

Principal's Message

TJSHS Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2022



From the desk of Mr. Dykstra

Greetings, Everyone! What an interesting winter we are having. This is the first time in my career that busses have been cancelled in the same week for freezing rain and for being too cold. With the wild swings in temperatures, we have had quite a few days without busses running. On the days when busses aren't running, the primary concern should be everyone's safety, especially when the roads are bad. With lots of our students being driven or driving themselves to school, if the roads are not good, please consider if it is safe to drive before coming to the school. If we have more than 50% of the students away, teachers do not cover any new material. Also, with the use of Google Classroom, most assignments will be posted there if students are not able to attend. Unfortunately, the more days we have with cancelled busses, the less time there is for teachers to teach the material. Everyone will have to make effective use of their class time to ensure the content is learned without a time crunch near the end of the semester.

As I am writing this, we have now entered the second week of the second semester. This is a good time for our high school students to reflect on their progress in meeting the requirements for high school completion. At this point in the year, students who are striving for a [high school diploma](#) should have earned 20 credits if they are in grade 10, 55-60 credits in grade 11, and 85-90 credits in grade 12. While reaching 100 credits is just one of the criteria required, it is an initial gauge of a student's progress. This month, the school will be sending home letters updating parents on where their child is at with regards to meeting their high school requirements. Feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Along with being on track to graduate, it is important that students are setting themselves up for what they want to do after high school. With the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, some students may be selecting courses to minimize the amount of school work and stress they currently have. While these mental health considerations are extremely important, students should also consider that this may mean they need to upgrade down the road depending on their career path. Ideally, every student should be in the course level that challenges them in their learning, without being too challenging that they are unable to experience success. Once again, feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have any questions.

Principal's Message, Continued

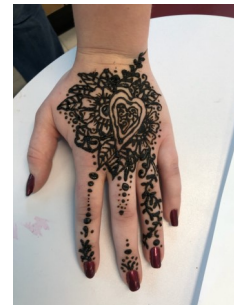
For our junior high students, as we are just past the midpoint of the year, if they have not been as successful in their classes as they would like, now is the time to make the necessary changes. Some of these changes may be obvious and some of them may not. Talking with their teacher about their desire to improve is a great place to start. Junior high students sometimes say "it doesn't matter, I'm just going to move on anyway" but missing the prerequisite knowledge and not achieving high enough grades by grade 9 can put students on a challenging path to achieve their desired goals for high school.

Finally, as always, I greatly appreciate our school community and the positive relationships between staff, students and parents. If you ever have questions about anything that is happening in the school, please feel free to email or call the school. I always appreciate the conversation and I appreciate any feedback which can help improve the learning environment for our students.



Our in-house artist was busy again! Great job, Kristina!

Some amazing Henna Art from our Senior Cos class





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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 for **\$40**



Counselor's Message

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As we move into the excitement and challenge of Semester 2, I would like to take this opportunity to shine a light on all of the hard work being done by our students and staff here at TJSHS.

To say that things have been challenging since returning from Christmas break would be in a lot of cases an understatement. Students are tired of the mandates that change the way we can do things in our classes; they were preparing for exams, only to have their expectations change. Teachers and staff are also tired from pivoting the way that they present and support their classes, frequently reminding students to follow the health mandates and the constant worry that everyone is safe. It has been a long pandemic. But this is not a message to complain about the way things are, but to shine light on some positive things. There were talks of protests last week, not all of our students agreed with each other; there was dialogue among students and staff members about what was going on and it was respectful. Students were worried about making things more difficult for the staff of the school while being able to express themselves. Staff were worried that students made good choices and stayed safe. It is this respect and the strong relationships that we have here that helps us keep going during difficult times. That gives us hope that we could have a school barbeque in the spring when the rules around gathering relax, that there is the possibility for a return to normalcy. A return to the most divisive issue being who does what for Grad and what should our Spirit Theme day be. Student's Union is happily decorating the front crash area for Valentine's Day. Semester 2 core classes are already rolling and Options classes are up and running. Grade 12s are in their last stretch before graduation. The March 2nd Spirit Theme day is already "anything but a backpack!" Ms. Angela will be back this week with Minute-to-Win-It activities at lunch and classroom activities focusing on kindness.

