



DECEMBER 15-19, 2025

DECEMBER 22 to JANUARY 2 - Christmas Break (no school)

JANUARY 5 - school resumes

JANUARY 8 - PTA meeting and grad planning meeting

JANUARY 30 - PD Day (no school)



[2025-2026 BGSD Division Calendar](#)

CHRISTMAS
ELVES

www.devonchristmaselves.com



POST-SECONDARY OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Post-secondary open house info is available on the digital billboard in the JMHS student lounge!

[2025 - Alberta Post-Secondary Open House Info](#)

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMMING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

To sign-up for work experience during the school year, RAP or the Green Certificate program, please see Mrs. van Steenis during block 2 in the office or contact her by email at: kim.vansteen@blackgold.ca

Sign-up for the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) presentation on September 25 in the office!

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JOHN MALAND HIGH SCHOOL

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PARENT TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Parents/Guardians – If you are interested in a role on the parent teacher advisory council, please contact the principal, Jon Ganton, at jon.ganton@gshare.blackgold.ca for more information. All parents, guardians or current JMHS students are welcome to attend!

The next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8 from 6-8pm in the JMHS conference room!

Future PTA meeting dates are:

January 8	May 7
February 12	June 4
April 9	

STUDENTS' UNION

Students' Union will be hosting their meetings every Thursday at lunch in room 105! Anyone who missed out on signing up or the first meeting can still join!

LAKE LOUISE SKI TRIP - FEBRUARY 27

SKI TRIP REGISTRATION
OPENS TO ALL STUDENTS ON
DECEMBER 15 AT 9AM
ON YOUR POWERSCHOOL ACCOUNT



2025-2026



SCHOOL FEES

School fees have been posted to your [PowerSchool account](#). Your semester 1 fees are now overdue. To pay fees, you must log-in to PowerSchool on a browser and not the app. If you haven't set-up a PowerSchool account, please do so as soon as possible.

ABSENCE REPORTING

BGSD will be implementing a new absence reporting system this year with SafeArrival starting August 27!

For more information, please visit the [JMHS website](#) and download the app today!



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JMHS Christmas Theme Days

15

MONDAY

Christmas Hat Day

Wear your best festive hat!

16

TUESDAY

Red and Green Day

Show off your brightest Christmas colours in your outfit!

17

WEDNESDAY

Christmas Sweater Day

Rock your coziest or ugliest holiday sweater!

18

THURSDAY

Christmas Character Day

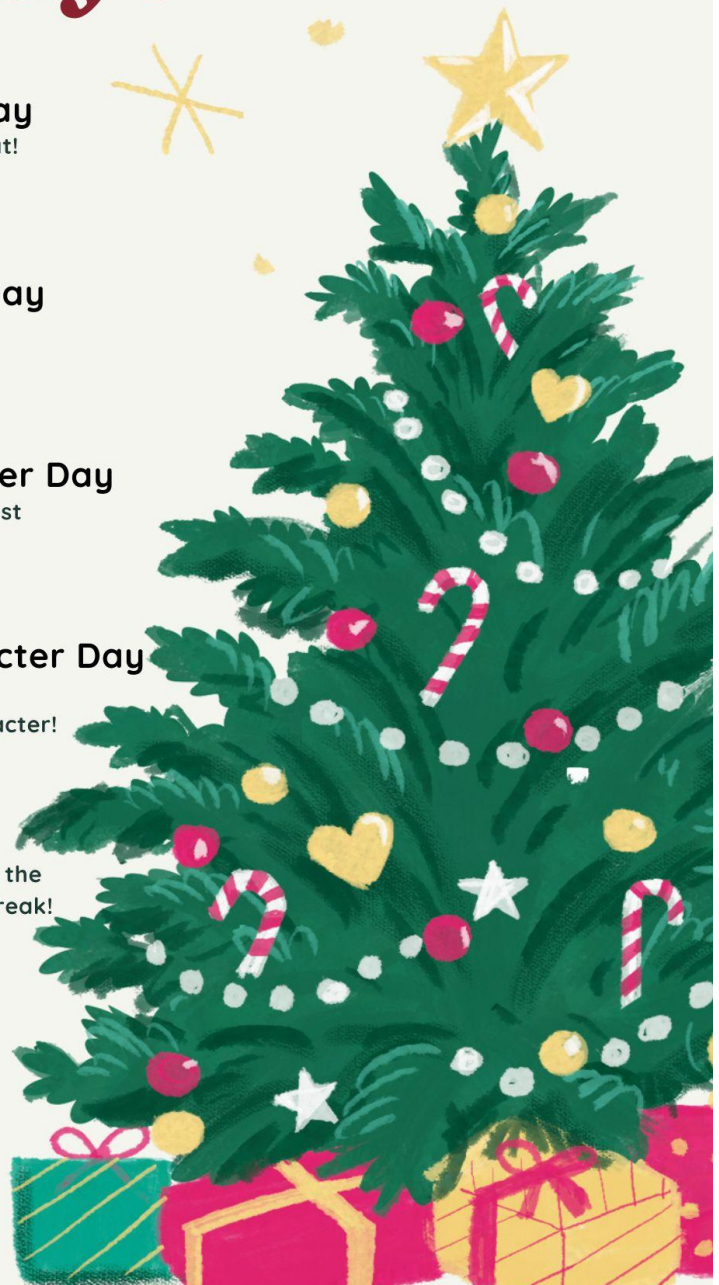
Come dressed as your favourite Christmas character!

