

Principal's Message

TJSHS Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2021



From the desk of Mr. Dykstra

Today, digital report cards will be sent to parents and guardians. While there is a tendency to focus on the percentage grade, this is just a number that reflects the learning that has occurred. When discussing a report card with your child, rather than focusing on the mark, consider focusing on the learning process, what they have learned, and what supports they may need.

What do I mean by the learning process? In writing this I considered using the term effort, but I don't usually find this overly helpful. Most students who have some academic challenges don't just need to work harder. The reason they sometimes struggle is that the type of effort they put in hasn't produced the desired results. The student doesn't need to put in more of the same effort, they need to look at their learning process. Are they engaged in class? Are they trying to understand the material as they go? Are they asking questions? Do they know what questions to ask? Are they practicing the skills they are learning? Have they learned something or has school become a process of getting tasks done to earn a number?

This leads to the second point. Instead of focusing discussions on the mark on PowerSchool, try to shift these discussions to what your child has learned. If they can't articulate significant learning then the mark is likely a reflection of this. I think, too often, students are seeing school as a process of completing tasks to earn a grade, rather than focusing on what they are learning. If a student is driven by learning skills and acquiring knowledge then the grades will begin to reflect this.

Finally, if your child is struggling with the learning process and school has become a game of completing tasks to earn a mark, then what supports do they need? This can be challenging to figure out. Sometimes it is a psychological shift that needs to occur, sometimes there are skills missed in the past that are creating challenges, and sometimes there are more significant learning challenges that need to be explored.

If you take some time to discuss your child's learning with them, and you gain an understanding of any supports that may assist them, please contact your child's teacher. Our goal is that each student achieves success in their learning, and working as a team is one of the best ways to do this. A great time to do this is at parent-teacher conferences which are coming up later this month. This is a good opportunity to schedule a time to talk to the teachers to work together to support your child.



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**Check out the
newly designed
website!!**



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!

2020-2021 Yearbook

The 20/21 yearbooks are here!! If you ordered one, come pick it up in the office. Still want one, there are copies available for **\$45**

2021/2022 preorders are also up on powerschool





Senior High Advisor

From the Off-Campus Office of Mrs. Van Steenis

The High School work experience and RAP work programs are up and going already this year. There are still a few spots available for students who are still hoping to sign up for these programs and earn high school credits. If you have questions about either program please email Mrs. van Steenis (kim.vansteenis@blackgold.ca)

Post Secondary Information for High School Students

Any students who are interested in discussing their high school programming in preparation for post-secondary, using MyBlueprint to explore post-secondary options, looking to apply for post-secondary schooling, or are interested in applying for scholarships please see schedule a meeting to see Mrs. van Steenis. (kim.vansteenis@blackgold.ca)

Grad 2022 News

Grad Photos will be on **Thursday, November 26** at the school.

Poinsettia Fundraiser has started. Orders are due **November 18** and will be ready for pick up on **December 7**. (see order forms included in this newsletter)

If you have questions please contact one of the staff Staff Grad Advisors. They are: Kim van Steenis (kim.vansteenis@blackgold.ca), Brilene Wohlgemuth (brilene.wohlgemuth@blackgold.ca), and Shelley Gramlich (shelley.gramlich@blackgold.ca)

Athlete of the Month OCTOBER



Kate Aberdeen



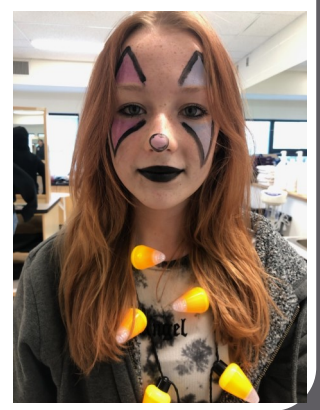
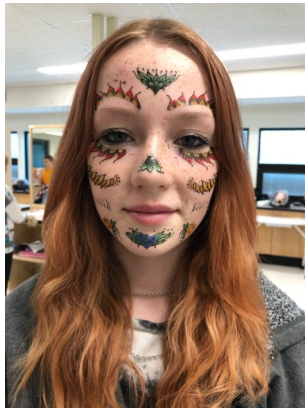
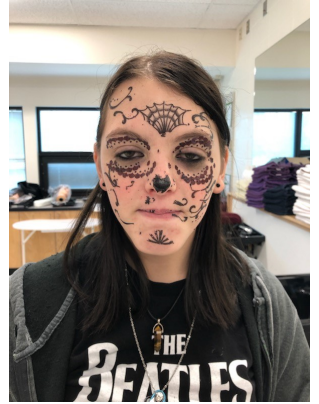
Athlete of the Month
OCTOBER

Kate Aberdeen

Your coach told me that you have played really well over the last month, coming up with a number of key plays and your work ethic has benefited the entire team. Great work!