Through all of this, our kids care; about our school, about their teachers, about each other. And the staff, they care right back. In a time where change feels like the only constant, with that kind of energy, together we can face anything.



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


- A big thank you to the local minor hockey teams in Thorsby and Calmar who gave us the opportunity to work the timebox at tournaments and raise money for our Grad!
- We are currently doing a Ranchland Meats fundraiser. All sales are due on Mon. Feb. 14. Please check with a Grad to purchase. We are accepting payment to TJSHS as cash or cheque. Orders will be ready for pick up at the end of the month.
- Grads are back and working on the town signs. Thank you to the Town of Thorsby for getting this going again as this is an important part of our fundraising efforts!
- Grads will be doing a bottle and battery drive the first weekend of March. If you would like to donate you can drop off cans or batteries at the school or the Grads will be doing pick-ups.
- Grad planning is well underway and we are getting excited about our upcoming Grad ceremony on Friday, May 27th. More details to follow as bookings and plans are solidified. Stay tuned

If you have any questions, please contact one of the 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)


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THORSBY GRAD CLASS

FUNDRAISER SCHOOL CONTACT 
KATHUDRY@YAHOO.CA
STUDENT NAME: _____
PHONE #: _____

**Outlawz (skinny smoke), Smoke, Jerky & Stix
are Ranchlands Made In House**

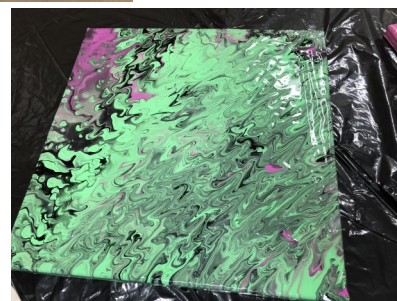
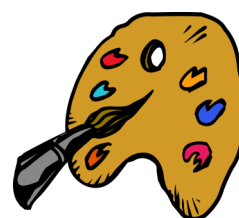
Apples and Cabbage Rolls are homemade by a
Local Church group in an inspected facility

Burgers, Chicken Fingers & Meatballs are cooked in our GCs

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Paint Pouring Art Projects

MHCB Group with Miss Angela



Around the School Updates



The winning team in Mrs.. Van Steenis's 12 Days of Minute to Win It competition in December!



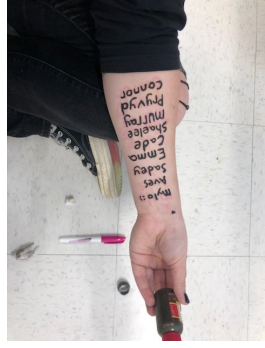
CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Feil and his wife on the birth of their beautiful little boy! **August James** was born on December 15, 2021. He was 7lbs 11 oz and 21 inches long. Welcome to the THS family, little man!

Breakfast Program

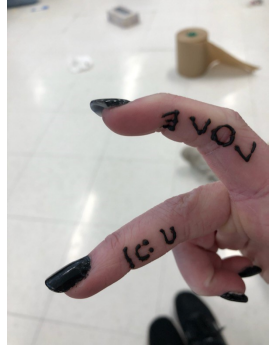
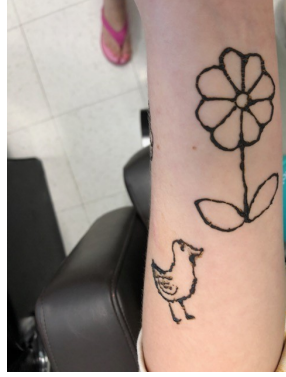
The Breakfast Program is offered daily to our students. Students are able to get fruit, yogurt, granola bars and water. We are lucky to have families that are able to give donations. Thank you once again to **Cedar Williams** for her family's donation to the program. Our students appreciate it immensely.



