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KEY DATES

Last Day of Semester 1 Classes

January 18, 2021

Exam Week

January 19 - January 28, 2021

Parent Council Meeting

January 27, 2021

PD Day (No School)

January 29, 2021

First Day of Semester 2

February 1, 2021

Teacher's Convention (No School)

February 4 & February 5, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all of our ESBCHS Families!

We sincerely hope that you had a safe and restful break. The ESBCHS staff has returned rested and with much more energy than when we left for the holiday break. Our #1 priority in January is to assist our students in finishing strong, and supporting them to successfully complete their first semester classes. While we have faced pandemic hurdles this school year, the staff has worked tremendously hard at empowering students with the tools to succeed. We can do this!

ESBCHS would like to highlight a few things as we near completion of the first semester:

- Students are returning to in-class instruction on Monday, January 11. The last day of classes for Semester One is Monday, January 18th. [Exam week](#) will run from Tuesday, Jan. 19 through Thursday, Jan. 28th. Exams sittings will be held in classrooms using reduced room capacities. Please be reminded that final exams will be decreased in weighting to 15% of the student's cumulative grade.
- All [COVID-19 protocols](#) will remain in place as students return back to school.
- The Student Services team has been busy assisting students with S2 timetable changes and ensuring our Gr. 12s are registered in courses required for graduation. Busy times!
- The Food Studies program will be triumphantly returning in Semester 2! The lab has been completely renovated and modernized. The space is equipped with commercial grade appliances, colour-coded kitchens, and plenty of space!
- As we remain an active construction zone, we will be living with growing pains until all projects are finished. Our gym is currently operating at limited

capacity. The fitness facility is being upgraded, change rooms are being modernized, and staff offices are being remodelled. While the gym will still be operational, we will be facing growing pains along the way and will adapt as necessary.

- If you have driven around the back of the school, construction is well underway on 11 new classrooms and a second gymnasium. This is very exciting and the sign of a growing and flourishing community.
- The next School Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 27th at 7 pm. Stay tuned for a Google invite. All parents are welcome to attend!
- ESBCHS's [Annual Education Plan](#) has been uploaded to our school website. If you have a moment, please peruse the proud accomplishments of our school. This document also outlines areas of growth and goals that we are hoping to achieve. It is of paramount importance, that we keep the ESBCHS student experience positive and our focus always to be on success in learning!

2021 is going to be an incredible turnaround year! Staff is feeling very positive that with vaccinations starting, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We are all looking forward to a return to normal, whenever that can be.

The staff at ESBCHS wishes our extended school family a Happy New Year!

Healthy Minds
Healthy Bodies
Healthy Relationships

Yours in Education,
Chris Stiles - Principal

ESBCHS BLOCK 5 PRESENTATION OF M*A*S*H*



IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations are an important part of your health record! The information is often required for school, work and travel.

Due to the shutdowns of last year, the Health Unit was unable to provide an immunization record for any immunizations that were provided in Grade 9.

To obtain your immunization records please:

- Contact your local Public Health Centre
- Sign up for MyHealth Records account at alberta.ca/myhealthrecords. If you are 14+ years old you can create your own account.

LIBRARY & TEXTBOOKS

Just a reminder that all textbooks are due back to the library on the morning each student writes their exam. Novel studies are due back in at the library on January 18th and library books are due back in at the library on Friday, January 15th. We need these books back on time in order to reissue them to students for the following semester. Failure to return books on time can potentially cause the student who is late returning their books to have their second semester books temporarily held up. Please encourage your child to return books on time, **not** after the next semester begins. Thank you.

GRAD 2021

All up to date Grad 2021 information can be found on the Graduation page of the school's website at <https://esbchs.blackgold.ca/students/graduation/>.

Grad photos will take place at ESBCHS starting Tuesday, January 19 through Thursday, January 28 in the gym. All

appointments must be booked online at <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/34cpdk06/>. There is a \$30 sitting fee payable at the time of your appointment.

Please be sure to check the exam schedule when booking your grad photos.

FINAL EXAM REMINDERS

1. Make sure you check the final exam schedule so you know when your exams are. If you have an exam conflict, please see Ms. MacArthur right away. You can find the final exam schedule here: [Semester One Final Exam Schedule](#)
2. Bring Photo ID
3. Leave all electronics (cell phones, smart watches) preferably at home or in a backpack. Bring a sweater/hoodie in case the room is cool.
4. Only clear water bottles allowed.
5. All students must remain in the exam room/gym for a minimum of one hour.
6. Return all textbooks and library materials to the library as soon as you are finished with them so they can be processed for semester 2 distribution.
7. Food is allowed, but only in clear plastic containers or bags. Students need to be conscious of allergies.

good luck

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SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE CHANGE REQUESTS

Students who need to make changes to their second semester timetable must pick up a Course Requests/Changes form either from the front doors of the school outside doors or after January 11th, at the Student Services office. You are to follow your original timetable unless you see the changes have been made on PowerSchool. Changes are on a "first come, first served" basis as some courses may be full. The deadline to submit for semester two course changes is February 10th, 2021.