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Thorsby Junior Senior High School

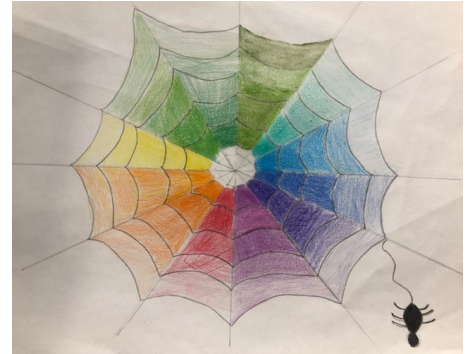
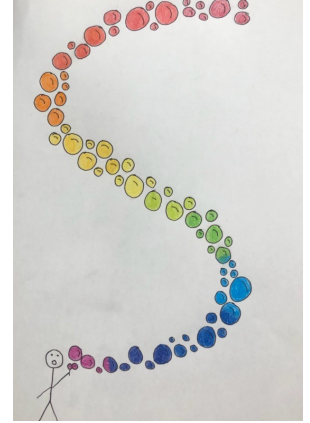
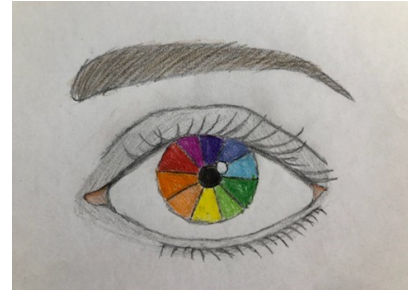
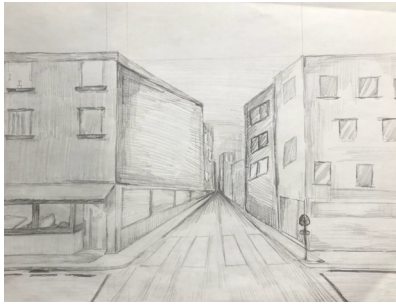
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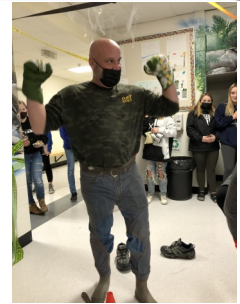


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High School Art

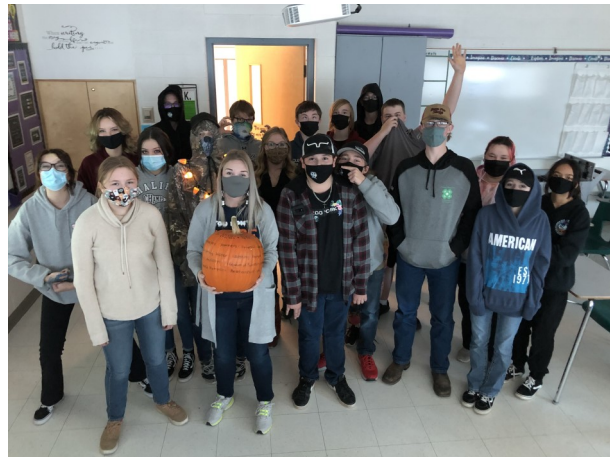
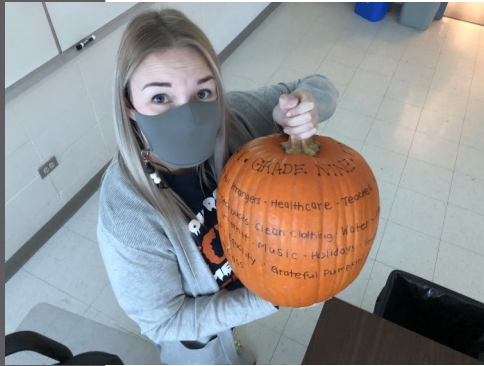


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Grade 7 and 9 Gratitude Pumpkins

Breakfast Program

We are fortunate to be able to offer breakfast to any of our students who may need or want some breakfast. Unfortunately, we aren't allowed toast yet! We welcome any donations to this program. We will accept yogurt, yogurt tubes, cheese strings, nut free granola/breakfast bars and fruit.