Jr/Sr Cos Pictures



Jr High Cos Henna Art



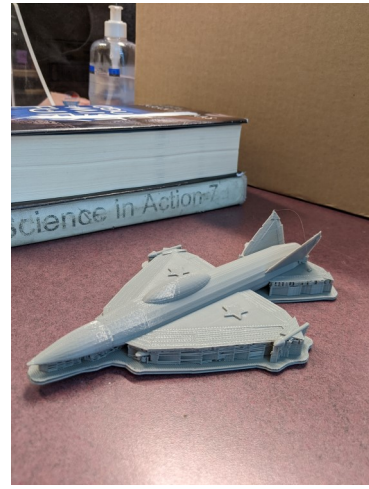
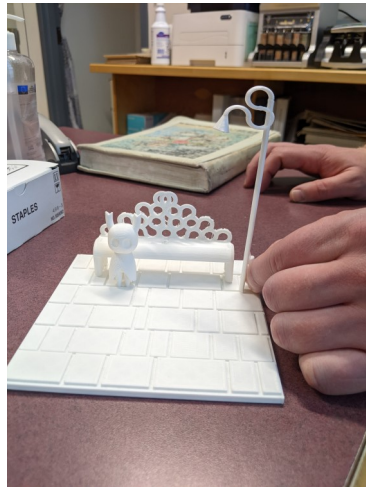
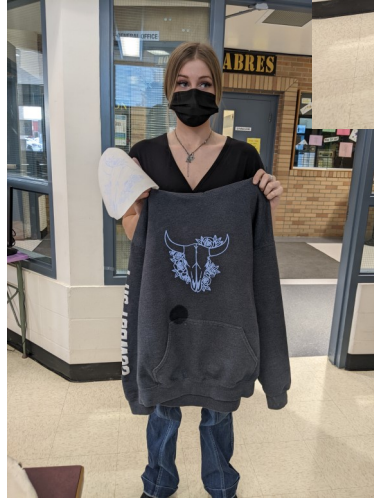
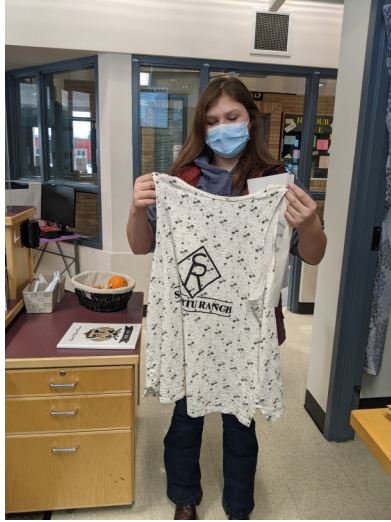
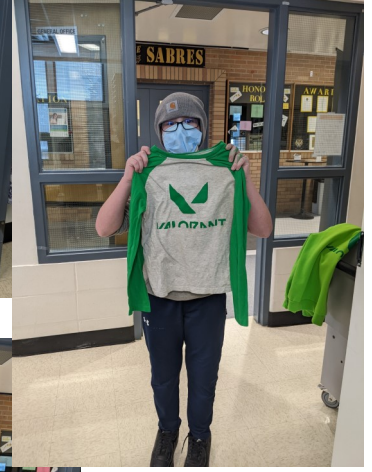
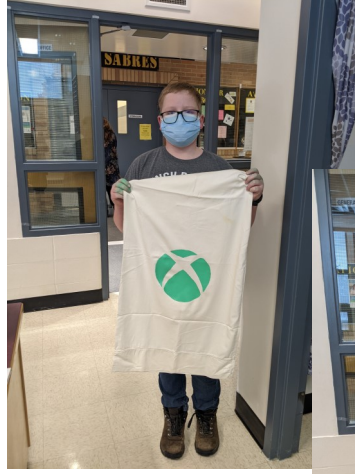
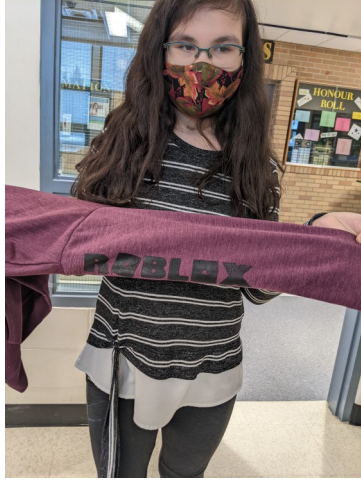
Shop Projects



