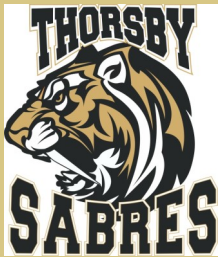


# TJSHS Newsletter



JANUARY 2021



## Ganton Gazette

Well we are finally back into full swing after our week of At-Home Learning after Christmas break. It was exciting to welcome the students back after their month long absence while we did our part to bend the curve.

As has been the case for the past 10 years January 28th marks Bell's Let's Talk day to raise awareness around the issues of mental health. I believe that this year more than most this is an important conversation to have. With everything that is going on in the world right now it is easy to see why anyone's mental health might be at an all-time low.

It is important to keep those lines of communication open and to make sure that the stigma around mental health is lessened every day of every year. Everyone will deal with mental health differently, but the overall goal should not be to hide the struggle and instead seek the appropriate help. Today's world is a busy one and we need to make sure to take care of ourselves and our loved ones. As the old African proverb says, "it takes a village to raise a child", so can be true with dealing with mental health issues, everyone needs to help.

I know that the staff at THS are excited about 2021, I mean it can't be worse than the previous year... right???

But in all seriousness, I hope that all of our THS families had a great Christmas break and here's looking forward to a more prosperous 2021.

As always here is a picture of Jack, Ruby and Lewis celebrating Lew's third birthday at the park.





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Look for **Thorsby Junior Senior High School** on Facebook!



Thorsby Student Union is also on Instagram and Snapchat.

Instagram: **ths\_studentsunion**

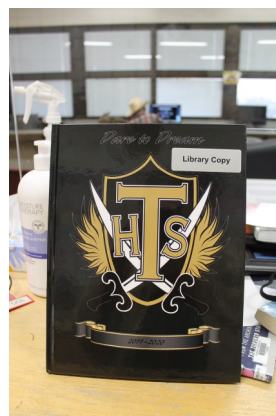
Snapchat: **thorsbyschool**



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!





# **TJSHS Community Challenge**

**When:**  
**January**

**Challenge:**  
**"Art Contest"**

**Send us a picture of a piece of artwork that you created. You are welcome to hand in the real piece of art as well.**

**Who can enter?**

**Anyone in the Thorsby Community (students, parents, staff, community members, and even the elementary school)**

**How to enter:**

**Send the picture to Mr. Feil at**

**[jonah.feil@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:jonah.feil@gshare.blackgold.ca)**

**\*Mr. Feil and Mr. Ganton will judge the challenge. Winner will be announced in our next newsletter\*\***

# TJSHS Community Challenge

## Past Challenge

**For our first challenge, we had individuals send in pictures of themselves performing a squat using anything but weights. We had some funny pictures come in, but Noah S. took top spot. As you can see below he is holding a watermelon, a dartboard, and wearing skis. Congratulations Noah!**





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](https://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](http://leduc.ca/lrc)   @educerecreationcentre

\*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?

Applicable to 2020/2021 Grade 8 and Grade 9 students that live or go to school in the City of Leduc or Leduc County. Applicable only to residents who pay municipal taxes to the City of Leduc and Leduc County.

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

Black Gold Outreach  
Caledonia Park  
Calmar Secondary  
Christ the King  
Covenant Christian  
Ecole Leduc Junior High

Father Leduc Catholic School  
New Sarepta Community High  
Thorsby Junior/High  
Warburg Hutterite Colony  
Warburg School  
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](http://remax.ca)!

## ENTER ONLINE

[www.remax.ca](http://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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Each RE/MAX office is independently owned and operated.

# TJSHS

## Customize Your Spirit Wear

**Get it delivered to you house !**

**Free Shipping on orders over \$75**

**ORDER YOUR  
SPIRIT WEAR  
ONLINE!**

**SHOP NOW**



Go to: [thorsbyjuniorseniorhighschool.entripyshops.com](http://thorsbyjuniorseniorhighschool.entripyshops.com)

Click on "+Register"

Fill out your information and click "Register"

Click on the item you want to buy to be brought to the customizing screen

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:

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

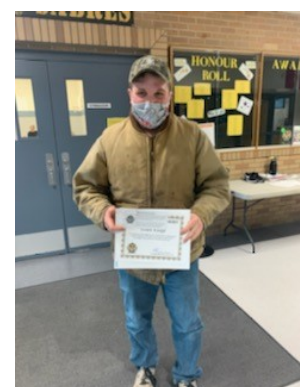
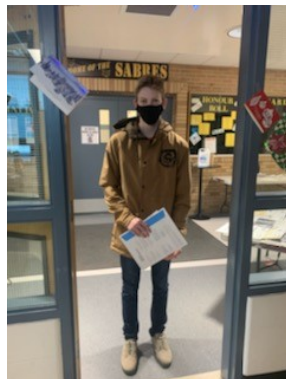
If you want to add multiple items to your order, click the red box that says *Add Multiple Sizes* and fill out the quantity boxes.

