



November 2020
ESBCHS Principal's Report

November 27	Last Day of In-School Learning
November 30	First Day of Online Learning
December 4	PD Day - No school (Pending Review)
December 18	Last Day of Instruction before Christmas Break
December 19 - Jan 3	Christmas Break
January 4	Classes Resume (Online)
January 6	Early Dismissal (TBD)
January 11	Classes switch back to In-School
January 18	Last Day of Semester 1 Classes
January 19 - 28	Exam Days (Schedule to follow)

- **Premier Kenney's announcement** yesterday has ESBCHS preparing for online learning as of Monday, November 30th. Teachers are quickly preparing for the shift in learning and working with students to assure the transition is as seamless as possible. Stay tuned for more details. I will share more as it becomes available.
- **Remembrance Day** - A very successful online ceremony was prepared by students and staff on November 10th. Classes viewed the ceremony via a coordinated Google Meet. It was extremely important for our school to conduct some form of ceremony. It felt very much like a traditional ceremony while being held in a socially distanced format. Lest We Forget.
- ESBCHS is working with our community to conduct a **Christmas Elves campaign**. More so than ever, we have families in our community in [need of support](#).
- **Grad Dates & Newsletter** - ESBCHS is beginning preliminary work on 2 versions of potential graduation ceremonies. Due to the pandemic, we are forced to develop 2 potential scenarios:
 - **Scenario 1** (Traditional Grad) will see a late May convocation ceremony held at the Jubilee Auditorium. The date we have tentatively booked is Tuesday, May 18th. In addition, there is potential for a banquet to be held. The date we have tentatively booked for the banquet is Saturday, June 26th. The venue we have booked for the banquet is the Leduc Recreation Centre. Given the current COVID situation, we are unsure if either can happen. However, we hold out hope.

- **Scenario 2** (COVID Friendly) will see a June commencement ceremony similar to what was held for the Grad 2020 class. The ceremony would be held at ESBCHS and grads (and their families) would be socially distanced assigned time slots to receive their diploma. ESBCHS would endeavour to make the ceremony special and record the moment for all grads. There was very positive testimonial from last years' graduating class. No banquet would be held in this scenario.
- A grad newsletter will be distributed in the upcoming weeks to share more specific details.
- **Final Exams** are likely to look/feel different this year. Thanks for your feedback last month! A committee of schools compiled staff feedback for review by the Board. Our recommendation was to emphasize the importance of having final exams while reducing the weighting of the exams. This way, students still practice writing cumulative exams while experiencing less anxiety due to their limited weighting. An exam schedule will be distributed once all final details have been finalized. (Pending Review)
- There has been much discussion in the last few weeks about the **rising COVID cases** across our great province. If a shift in education programming is to occur (to staggered attendance or remote-based learning), Alberta Health Services will be the agency that ultimately makes this tough decision. Presently, ESBCHS has had 3 individuals testing positive. The first two cases were not present in the school while infectious. The third case did require close contacts to quarantine. To view active cases in school you can visit the Black Gold [COVID-19 school tracker](#) on the Black Gold website.
- **Dec 4 PD Day** - December 4th is a “combined” PD day for our teachers. This means that BGSD prepares sessions for teachers that they may sign up to attend. As well, ESBCHS is planning sessions for teachers to choose from as well. These sessions vary from learning technology and curriculum, to focusing on self-care and wellness. Like employees in all sectors, COVID has been stressful for teachers. We have had to adapt to so much as a result of the pandemic. (Pending Review)
- **3 Year Plan** - Highlights - Please take some time to peruse the [ESBCHS 3 Year Plan](#). This is a working plan that all schools must develop custom to their own situations. Each year, feedback is gathered by students , parents, and staff to help give us specific feedback. The plan also measures how many students graduate within 3 years, how they perform on diploma exams, and how many students pursue post-secondary.

Highlights

45 Gr. 10 Parents Responded (~16%)

257 Gr. 10s Responded (~90%)

38 Teachers Responded (~95%)

PRE-COVID Survey

- Where did we **excel** on the quantitative data?
 - PROGRAM OF STUDIES
 - We are excellent at covering what we need to!
 - HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION RATE (3 yr)

- High % of students are finishing in a 3 year cycle.
- DIPLOMA RESULTS
 - Our students are performing well based on what we have taught them!
- TRANSITION RATE (6yr)
 - High % of students are employed or studying 3 year out of high school.
- Where did we struggle on the quantitative data?
 - EDUCATION QUALITY
 - Is student learning challenging, interesting, and relevant?
 - PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
 - How involved are you in decision making? Do you get input or feel involved?
 - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
 - Has the quality of education improved, stayed the same, or declined in the past 3 years?
 - It appears we may have a bit of a perception problem. We are considering a bit of a refresh and rebrand.