Fish Hooks



Silk Screening & 3D Printing



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- 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

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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

Honour Roll

Grade 7

Adam van Steenis
Justin Kronschnabl
Leah Bonik
Larissa Dool
Shelby Horn
Cash Shaver
Lauren Saarela
Alexa Cardinal
Zoe St-Laurent
Hannah Grove
Kassady Van Achte

Grade 9

Jessie Bonik
Cameron Dool
Sarah Scheetz
Teaghen Janssen

Grade 12

Kennedy Crow
Colby Borys
Kamryn Klatt
Kristina Wurban
Christine Baumann
Alex Mudry

Grade 8

Emily Tuck
Cole Goodman
Dane Morrissey
Ethan Dobko
Elijah Scheetz
Kyara Halicki
Adrianne Denschikoff
Shaelee Landry

Grade 10

Jessica Knopp
Kassidy Crow
Austin Walker
Delry Velasquez
Hannah Boyes
Davis Bendoritis
Calin Robson
Jackson Denschikoff
Elizabeth Schaub
Aiden Miller
Luuk Scholten
Max Herzog
Aaralyn Ball
Hailey Janzen
Sofia Hormazabal

Grade 11

Eva Sanders
Anna Scheetz
AJ Velasquez
Ethan Hayman
Brady Fritz
Dylan Lizotte
Joshua Scheetz



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	<div><div></div>August 26 & 27 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>August 30 or 31 - Staggered Entry for Grades 1 - 12 Students</div>
	1 8 15 22 29	2 9 16 23 30	3 10 17 24 31	4 11 18 25	5 12 19 26 27	6 13 20 28	7 14 21			
SEPTEMBER 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	<div><div></div>September 1 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students</div> <div><div></div>September 6 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>September 17 - PD Day: School-Based (No Students): (Morning) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day: School-Based</div>
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OCTOBER 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div></div>October 6 - Early Dismissal</div> <div><div></div>October 11 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>October 12 - PD Day: School-Based & Support Staff (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div>
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NOVEMBER 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	17	<div><div></div>November 3 - Early Dismissal</div> <div><div></div>November 8 - 12 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div>
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DECEMBER 2021	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	13	12	<div><div></div>December 1 - Early Dismissal</div> <div><div></div>December 3 - PD Day: Combined (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>December 20 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</div>
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JANUARY 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	<div><div></div>January 3 - School Resumes</div> <div><div></div>January 5 - Early Dismissal</div> <div><div></div>January 31 - PD Day: ATA (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div> <div><div></div>Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div>
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Semester 1: August 26, 2021 - January 31, 2022							96	89	Semester 2 - Commences February 1, 2022	
FEBRUARY 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	<div><div></div>February 1 - Semester 2 Commences</div> <div><div></div>February 2 - Early Dismissal</div> <div><div></div>February 10 & 11 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>February 21 - Family Day (Schools Closed)</div>
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MARCH 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	<div><div></div>March 2 - Early Dismissal</div> <div><div></div>March 11 - PD Day: Combined (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>March 28 - 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div>
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MAY 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	19	<div><div></div>May 4 - Early Dismissal</div> <div><div></div>May 19 - PD Day: School-Based (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>May 20 - PD Day: ATA (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>May 23 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div>
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JUNE 2022	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	20	<div><div></div>June 1 - Early Dismissal</div> <div><div></div>June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day (Regular Classes Scheduled)</div> <div><div></div>June 28 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam</div> <div><div></div>June 29 & 30 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div>
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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

February 2022

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		1	2 <i>Early Dismissal</i>	3	4	5
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20	21 <i>No School Family Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2022

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		1	2 <i>Early Dismissal</i>	3	4	5
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
No School Spring Break						





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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

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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.

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