

Principal's Message

TJSHS Newsletter

MAY 2022



From the desk of Mr. Dykstra

Change. This is something that has been on my mind a lot lately. This is the time of the year when a lot of students, staff and families are facing change. For our school staff, we are celebrating Mrs. Engler becoming the Assistant Principal position of Caledonia Park School in Leduc. This also means change for our staff and Mrs. Engler's shoes will be very hard to fill. She will definitely be missed. As this year finishes up there are likely to be other staffing changes as well. People leaving is always tough, but it also means we will have some new staff with different skill sets next year.

Our students are experiencing lots of change as well. First of all, a big congratulations to all of our grade 12 students who will be graduating and moving on to life beyond secondary school. Some will be moving on to career opportunities, some to more schooling, while many are still figuring out what path they will take. Regardless, all of them are facing a lot of unknowns. We also have our grade 9 students moving on to high school and grade 6 students moving into junior high. While these are some of the more obvious transitions, all of our students will be facing the change of another school year coming to an end. This is a time of celebration for many students, but can also be a time of uncertainty for some.

For myself, I know that I will be at TJSHS next year, and hopefully many years to come, which is something I am very excited about. As this school year nears its finish, my schedule is beginning to change. I have more meetings, some professional development, and my planning is shifting from this year to next. While some people are facing large changes and others smaller changes, they are all significant to the individual experiencing them. I know for myself, while I am not personally facing huge life changes, I have numerous unknowns and challenges to face as the year finishes up.

All of us have different tolerance for the amount of change we are comfortable with. I know I like predictability and consistency most of the time. As the students in the school face all the changes ahead we may see increased anxiety, irritability, procrastination or other symptoms of this underlying stress. As we observe these behaviors, it is a good time, as with all behaviors, to explore the underlying causes. Talk to your children, see how they are doing, and explore the stresses they are experiencing. There is no best way you can support them except to be a listening ear, which is something we are all capable of doing.

Good luck students as you finish off the year. If you are stressed about upcoming changes, talk to your parents and your teachers. We are here to listen.

Counsellor's Message

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I can't believe that we are already into May of the 2021-2022 school year. Birds are hopping around in the grass and I think I saw the first mosquito the other day. It seems to happen every year; the grade 7s, initially so new to our school and nervous about a new experience, are now seasoned veterans of Junior High and ready to move on to the next grade. Our grade 12s who have become very at home here are now anxiously preparing for the end of their High School career and what steps will come next.

For the first time in many years, I am sharing this anxious planning with our grade 12 class as I have recently found out that this will be my last year at Thorsby Junior Senior High School. Like our students I am excited for what is coming next. I am excited to be the Assistant Principal at Caledonia Park School. I am also nervous and sad about leaving a place that has been my home and my extended family for the past 6 years. I will miss all of the faces that I have watched grow from nervous grade 7s at the beginning of the year, to frolicking grade 8s in the field at lunch, very cool grade 10s who are excited to be earning credits, grade 11s who think they know everything and grade 12s who want to break into the real world but are a little worried about what that really means and are starting to realize they may not know everything!

I have loved the time that I have spent here with our kids, families and staff and each season that it has ushered in. It seems that it finally really is spring! The grass is turning green, the sun is warm during the afternoon, the junior high students are bounding around like baby goats. I am so thankful to have shared these many seasons with all of you and I look forward to the next two months, to getting our students ready for next year's adventures. I will always reflect and be thankful for all of the adventures and opportunities that we have already had together.



Until next time!
Mrs Engler



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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: **tjshs_insta** *BRAND NEW!*



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**



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.vansteen@blackgold.ca)

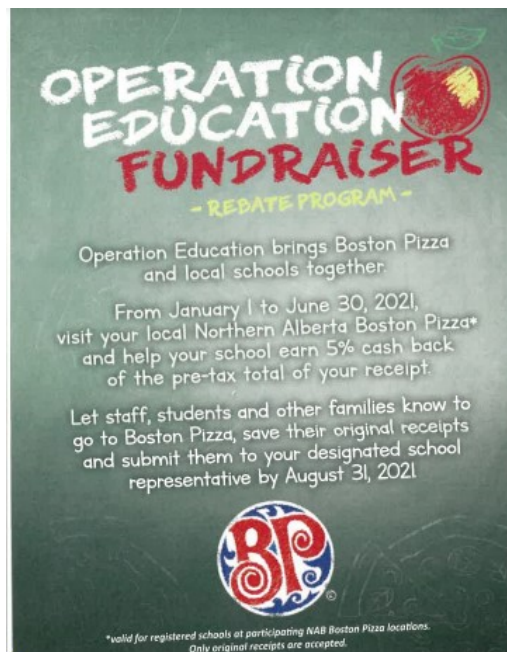
Post Secondary Information for High School Students

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.vansteen@blackgold.ca)

Grad 2022 News

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Staff Grad Advisors. They are:

Kim van Steenis (kim.vansteen@blackgold.ca), Brilene Wohlgemuth (brilene.wohlgemuth@blackgold.ca) and Shelley Gramlich (shelley.gramlich@blackgold.ca)



Bring in your original
Boston Pizza receipts!