Thanks so much to Cedar Robinson for her generous donation to our program! Our kids are very grateful.



Our 3D printing option kids have been busy creating. Check out this hand! It is so detailed complete with fingerprints! Nice job!

October Student Union Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Halloween festivities—Ms Angela's Minute to Win It Wednesday, Pumpkin Painting and the Duct Tape Challenge.

Thank you to the SU kids who spookified the crash area! It looked great!

Congratulations to the costume contest winners....

Best costumes per grade:

7: Grim Reaper—Carter

8: Cruella—Sadie

9: Carrie—Coral

10: Penguin—Flynn

11: Obi-Wan Kenobi—Dylan

12: Lord Farquaad—Bryce

SU will reconvene after the November Break! If you are still interested in joining, we will be meeting Thursdays at 11:40 from now on. Any questions, please see Mrs Engler, Mrs. Sauer or Mrs. Riley

Best Group

Jr—Grade 8 Purge—Adrienne, Phoenix & Aurora

Sr—Grade 12 "Shrek"—Bryce, Wyatt, Christine, Olivia, Sofia and Shivani

Most Creative

Jr: Cotton Candy—Shelby

Sr: Grade 10—"Clue"—Delry, Calin, Hailey and Aaralyn

Points for Pajama Day are as follows:

1st Teachers

2nd Grade 7

3rd Grade 12

4th Grade 8 & 10

5th Grade 11

Current Standings:

1st Teachers

2nd Grade 7

3rd Grades 9 & 12

4th Grades 8 & 10

5th Grade 11



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING ASSOCIATION'S 4TH ANNUAL

Kids Poster Contest

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to December 1st, 2021

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2021 Winter Order Form

Thorsby Grad 2022

Growing Smiles



Approximate Poinsettias Sizes
6.5" pot:
14 16" tall and 13 16" wide



6.5" Premium Poinsettias

A holiday favourite! Bring them up any room this winter with a vibrant poinsettia. Available in red, white, the 6.5" poinsettias are perfect for your home, hotels, restaurants and beyond over the holidays.



Indoor Tropical Planter

Add a festive look to your table with a mixed tropical planter. There are four different live plant varieties included with holiday decor in a rectangular tin. Planter contains designs that vary and cannot be requested.



Holiday Wreath

The popular wreath is getting an upgrade! A large, round box is featured in the middle of the wreath, under and juniper. Flavored vine leaves and red berries complete the new look - ready to welcome guests at your door!



Hanging Greenery Bough

Celebrate with a merry bough of greenery. A fun, white, a burlap bag holds premium greens, red flex berry branches and an array of novelty decorative items. This hangs outside on your front door or leans on the patio.



Outdoor Greenery Arrangement

Welcome guests to your home in style with a festive greenery arrangement. This large, outdoor planter stands over 2 feet tall with heart of palm, green and red berries, and other festive branches and decorations.

Charges Payable to: USF

Phone Number: 780-974-1458

Customer Information L.L. Bean Date: 355-353-5555 jctc@llbean.ca	6.5" Premium Poinsettia			Tropical Planter			Holiday Wreath			Hanging Greenery Bough			Outdoor Greenery Arrangement			Customer Order Totals	Paid
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	Red	White															

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COVID Daily Screening

Please remember to stay home if you are not feeling well. Here are the screening questions for all school aged children. If a student is feeling unwell in any way please work through this guide.

1.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:		
	Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
	Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO
If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is required to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms as per CMCH Order 39-2021 OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities. Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation. 			
If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 1, proceed to question 2.			
2.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:		
	Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
	Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	Feeling unwell/fatigued Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury	YES	NO
	Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
	Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
	Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
	Headache Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
If the child answered "YES" to ONE symptom in question 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours. If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary. If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended. 			
If the child answered "YES" to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home. Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended. Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started. 			
If the child answered "NO" to all questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities. 			

