

June 26, 2026

To our ESBCHS Community,

Report Cards and Final Marks are now available on the PowerSchool parent and student portals. Report Cards can be viewed in Student Reports which can only be viewed from the PowerSchool website and is not available on the app.

Diploma Marks will only be available on myPass on or before July 17, 2026.

Welcome Days - August 2026

We are excited to welcome our incoming students to Welcome Days. Students should arrive during their specific date and time based on last name (see below):

Friday, August 21, 2026 - Grade 10 students

Alpha Groups	Arrival Times
A - F	8:30 am - 9:45 am
G - L	10:00 am - 11:15 am
M - Q	12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
R - Z	1:30 am - 2:45 pm

Monday, August 24, 2026 - Grade 11 & 12 students

Grade	Alpha Groups	Arrival Times
Grade 11	A - L	8:30 am - 9:45 am
Grade 11	M - Z.....	10:00 am - 11:15 am
Grade 12	A - L.....	12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
Grade 12	M - Z	1:30 am - 2:45 pm

On this day, students will have two things to accomplish:

- **School Photos & ID cards:** Students will have their school photos taken. Students will also receive their Student Identification Card and an order form. Please stress that they should not lose their ID card as ESBCHS is a locked campus, and they will need to show their ID card to enter the school during locked-door times.
- **Lockers:** Students may explore the school on these days and choose a locker in the location of their choice. Students must bring their own combination lock, however a limited number of locks will be available for purchase from the school. Students will receive a Locker Form on this day that must be filled out with the lock combination, along with the number of the locker they choose. This form must be signed and returned as soon as possible (can be dropped off that day). Students must secure the locker with their lock on this day and must never leave anything in an unlocked locker. A locker is not claimed if it does not have a lock on it!! If students want to bring items for the inside of their locker, for example a mirror or shelf, they may do so on this day if they wish. Note: some lockers in the school are full height and others are half height.

Parents, please also note the following:

- **School Fees** will be posted on PowerSchool by August 18 and are due by September 30th. Fees can be paid online via the PowerSchool parent portal, or payments can be made at the school office via credit, debit, cash, or cheque.

- **Student timetables** will be visible to parents and students on PowerSchool on or around August 17.
- **Timetable Changes:**
 - **Summer School:** PLEASE NOTE: Verify your timetable to ensure a timetable change is still required. Students who do require a timetable change must email their counsellor to request a change. No appointments will be made, and no phone calls will be accepted – all summer school changes will be processed from emails only. Counsellors deal with students based on last names below:
 - A-G susannah.killey@blackgold.ca
 - H-M jenny.munholland@blackgold.ca
 - N-Z kristine.nelson@blackgold.ca
- **General Timetable changes:** Timetable changes will ONLY be considered for the following reasons: stream change, filling a spare, dropping a class, or retaking a class to meet post-secondary requirements. ****No changes will be allowed for complementary courses.**
 - Students who wish to request a timetable change that is not related to summer school can pick up a Timetable Change Request Form from Student Services or the Main Office starting August 21.
 - This form can be returned anytime that week and will be processed on a first come/first served basis. Deadline is September 4, 2026.
- **First day of school** is Thursday, August 27, 2026. The first day of school is a Day 1.
 - The following is the **bell schedule** for 2026-2027. There is a short break between blocks 1 & 2 and between blocks 3 & 4.
 - Morning warning bell is at 8:27 am
 - Block 1: 8:30 am
 - Block 2: 10:04 am
 - Lunch begins: 11:29 am
 - End of lunch warning bell: 12:12 pm
 - Block 3: 12:14 pm
 - Block 4: 1:47 pm
 - Dismissal: 3:12 pm
- The school office opens on Thursday, August 20. On this day, the school can be contacted via email to esbchs@blackgold.ca. The school will open to students on Friday, August 21, for the Welcome Day.
- **Absence notifications:** to inform the school of your child's absences, ESBCHS requires parents to use the School Messenger platform. There are three ways to use the system:
 - **Mobile App:** on the School Messenger Home app on a mobile device app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). **Sign up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
 - **Website:** School Messenger website at home.schoolmessenger.ca. **Sign up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
 - **By phone:** call **780-955-4526** which is an automated system. Parents are encouraged to create a PIN for security. Follow the phone prompts.
 - [Click here](#) for more detailed information on how to use Safe Arrival. Contact the school if you require assistance setting up the account.

Enjoy your summer! We look forward to seeing everyone in August!

ESBCHS Administration