

2020-2021 School Year SUMMER & SEPTEMBER INFORMATION

COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CONTACT PROCEDURES DURING SUMMER

Please email Principal Donavin Simmons at <u>donavin.simmons@blackgold.ca</u> or leave a message on the school phone – 780-986-8353. The answering machine will be checked periodically over the summer. For urgent matters, please use email.

REPORT CARDS & POWERSCHOOL

Report cards were distributed by email via SchoolMessenger on June 26th at 3:00 pm. Student final grades/comments will be available for viewing on the student's PowerSchool account under the Grades and Attendance Menu on the left-hand side, until mid-August.

APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR MARKS, CREDITS, REPORT CARDS

The appeal deadline date for report cards is July 17th. This may be done by contacting the principal via email.

SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN

On June 10, 2020, the Alberta government announced their Re-entry Plan for the 2020-21 school year to allow schools and parents to prepare for learning while putting student and staff safety first. The Alberta government's Scenario 1 is the preferred and likely plan where students return to daily in-school classes in September (near normal with health measures).

Black Gold School Division, has been planning our <u>BGSD 2020-2021 Re-Entry Plan</u> for September 2020.

By August 1, 2020, the government will share its final decision on which scenario will be in place at the beginning of the school year. Highlights and details of the <u>Alberta government's Re-entry Plan</u> are available on their website.

REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS & RETURNING STUDENTS

All new families are to register their child(ren) online via Black Gold Registration Form which is available on the Black Gold School Division website at: <u>New Student Registration</u>. As an alternative program, CCS also has some additional requirements. These can be found <u>here</u>.

New registrations will be confirmed after a new family interview. The next date for these interviews will be August 28th, 2020. The office will call you to set up a suitable time with your family.

Students who were registered in Black Gold School Division in 2019-2020 and are returning to a Black Gold School in 2020-2021, should NOT complete a new student registration form. Instead, they could complete an online Student Enrolment Verification Form, through their <u>PowerSchool Parent Portal</u>. The form will be available prior to September 1, 2020.

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDING IN-SCHOOL CLASSES OR LEARNING AT HOME

By August 1st, the Alberta government will share its final decision on which Scenario is in place for

September. If Scenario 1 or 2 is implemented, parents will be asked to declare whether their child(ren) will be returning to in-school classes or learning at home.

BGSD will then distribute via SchoolMessenger, a Google form for parents to indicate their decision for each child. Parents who choose to keep their children out of classes will be able to transition them back into regularly scheduled classes at various designated times during the year.

SCHOOL START DATE & TIMES FOR GRADES 1 - 12 STUDENTS

First Day of School: Tuesday, September 1st (Full Day)

Regular Day Morning Warning Bell: 8:35 Regular Day Afternoon Warning Bell & Lunch Hour Times: 11:55-12:27 Regular Day Dismissal Time: 3:15 Early Dismissal Time (1st Wednesday October-June): 2:30

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (ECS): KINDERGARTEN & PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN:

English Program: Monday/Wednesdays and scheduled Fridays **OR** Tuesday/Thursdays and scheduled Fridays **Staggered entry dates:** September 2- 3, 2020. Parents will be informed of their child's date and time by the Kindergarten teacher in mid-August. Parents registering after this date will be informed by phone call on August 28, 2020.

Regular ECS classes commence: Friday, September 4 – T/Th class, Wednesday, September 9 - M/W class Warning bell: 8:35 AM

Lunch Hour: Recess - 11:55 AM to 12:15 PM; Lunch - 12:15 PM – 12:27 PM; Afternoon warning bell rings at 12:27 PM

Dismissal time: 3:15 PM

Please bring:

- Backpack and Lunch Kit
- Inside/physical education athletic shoes (non-marking soles)
- 2 Large Erasers (suggest Staedtler Mars Plastic Erasers, 2/pack x1)
- 2 Glue Sticks (suggest Elmer's All Purpose Glue Stick, 40g)
- Scissors (good quality) (suggest Staples 7" Student Scissors)
- Crayons (suggest Crayola Crayons, 8 pack)
- 2 ½ Plain and ½ Interlined Notebook (suggest Hilroy Exercise Book, ½ interlined ½ plain, 72 pages 9 1/8" x 7 1/8", green cover)

PRE-KINDERGARTEN:

Pre-kindergarten is offered at École Bellevue School, East Elementary School, Linsford Park School, Calmar Elementary School, Thorsby Elementary School and Robina Baker Elementary School. Only children who qualify for ECS programming due to a delay or diagnosis as per Alberta Education criteria are eligible.

Please contact Niki Gill at <u>niki.gill@blackgold.ca</u> to inquire about eligibility.

To ensure a balance of strengths and needs across all programs, program times will be communicated directly by the school to all eligible families in September once school staff have had the opportunity to meet all the children in person and perform any necessary assessments.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School supply lists are available on the school's website or by clicking this link: <u>Supply Lists</u> Alternatively, Leduc Staples has supply lists in store. Online purchases may be made through Staples. Information for online purchases can be found on our website <u>Staples School Tools Ordering Information</u>

TIMETABLE & TIMETABLE CHANGES

Students will be given their timetables on the first day of school, September 1, 2020. Option classes for Junior High students will be chosen the first week of classes.

CLASSROOM PLACEMENT

The school will provide classroom placement information to parents/students for the upcoming school year in their classroom welcome letter, which will be emailed Tuesday, June 30th, 2020.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At CCS, we strive to cultivate Flourishing Learners, who Delight in God and are Inspired to Serve. We pray that our students and parents have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing everyone (in-person or virtually) at our Meet the Teacher & Welcome Back Event, which will be held on August 28th from 5:00-7:00 PM.

More information will be available in the August Chronicle newsletter.

TRANSPORTATION & SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

Information available @ <u>Transportation Information</u> or the LSCE Transportation Coordinator: <u>carrie.boyd.lsce@gmail.com</u>

For Black Gold busing inquiries please contact Sue @780-955-6034 or Diane @ 780-955-6048.

2020-2021 School Year information will be posted to our BGSD website in late August.