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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:

- 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


BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details	
AUGUST 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	4	1	August 26 & 27 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) August 30 or 31 - Staggered Entry for Grades 1 - 12 Students
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
SEPTEMBER 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	September 1 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students September 6 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) September 17 - PD Day: School-Based (No Students): (Morning) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day: School-Based
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
OCTOBER 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	October 6 - Early Dismissal October 11 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed) October 12 - PD Day: School-Based & Support Staff (No Students) Diploma Exam
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
NOVEMBER 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	17	November 3 - Early Dismissal November 8 - 12 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed) November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed) Diploma Exam
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
DECEMBER 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	13	12	December 1 - Early Dismissal December 3 - PD Day: Combined (No Students) December 20 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
JANUARY 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	January 3 - School Resumes January 5 - Early Dismissal January 31 - PD Day: ATA (No Students) Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Diploma Exam Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
FEBRUARY 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	Semester 1: August 26, 2021 - January 31, 2022 Semester 2: Commences February 1, 2022 February 1 - Semester 2 Commences February 2 - Early Dismissal February 10 & 11 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 21 - Family Day (Schools Closed)
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
MARCH 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	March 2 - Early Dismissal March 11 - PD Day: Combined (No Students) March 28 - 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed) Diploma Exam
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
APRIL 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	April 1 - Spring Break (Schools Closed) & Diploma Exam April 4 - School Resumes & Diploma Exam April 6 - Early Dismissal April 15 - Good Friday (Schools Closed) April 18 - Easter Monday/Midterm Break (Schools Closed) April 29 - PD Day: Combined (No Students) Diploma Exam
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
MAY 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	19	May 4 - Early Dismissal May 19 - PD Day: School-Based (No Students) May 20 - PD Day: ATA (No Students) May 23 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
JUNE 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	20	June 1 - Early Dismissal June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day (Regular Classes Scheduled) June 28 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam June 29 & 30 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Diploma Exam
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
Semester 2: February 1 - June 30, 2022								99	91	
TOTAL - Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students							195	180	Aug-Dec/21: 75-T & 69-S; Jan-June/22: 120-T & 111-S	

APPROVED - January 20, 2021

November 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 <i>Retakes</i>	3 <i>Early Dismissal</i>	4	5	6
7	Midterm Break Schools are closed					13
						
14	15 <i>PTA Meeting</i>	16	17 <i>Parent Teacher Interviews</i>	18 <i>Parent Teacher Interviews</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Grad Pictures</i>	27
28	29	30	November 18—Poinsettia orders due			

December 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 <i>Early Dismissal</i>	2	3 <i>PD Day No School</i>	4
5	6	7 <i>Poinsettia order pick up</i>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	<p>Christmas Vacation</p> <p>Merry Christmas from all of us at TJS!</p> <p>See you on January 3, 2022!</p>					





Accident insurance for the unexpected





Accidents happen, especially where children are involved. For just pennies a day, Student Accident Insurance helps you protect your family from costs not covered by your provincial health plan or employee benefits if your child is injured. Whether an accident happens on campus property, during school-sponsored activities, playing in a park or even your own backyard, we've got you covered.


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24-hour, year-round coverage	✓	✓	✓
Unlimited accidental dental	10 years	10 years	10 years
Eyeglasses or contact lenses needed due to injury	Full cost	Full cost	Full cost
Paramedical	\$500	\$500	\$800
Emergency Transportation	Full cost of ambulance fees or \$350 taxi in lieu of ambulance	Full cost of ambulance fees or \$350 taxi in lieu of ambulance	Full cost of ambulance fees or \$350 taxi in lieu of ambulance
Total & permanent disability	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$350,000
Critical Illness	\$9,000 nursing expenses + \$3,000 accommodations	\$9,000 nursing expenses + \$3,000 accommodations	\$12,500 nursing expenses + \$3,000 accommodations
Loss of limb/loss of use	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Accidental death benefit	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
Hospital room expenses	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Medical appliances and expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Fracture/dislocation benefit	Up to \$750	Up to \$750	Up to \$1,000
Out-of-province/country emergency medical	n/a	n/a	\$200,000
Trip cancellation and emergency return flight	N/A	N/A	\$1,000 each
ADDITIONAL: Hospital cash benefit	\$100/day	\$100/day	\$100/day

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for this insurance, your child must reside in Canada and be more than 6 months old and less than 27 years old.

Children 14 years of age and older must be full-time students in the 12 months prior to a claim, at any time during coverage. A full-time student is defined as one who is enrolled in a minimum of three courses at the same time during any four-month period.

Please note that this is only a summary of benefits. The full policy wording is the legal binding agreement.