



# ESBCHS BANDIT NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy September, ESBCHS Community!

Welcome back to the 2020/21 school year. Is it too obvious to observe that this startup has had a different look and feel? First off, I cannot express how proud I am of our students and staff. Our students returning to school have been 100% cooperative and understanding of the [re-entry protocols](#) that we have put in place. It's all about keeping everyone in our school healthy and safe! I would also like to offer a huge thank you to our parents for being so understanding and supportive as we have transitioned back to attendance-based programming. For those students taking online learning through the Black Gold online school. You are still part of our ESBCHS school family! If you need any academic or emotional supports, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Student Services team. We are here for you!

I worry about parents feeling disconnected from their child's educational experience in times where safety protocols discourage visitors to our building. Thanks for your understanding with these socially distant times. Parents are an incredibly important factor in the academic success of a student. You may have heard from our teachers in an attempt to put a face to a name. Do not hesitate to e-mail our staff if you have any questions about your child's educational program. As well, we are in the development phase of designing a parent/teacher interview format that respects the

safety guidelines we have been asked to operate within. Stay tuned for more details!

On a related note, I would like to draw your attention to our first School Council/Parent Association meeting of the school year! All parents and students are welcome to attend this meeting. The meeting will be held at 7 pm on September 30th (via Google Meet) and the Parent Council AGM will follow. Your feedback, volunteer efforts, and continuing support make ESBCHS a better place. Thank you!

[Invite to the School Council Meeting](#)

Recently, I attended an Edwin Parr awards ceremony recognizing the amazing abilities of first-year teachers. I want to leave you with a quote from that ceremony that resonated with me. The quote is so applicable to these challenging times:

*Resilience is.....*

*about bouncing forward. Resilience doesn't just mean getting back to normal after facing a difficult situation. It means learning from the process in order to become stronger and better at tackling the next challenge.*

- Donna Volpita, EdD, shared from  
#InnovateInsideTheBox

The days are getting shorter and the evenings are getting chillier! Autumn is a beautiful time of year. The staff at ESBCHS wishes you all the very best.

*Chris Stiles  
Principal*

## KEY DATES

**Parent Council & Parent Association Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 30, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

**Orange Shirt Day**

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

**Early Dismissal**

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

**Thanksgiving (No School)**

Monday, October 12, 2020

**PD Day (No School)**

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

**Picture Retake Day**

Friday, October 23, 2020

## PHOTO RETAKES

**Friday, October 23**

### ART NEWS

ESBCHS Student artwork will be on display at the Beaumont Library from November 6 - December 18, 2020

### SMOKING AND VAPING

Students are reminded that there is to be no smoking or vaping in the school or on school property, including the school parking lot. Students caught smoking or vaping risk receiving an out of school suspension.

### STUDENT PARKING

Please note that parking is only permitted in designated parking areas around the school. Please remember that during school hours students are not to be parking in the permit-only parking along 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, nor in the 1 hr parking zone directly in front of the school as this is now a bus loading zone.. Municipal Enforcement will be enforcing the area accordingly. Violation tickets can be issued to the driver or registered owner of the motor vehicle.

Please consider contributing to the ESBCHS School Council and the Student Action Team. Contributions help support and enhance programming and improve the school experience for all students at ESBCHS. You can contribute in the PowerSchool Parent Portal under "Student Fees and Forms".

## FURTHER STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

In addition to the blanket Student Accident insurance provided for all Black Gold students, optional insurance is available on a voluntary basis for parents to purchase. Parents can sign up for the additional insurance which can include 24 hour coverage. Here's the website: <https://solutionsinsurance.com/mercer>.

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Orange Shirt Day is to honour and remember Please wear orange on Wednesday, the experiences and loss of the thousands of September 30th.

children who were stolen from their families and placed in Residential Schools. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



## KIDS GET A NATURE BOOST FOR FREE THIS FALL

The University of Alberta Botanic Garden is opening its gates to children for free this fall, to offer a respite from the challenges of a pandemic year.

"Kids and their families, students and teachers are all going through a lot, especially this fall," said Carl Charest, interim executive director at the Garden. "Their schools are different. Their sports and clubs have been cancelled. They haven't seen many of their friends all summer. Kids and families are stressed. They need a chance to relax and be outside and forget their cares for a little while. Getting kids connected to nature is something so necessary to well being, and that's a remedy the Garden can provide."