WORK EXPERIENCE

New to the world of work? Do you currently hold a part time job? Are you interested in the Trades, possibly becoming an Apprentice? Come and see Mr. Umpherville in Student Services to start your career journey. Earn credits for a current job. If you are presently working this may be a way to earn extra credits. Work Experience, Registered Apprenticeship (RAP) and associated safety courses are available to all high school students. The pre-requisite is passing the CTS, HCS3000 module. Students may come and see Mr. Umpherville for details and to sign-up for Semester 2. Parents, please feel free to email Mr. Umpherville at brad.umpherville@blackgold.ca

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A new year brings big decisions for students looking to attend post-secondary school next year, most importantly, where to continue their education. Here are a couple of blogs that highlight some of the things that students should be considering:

- [The 5 Things That Matter Most When Choosing a University](#)
- [How To Stand Out From Other Top University Applicants](#)
- [Choosing The Right University For You](#)

LEARNING RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Discovery Education www.webmath.com Students will find hundreds of instant-answer, self-help, math solvers, providing instant help on math problems.

Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org With a library of over 2600 videos, covering everything from Arithmetic to Physics, Finance and History, as well as 207 practice exercises, Khan Academy is on a mission to help you learn what you want, when you want, at your own pace.

NAIT Online <http://www.nait.ca/Tutorial.htm> The Northern Alberta

Institute of Technology (NAIT) provides an excellent toolkit for student use. Following this link provides learning strategies suited to various learning styles, as well as course specific (English, ESL, Math, Chemistry, Physics and Biology) materials

Quest A+ <https://questaplus.alberta.ca> Alberta Education has created this website providing practice exams in Social Studies 30-1, 30-2; Math 30; Biology 30; Chemistry 30; Physics 30 & Science 30.

MEDICAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP

The 2021 Medical Science Workshop (MSW) hosted by TeamUP Science is a unique event that allows high school students to explore the different characteristics, expertise, and techniques of the many medical sciences. Students will delve into activities centered on fields like dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, nursing, and medical laboratory, while at the same time interacting with current students in some of those medical professions. This unique online workshop will include interesting stations, thrilling challenges, and team based activities! MSW will also be incorporating a competitive aspect to the

workshop where participants will get a chance to win awesome prizes, all while learning! MSW will be hosted on the weekend of February 6-7 in 2021, offering a total of four possible morning/afternoon sessions to choose from.

Registration for the 2021 Medical Science Workshop is now open!

If you are interested, you can sign up [here](#)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact events@teamupscience.com.

Final Exam Schedule - January 2021

Date	Time	Course
Monday January 18	Last Day of Classes	
	8:30-11:30 am	Math 30-3
Tuesday January 19	8:30-11:30 am	Social 10-1
	12:00-3:00 pm	FLA 20 Social 10-2
Wednesday January 20	8:30-11:30 am	Math 20-1 Math 20-2
	12:00-3:00 pm	FLA 10 Math 20-3
Thursday January 21	8:30-11:30 am	Science 10
	12:00-3:00 pm	Physics 20 Science 14
Friday January 22	8:30-11:30 am	Social 20-1
	12:00-3:00 pm	Social 20-2

Date	Time	Course
Monday January 25	8:30-11:30 am	ELA 20-2 Math 10-3
	12:00-3:00 pm	ELA 20-1
Tuesday January 26	8:30-11:30 am	Math 10 C
	12:00-3:00 pm	Biology 20
Wednesday January 27	8:30-11:30 am	ELA 10-1
	12:00-3:00 pm	ELA 10-2
Thursday January 28	8:30-11:30 am	Chemistry 20 Science 20 Science 24
	12:00-3:00 pm	NO EXAMS
Friday January 29	PD DAY NO SCHOOL	

Diploma Exams Schedule - January 2021

Please note: Diploma exams are optional for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Date	Time	Course
Monday January 11	9:00 am-12:00 pm	English Language Arts 30-1 - Part A English Language Arts 30-2 - Part A
Tuesday January 12	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Social Studies 30-1 Part(ie) A Social Studies 30-2 Part(ie) A
Wednesday January 13	9:00 am-12:00 pm	French Language Arts 30-1 Partie A
Tuesday January 19	9:00 am-12:00 pm	French Language Arts 30-1 Partie B
Wednesday January 20	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Mathematics 30-1 Mathematics 30-2
Thursday January 21	9:00 am-12:00 pm	English Language Arts 30-1 - Part B English Language Arts 30-2 - Part B
Friday January 22	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Social Studies 30-1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30-2 Part(ie) B
Monday January 25	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Biology 30
Tuesday January 26	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Chemistry 30
Wednesday January 27	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Physics 30
Friday January 28	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Science 30