Student Union News

Thank you all for your participation in Wacky Tacky Day / Hats on for Mental Health

Points/Winners

1st: staff

2nd: grade 7

3rd: grade 11

4th: grade 10

5th: grade 8

6th: grade 9

7th: grade 12

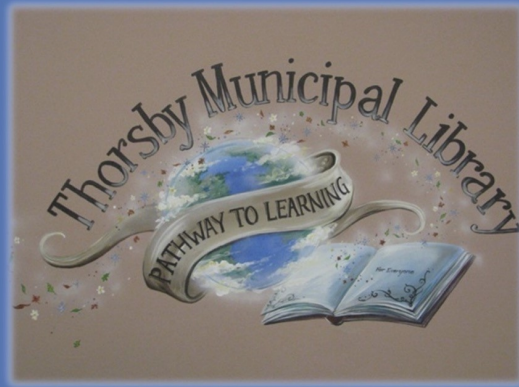
Thank you to everyone who supported our plant fundraiser. It was very successful. A huge shout out to Mrs. Mudry who organized it for us and as well as a big thank you to all the staff (Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Raugust & Mrs. Mitchell) who unloaded, organized and prepared orders for pick up!

June's theme day will be Formal Day

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program is offered daily to our students. Students are able to get fruit, yogurt, granola bars and water. **We can now offer toast!!** We are lucky to have families that are able to give donations. Thank you to Jodi Mitchell, Kathy Verhun and Shelley Gramlich for their donations to the Breakfast Pro-





LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING!

**The Thorsby Municipal Library Board is building its
2023-2027 Plan of Service and needs your feedback!**

**Complete a Library Service Survey at
tinyurl.com/2022TMLsurvey**

Or scan the code for easy access!



A Day in the Park





Let your light shine

June 25, 2022

<p>Thorsby Lion's Park 4905 55 Avenue Thorsby, Alberta</p> <p>Open Market 9-5 Food truck, vendors, live entertainment</p>	<p>8:30 Registration opens</p> <p>8:45 Morning yoga</p> <p>10:05 Nature walk - Group A</p> <p>10:05 Hula hooping - Group B</p> <p>11:00 Nature walk - Group B</p> <p>11:15 Hula hooping - Group A</p> <p>12:00 Lunch break</p> <p>1:00 Acro yoga - Group A & B</p> <p>2:45 Gentle yoga</p> <p>4:00 Sound bath</p>
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<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-day-in-the-park-tickets-325373700497>

Athlete of the Month MARCH

Tyra Martin & Jenna Rhody

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**School bus safety...
It's everyone's responsibility!**


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As Motorists, you must drive with extra care when approaching a school bus from either direction.

Activated overhead RED lights mean only one thing, "this bus is loading or unloading children!"

When a school bus is stopped and the RED lights have been activated, traffic from both directions must come to a complete stop and remain stopped until the red lights have been deactivated.

Passing the bus when children are loading or unloading is dangerous, illegal and could be deadly.

As Parents, please remind your children to be extra careful when getting on and off the bus. Teach them to always obey the driver's directions and watch for traffic approaching the bus from either direction before crossing the road.

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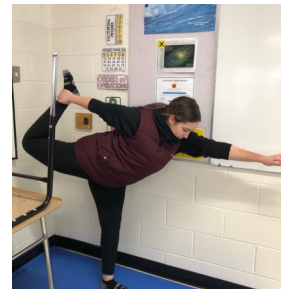
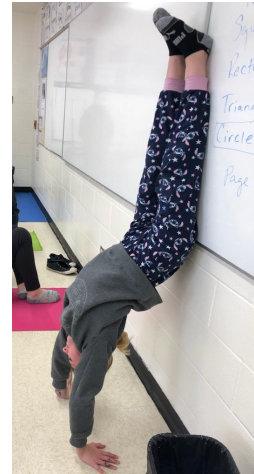
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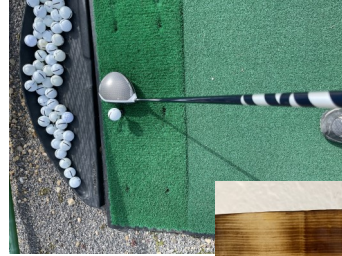
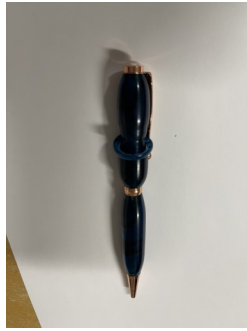
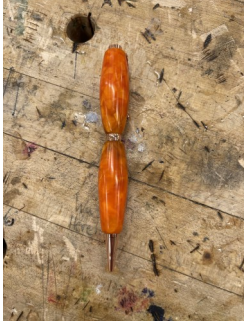
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Q3 Yoga Option



It's hard to tell in the picture, but his chin is NOT touching the mat

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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
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
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
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
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
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
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)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
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)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
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)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
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
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
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
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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
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
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
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

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Dismissal	5	6	7
8 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 PD Day No School	20 PD Day No School	21
22	23 Victoria Day No School	24	25	26	27 Grad!! 	28
29	30	31				

June 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 <i>Early Dismissal</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 	20	21 <i>National Indigenous Peoples Day</i>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Last school day with Diploma Exam</i>	29	30		



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	\$13 _{/YEAR}	\$25 _{/YEAR}	\$33 _{/YEAR}
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.