The decision to let kids in for free this fall is just the beginning of a bigger dream, said Charest. "We want to extend this initiative into the future so that children will always have free admission to the Garden, and for that, we need involvement from the community."

The Garden is looking for community partners to help make free admission for kids an ongoing reality. But, said Charest, the dream doesn't stop there - the ultimate goal is that all the Garden's award-winning children's programs, like school field trips, will be free and accessible to all kids.

"We know that the natural world and our connections to each other are what sustains us, grown ups and children alike. It's so important. We can make sure that children from all walks of life have a chance to be restored by nature and learn to see the trees in the forest."

In addition to free admission, the Garden is also developing safely distanced, fun activities to engage kids when they visit.

Children ages 0-17 and students get free admission to the UA Botanic Garden until the last day of the open season on October 12, 2020. Admissions must be reserved in advance [online](#).



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ALBERTA  
BOTANIC  
GARDEN**

# STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION



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## COURSE CHANGES

All timetable changes for semester one have been completed. Students who wish to change their timetable for semester two should pick up a Semester **Two** (specific) Course change form in Student Services.

## TUTOR AND PEER TUTORING INFORMATION

If you are a student in grade 11 or 12 and you are interested in peer tutoring in your spare time please come to the Student Services office and pick up an "Application to Tutor" form. When this is completed and approved by your counsellor you will be contacted by students who need to be tutored. For students wishing to be tutored we have limited information on local tutors, as well as a list that contains University of Alberta students willing to tutor in a variety of subjects at the High School level. All peer tutoring will be physically distanced and each person will be required to wear a mask.

## CORE COURSE TRANSFER DEADLINE

The deadline for core course transfer is October 9th, 2020. This applies to students who wish to drop down from the more difficult sequence of courses to the next level, or visa versa. Students wishing to make this switch must meet with their counselor, after teacher recommendation and then complete the appropriate paperwork prior to October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## ROLE OF STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Services office focuses on the needs, goals and concerns of all our students. The goals of the counseling program are to work with students, parents, and teachers. Some of the services we offer are:

### Personal Counseling

- assist students who are experiencing personal difficulties which interfere with their academic, social and family life.
- assist with referrals, liaisons with social agencies, educational institutions, and government agencies.
- pro-active mental health/wellness

### Educational Counseling

- provides help in choosing appropriate courses and making educational plans
- advocacy and accommodations for students with special needs
- provides study skills and test anxiety tips or refer to available tutor resources
- provides post-secondary education information
- provides information regarding financial assistance and loans, scholarships and bursaries
- help to ensure Graduation Requirements are being met.

It is our hope that through the resources available in Student Services, students will be better informed and able to make appropriate decisions for themselves now and in the future.

Some additional programs offered through Student Services are:

**1. Work Experience** - Students (Gr. 10-12) actively participate in the world of work. Students must have a job, complete the Workplace Safety Systems module and complete all paper work prior to registration in Work Experience. Work Experience can be done in S1, S2 or as a summer (Off Campus) class for credits. For more information see Mr. Umpherville in Student Services.

**2. Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)** (click on the link for more information) RAP is a way for registered high school students to become apprentices, and earn credits toward an apprenticeship program and a high school diploma at the same time.

**3 . Skills Canada** (click on the link for more information) Trade and technology-based skills competitions.

## MYPASS

[myPass](#) is an Alberta Education self-service website for students to: Request diploma exam rescors

- Register to write or rewrite diploma exams with online payment
- View progress towards a credential (diploma or certificate)
- View and print Detailed Academic Reports (DAR)
- Order additional copies of an awarded credential in English or French
- View and update student personal information

- View and print confirmation letters such as name, age, enrolment and proof of residency.
- Order "official" high school transcripts in English and French

Student Services will be hosting sign-up workshops. The dates are to be announced. Alberta Education encourages all high school students to sign up in Grade 10 with a personal email. Please use the link to register now! <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass>

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Please note the scholarships listed below are applicable to grade 12 students.