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

# Awards

Because of Covid, we weren't able to have our traditional Awards ceremony. We were able to catch a few of our award winners when they came to the school in December. Check out the list of all of the awards in this newsletter!



# Scholarship and Award Recipients

## Celebrating Student Success

### Awards Donated by Black Gold School Division

Grade 7 Highest Average	Jessie Bonik
Grade 8 Highest Average	Delry Valesquez
Grade 9 Highest Average	Anna Scheetz
Grade 12 Highest Average—Matriculation	Keira Slusarczyk
Grade 12 Highest Average—General	Andrew Jacob
CTS Studies Scholarship	Wyatt Malka
Athletic Scholarship—Male	Carson Marquardt
Athletic Scholarship—Female	Britt Scholten
Industrial Arts Scholarship	Cole Pederson
Foods Scholarship	Tiffany Robson
	Ashton Pawlick
Fine Arts Scholarship—Male	Rhys Primus
Fine Arts Scholarship—Female	Shivani Pastuszek
Citizenship Scholarship—Male	Hayden Rhody
Citizenship Scholarship—Female	Kristina Wurban

### Awards Donated by Individuals and Community Associations

Chad Brod Memorial Award—donated by the Brod Family	Nicholas Depeel
Volunteer Award—donated by Thorsby Lions Club	Emma Kavanagh
Gr. 10 Highest Average—donated by Thorsby Legion	Kennedy Crow
Ken Branton Post Secondary	Keira Slusarczyk
John Stultz Memorial Award	Keira Slusarczyk
Chancellery of Canadian order of Decoration	Keira Slusarczyk



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Highest Social 30-donated by John Elson	Keira Slusarczyk
Stan Zurek Chemistry Award	Ethan Chung
Stan Zurek Science Award	Keira Slusarczyk
Tony and Pat Lefsrud English 30	Keira Slusarczyk
Carl Stultz Memorial—10-1 English	Kennedy Crow
Carl Stultz Memorial—10-2 English	Austin Rung
Carl Stultz Memorial—20-1 English	Ethan Chung
Carl Stultz Memorial—20-2 English	Destiny Yawney
Carl Stultz Memorial—30-1 English	Keira Slusarczyk
Carl Stultz Memorial—30-2 English	Allissa Wurban
Gillis-Magnan Memorial— Male	Kacey Dempster
Gillis-Magnan Memorial—Female	Britt Scholten
Thorsby Historical Award—Gr. 7	Jessie Bonik
Thorsby Historical Award—Gr. 8	Kassidy Crow
Thorsby Historical Award—Gr. 9	Anna Scheetz
Thorsby Historical Award—Highest Gr. 10 General	Austin Rung
Thorsby Historical Award—Highest Gr. 10 General-2nd place	Bryce Yawney
Thorsby Historical Award—Highest Gr. 12 General	Andrew Jacob
Thorsby Historical Award—Highest Gr. 12 General- 2nd Place	Kurt Baumann
Thorsby Historical Award for Post Secondary	Brook Pawlick
Thorsby & District Curling Club Phys ed Award Gr. 7	Jessie Bonik
Gr. 7	Josh Beauchamp
Gr. 8	Marley Stefure
Gr. 8	Austin Walker
Gr. 9	Morgan Lysgaard
Gr. 10	Alex Mudry
Gr. 10	Wyatt Malka

## Awards Donated by Individuals and Community Associations

John Elson Coach's Award— Male

Wyatt Abel

John Elson's Coach's Award—Female

Kennedy Crow

## TJSHS School Sponsored Awards

Denise Seib Memorial Award

Gr. 7

Molly Wagar

Gr. 8

Sierra Strawberry

Gr. 9

Kayden Filipic

Gr. 10

Calla Pederson

Gr. 11

Nicholas Depeel

Gr. 12

Brayden O'Reilly

Grade 7 Award—donated by THS Students Union

Jessie Bonik

Grade 8 Award

Delry Velasquez

THS Students Union Award

Calla Pederson

Yearbook Award

Calla Pederson

THS Art Award—donated by Mrs. Samantha Sauer

Coral Koltusky

Kristina Wurban

Secretaries' Choice Award

Ian Scheetz

Andrew Jacob

Congratulations to all of the award winners! Check for Honor Roll and Athletic Awards in the February Newsletter





## Alberta Blue Cross for seniors Leduc County FCSS telephone program

Would you like to learn more about what your medical coverage looks like after you turn 65? In this session, we will cover the basics of the **Alberta Blue Cross for Seniors – or Group 66 Coverage**.

We will discuss eligibility criteria, costs covered under the plan, certain instances that you may have to send in proof of age to the program, and a few general questions that people often tend to have. There will be approximately 20 minutes for questions and answers at the end of the session.

*Open to adults 50+ residing within Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg, New Sarepta and rural Leduc County. No referral necessary.*

- ▶ **Date:** Jan. 13, 2021
- ▶ **Time:** 6 to 7 p.m.
- ▶ **Spaces available:** minimum of two registrants, maximum of 15
- ▶ **Technology needed:** participants will require phone access
- ▶ **Register:** please register by Jan. 6 by contacting Carla at **780-955-4554** or [carla@leduc-county.com](mailto:carla@leduc-county.com).





