past.

Applicants must be a resident of one of the following provinces/territories:

- British Columbia
- Alberta
- Saskatchewan
- Manitoba
- Yukon Territory
- Northwest Territory

What is required?

Have you led a group of volunteers, raised funds for a worthwhile cause, helped special needs children or cared for seniors? Then we want to hear from you!

Submit your essay (max. 1,250 words) which conveys your motivation, leadership and communication skills in connection with your community efforts.

Prizes?

- 16 winning essays will receive \$1,000 each! One of these recipient's will also receive a flight for two in the RE/MAX Hot Air Balloon*
- Bursary winners will be notified in April 2021
- All winners will be posted on remax.ca

*from the closest major city

ATTENTION GRADE 12 STUDENTS!

You could win one of **sixteen \$1,000 bursaries** and a chance to win a **RE/MAX Hot Air Balloon ride for two!**

OPENS

September 14, 2020

DEADLINE

March 15, 2021

Winners will be notified in **April 2021** and posted on remax.ca!

ENTER ONLINE

www.remax.ca

Go to: About RE/MAX > In The Community > Quest for Excellence

Note: All entries become the property of RE/MAX of Western Canada. Photos and names of winners may be used in print publications and media.



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On the customizing screen, choose your shirt colour, your design, and your size

Click on the different views underneath the product picture to get a look at the arms and back of the product

To add personalizations:

- click a view of either the arm or back of the product
- check off one of the check boxes depending on whether you want your name or number on the product
- type your name or number into the text box

If you want to add multiple items to your order, click the red box that says *Add Multiple Sizes* and fill out the quantity boxes.

Once you have your order put together, click the blue BUY button and follow the instructions on the next screen.

Feel free to contact Cheryl Raugust or Lorelei McLeod at the school, 780-789-3983

Thorsby Christmas Elves Program

Note: There will be no Thorsby Fireman's Food Drive this Year. However, the Thorsby Fire Department is generously working together with Christmas Elves and FCSS and the Leduc and District Food Bank to put together the 2020 Hampers??

Please have gift cards, baskets, and family items to me by no later than Dec. 3rd. (I know this is early, but I need time to assemble and seal for 3 days before giving to the homes, and then allow them time to shop for the groceries and Toys they need for Christmas)

I will be purchasing gift cards from CDN Tire in Leduc (to help Santa out) Leduc CDN Tire is offering me a 20% discount for Gift Card.
Not for individual purchases of gift cards

Registration: Thursday, November 12- Thursday, December 3rd

Individuals or families need to register themselves as we do need some details.

List of Items for Donations to Program

- **Mitts and Socks and PJs, Bunny Hugs (Hoodies)**
- **Gift Cards from Local Businesses (Groceries, Ranchland, Restaurant, Hardware, Drugstore, Massage Therapists, Hair and Nail Salons, Gas Stations and Mechanic shops for oil changes, or any other local businesses.)**
- **Large bags of Flour and Sugar**
- **Diapers and wipes**
- **Gift cards from CDN Tire, No Frills, Giant Tiger and Walmart**
- **Cash Donations to Purchase Items and Gift Cards for the Hampers**

Teenage Gift Card and Gift Ideas.....

- Thorsby Drug store
- Ardene's, Walmart, Giant Tiger, Winners..
- Hoodies, Socks, PJs (please pkg in clear plastic bag and label with sizes)
- Local Hair salons and Manicures

Children Gift Ideas.....

- Gift Card for Toys
- PJ Various sizes
- Legos
- Socks, Mitts and Hood

Senior
Christmas
Hamper
\$25 Gift
Cards from
Thorsby
Restaurants
and
Drugstore

Baby and Toddlers Donations.....

- Diapers and Wipes
- Pullups
- PJs
- Laugh and Learn Various Toys if sealed in clear bags.
- CDN Tire gift Card for Toy

If you or your organization is interested in assembling a basket with the ingredients for baking, please contact FCSS for the list of ingredients and instructions.

Questions or to Register call Patti @ 780-789-4004 or email fcss@thorsby.ca

Caregiver Education Team Sessions

Sessions at a Glance:

Caregiver Education Sessions

Breaking the Cycle of Anxiety:

A Step by Step Approach
Tuesday, November 3
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Parenting Strategies that Promote Positive Mental Health

Thursday, November 12 or
Wednesday, November 18
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Mindfulness: Benefits for the Whole Family

Thursday, November 19 or
Wednesday, November 25
6:00 - 7:30 pm

More than Just a Bad Day: Understanding Depression and Self-Injury

Thursday, November 26
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Lunch & Learn Webinars

Sleep and Your Family's Mental Health – Part 1

Monday, November 2
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Sleep and Your Family's Mental Health – Part 2

Monday, November 9
12:00 – 1:00 pm

ADHD: An Introduction

Monday, November 16
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Anxiety: An Introduction

Monday, November 23
12:00 – 1:00 pm

SEEDS Sessions

Managing Meltdowns and Shutdowns

Thursday, November 5
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Resiliency in the Face of Stress and Anxiety

This 6-session group will be offered on

Tuesday evenings from

November 10 –

December 15

from **6:00-8:00 pm**;

participants are expected to attend all six sessions.

** Registrations are limited for this six session group. Register by Friday, November 6.*



Mental Health Foundation



Children, Youth & Families Addiction & Mental Health

For more information or to register, visit www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

November 2020

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Early Dismissal</i> | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 <i>Virtual Remembrance Day Service</i> | 11  <i>No School</i> | 12 <i>No School Mid term break</i> | 13 <i>No School Mid term break</i> | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 <i>Picture Day</i> | 20 | 21 |
| Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews | | | | | | |
| 22 | 23  <i>Grad Pictures</i> | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | November 17: Grad Poinsettia orders due | |  | | |

December 2020

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| 20 | December 21-January 3 Christmas Break Classes Resume January 4 | | | | | 26 |
| 27 | | | | | | |