Scholarship Name	Amount	Deadline	Website
AES Scholarship	\$500	October 5, 2020	<a href="#">AES Scholarship</a>
Loran Scholars (Sponsored)	\$2000-\$3000	October 15, 2020	<a href="#">Loren Scholarship Sponsored</a>
Loran Scholars (Direct pool sub-missions)	\$2000-\$3000	October 22, 2020	<a href="#">Loren Scholarship Direct</a>
Fellowship for Full Time Studies in French	\$500-\$1000/semester	November 15, 2020	<a href="#">Full Time Studies in French Link</a>

## SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE LINKS

[StudentScholarships.org](#)  
[Alberta Scholarships](#)  
[Aboriginal Scholarships Canada](#)  
[Nursing School Canadian Guide](#)  
[Engineering Scholarships](#)  
[The Big List of Scholarships](#)  
[Alberta Government Scholarships & Bursaries](#)  
[Universities Canada](#)  
[Yconic](#)  
[Student Aid Alberta](#)  
[AIIS Alberta](#)

Here are also some of blogs that may be useful to students looking to apply to scholarships this year:

[The 6 Most Common Mistakes When Applying to Scholarships](#)  
[How to Win the TD Scholarship for Community Leadership](#)  
[How to WIN the Loran Scholarship](#)

## APPLY ALBERTA

ApplyAlberta is an online application system that allows students to apply to one or more post-secondary institutions and authorize transcript transfers between participating institution in the province of Alberta. You only need to enter your personal and academic information once - it is transferred automatically to each institution. Most post-secondary institutions are open for applications on

October 1<sup>st</sup>. The institutions you choose will be authorized to request transcript transfers, and you will not be charged a fee for transcripts transferred through ApplyAlberta. For more information, please visit [www.applyalberta.ca](http://www.applyalberta.ca) or see Mrs. Nelson or Mrs. Severson in Student Services

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# COVID-19 Symptom Flowchart

Do you have **ANY** of the symptoms in the left-hand column?

- Fever
- Cough (new cough or worsening chronic cough)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening)
- Runny nose
- Sore throat

- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or joint aches
- Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite)
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye

YES

NO

**You must go/stay home**

Is the symptom highlighted in red?

YES

NO

Book a testing appointment online or Call 811. Stay home until test result is negative and the symptoms resolve – whichever is longer.

Stay home until symptoms resolve so you do not infect others  
  
(COVID-19 testing recommended)

I received my test results, now what?

Positive

Negative

Follow AHS guidelines for mandatory isolation

Stay home until symptoms resolve

**Attend/Return to school**

# The KEY Study Guide

Ecole Secondaire Beaumont High SCHOOL is pleased to partner with **Castle Rock Research** to provide educational resources to help support student achievement.

Over the last 20 years, hundreds of thousands of students in Alberta have used THE KEY Study Guides and SNAP Workbooks produced by Castle Rock Research as part of their studies. We have recently been introduced to a digital resource from Castle Rock called SOLARO (Student Oriented Learning, Assessment, and Reporting Online). We find that SOLARO is a comprehensive digital study guide that provides all the benefits and features of THE KEY along with the added value of more robust content and many more practice questions. The same year-end tests from THE KEY are now available in the SOLARO courses for Mathematics, English Language Arts, Sciences, and Social Studies. You get 10 subject of any grade for 1 year [View SOLARO Video](#)

**Note to all parents/guardians: Re: SOLARO**

**This information has just recently come to our attention.**

**If you are a resident of Beaumont have a valid library card (they are free) you can log into the libraries website and access the curriculum, study guides and note taking info all for free. You will have unlimited access as long as your library card is current.**

While Castle Rock will continue to support and produce THE KEY and SNAP, the focus moving forward will be on the many exciting benefits of SOLARO. We are working with Castle Rock to implement a new ordering procedure that will allow parents to order digital and print products online and still receive a preferred education discount (approx. 50%). To help reduce shipping charges, orders will be individually packaged, aggregated and shipped to the school for pick up by each student. Orders can be placed starting **September 24 2020** ending **October 26 2020** with shipment following within a week after the closing date. After this date the educational discounts will not be available. For SOLARO digital orders, activation will be immediate upon emailed confirmation.

The following resources are being provided for purchase:

**The KEY Study Guides** - Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies courses across grades 3 to 12. These guides are ideal for review and assessment preparation and feature questions from past Diploma exams and Provincial Achievement Tests, where applicable. The correct answers and detailed solutions for questions are also provided. **Student Notes and Problems (SNAP) Workbooks** – Instructional content, practice exercises, and unit assessments covering the breadth and depth of select Science and Mathematics courses. **Problem Solved** – All of the questions from the respective SNAP books are presented along with the detailed solutions. **Class Notes** – An excerpt of each SNAP workbook that focuses students on the explanatory notes for each topic.

To order print or digital products please visit <https://schoolorders.solaro.com/3231>

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