Canada Revenue  
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## PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST FRAUD

Participate in an online  
information session to find out  
about Canada Revenue  
Agency's how to *Slam the Scam*.

Nicole Frandsen and Sandra Paul, Outreach Officers from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), will share information on both CRA and COVID-19 scams, how to recognize them, examples of fraudulent communications and will answer any questions you might have.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 26 at 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** online participation

**REGISTER:** please contact Lucille to receive the invitation link to the session:

[Lucille@leduc-county.com](mailto:Lucille@leduc-county.com) or 780-770-9254.



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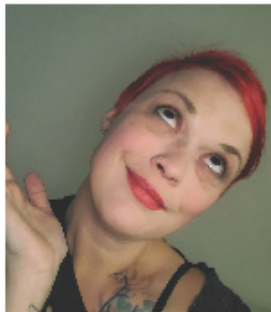
## Blue Monday ONLINE LIVE VARIETY SHOW!

**Blue Monday** is known as the most depressing day of the year. It's dark, it's cold and the credit card bills from holiday spending are arriving. To mark Blue Monday, Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is hosting a live variety show!

Join artists, poets and storytellers for an ode to both the struggle and the hope that we need in our darkest hours. Through powerful and inspiring performances, we will honour the melancholy and welcome the new year with optimism and anticipation.

*This event is open to residents of Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg, New Sarepta and rural Leduc County.*

### FEATURING



**Erin Dingle,**  
Performance Poet



**Mary Ann Lippiat,**  
Author and Storyteller



**Wendy Edey, Storyteller**  
and Counselling Psychologist

- **Date:** Jan. 18, 2021
- **Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Spaces available:** minimum of 10 registrants, maximum of 100
- **Technology needed:** internet access by computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone
- **Register:** contact Eugena at [780-955-6421](tel:780-955-6421) or [eugena@leduc-county.com](mailto:eugena@leduc-county.com).





## Financial Literacy

### Join Leduc County FCSS for four webinars

In January and February, Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), in partnership with The Credit Counselling Society, is hosting four webinars focused on financial literacy.

#### HOLIDAY MONEY HANGOVER

The party's over, the damage is done and it's hard to remember exactly what happened. This workshop is designed to help you get rid of holiday debt and encourage positive actions so it is never an issue again.

- ▶ **Date:** Jan. 12, 2021
- ▶ **Time:** 1 to 2 p.m.
- ▶ **Spaces available:** minimum of five registrants, maximum of 20
- ▶ **Register:** contact Lucille at 780-770-9254 or [Lucille@leduc-county.com](mailto:Lucille@leduc-county.com). A link will be sent to registered participants prior to the webinar.

#### ORGANIZING YOUR FINANCES IN ONE MONTH

Participants will learn what important documents they need to have, how to store them securely and how to create a "just in case something happens to me" sheet so their loved ones can take care of their affairs.

- ▶ **Date:** Jan. 19, 2021
- ▶ **Time:** 1 to 2 p.m.
- ▶ **Spaces available:** minimum of five registrants, maximum of 20
- ▶ **Register:** contact Lucille at 780-770-9254 or [Lucille@leduc-county.com](mailto:Lucille@leduc-county.com). A link will be sent to registered participants prior to the webinar.

#### INVESTMENT BASICS: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MONEY

Participants will learn about basic investments, including RRSPs, TFSA's and RESP's. They will also learn about investment risks, fees and how to look for investment specialists. *This workshop is intended to provide resources and definitions, not investment advice.*

- ▶ **Date:** Feb. 9, 2021
- ▶ **Time:** 1 to 2 p.m.
- ▶ **Spaces available:** minimum of five registrants, maximum of 20
- ▶ **Register:** contact Lucille at 780-770-9254 or [Lucille@leduc-county.com](mailto:Lucille@leduc-county.com). A link will be sent to registered participants prior to the webinar.

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT CREDIT

Participants will learn about credit myths and facts about credit reports, credit ratings and credit scores along with strategies on how to protect or repair their credit.

- ▶ **Date:** Feb. 16, 2021
- ▶ **Time:** 1 to 2 p.m.
- ▶ **Spaces available:** minimum of five registrants, maximum of 20
- ▶ **Register:** contact Lucille at 780-770-9254 or [Lucille@leduc-county.com](mailto:Lucille@leduc-county.com). A link will be sent to registered participants prior to the webinar.

# January 2021

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10	11 <i>In school classes resume</i>	12 <i>PTA Meeting</i>	13	14 <i>Retakes</i>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 <b>Last day SR High Classes</b>	22 <b>Last day JR High Classes</b>	23
24	25 <b>Jr High Math Midterm</b>	26 <b>Jr. High English Midterm</b>	27 <b>Jr High Social Midterm</b>	28 <b>Jr. High Science Midterm</b>	29 No School PD Day	30
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# February 2021

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