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FRIDAY

Pyjama Day

Get comfy in your PJs for the last day before holiday break!





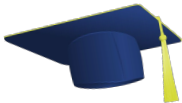
GRAD INFO

**The JMHS 2026 convocation ceremony will be held
on May 23, 2026 at Hope City Church (2225 66 St NW) at 11am.**

**The next student/parent planning meeting will be held on
Thursday, January 8 at 6pm in the JMHS library.**

We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU to the parents that volunteered and attended the last meeting!

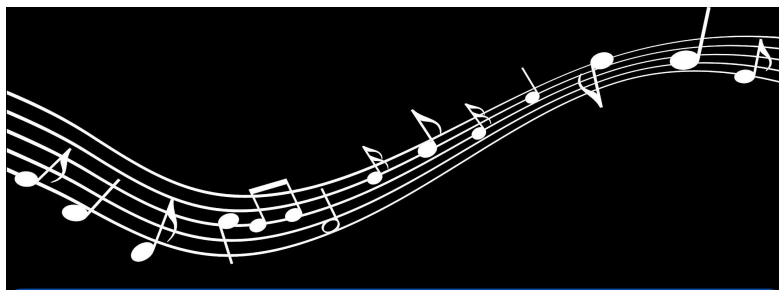


**Graduation photos will be held on February 10-11 at JMHS.
The booking link will be available closer to the date!**



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JMHS/RMS BAND BOTTLE DRIVE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH
10AM TO 4PM

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



GET YOUR

OFFICIAL GEAR

We have opened the JMHS store to purchase school spirit wear! You can order at anytime and have the gear shipped to your house.

[JMHS ENTRIPY SHOP](#)

If you would like to place an order through the school to save on shipping, please [email us!](#)

2025-2026



PIZZA TIME



PIZZA FRIDAYS!

GET A SLICE OF DOMINO'S PIZZA
AT THE CANTEEN LOCATED IN
THE STUDENT LOUNGE!

\$2.50



**JMHS
STUDENTS' UNION**



Sign out a Family Pass to the
Leduc Recreation Centre at the Library!



How does the pass work?

- The LRC Family Pass is valid for 2 adults and all children living in the same household.
- Sign out your LRC Family Pass for FREE from the Library.
- This pass will provide you and your family with access to all of the amenities at the LRC. Enjoy the Aquatic Centre, Arenas, Courts, Fieldhouse, Fitness Centre and Indoor Track.
- Passes are valid for a one week time period.
- After your one week rental, return the LRC Family Pass back to the Library for other families to enjoy.

Visit [Live.Leduc.ca](#) for the latest drop-in activity schedule.
Get moving. Start having fun. Be connected - today!



Leduc.ca/LRC
@leducrecreationcentre

SIGN OUT THE LRC PASS IN THE LIBRARY!



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LIBRARY CORNER



We are in full festive mode in the library! Encourage your student to come in and participate in our Christmas Contest; guess the staff members' favourite Christmas movie for a chance to win prizes!

The library will be undergoing a renovation during the Christmas break. Please ensure all overdue items are returned no later than December 12th. Books will be unavailable for checkout from December 12th to January 12th. Your student is welcome to come in before December 12th to stock up on Christmas reading!



Your School's Digital Library

School's Out? Reading is IN!
How much can YOU read?

How to find Digital Resources?

On the Library homepage, use the dropdown to select preferred format



Search by title, author or topic, and embark on your digital reading adventure!

Did you know...

- You can borrow any ebook or audiobook using any device **ANYTIME, 24/7**. Just log in with your student account!
- There are 5000 different ebooks to choose from, and 1412 different audiobooks!
- Ebooks and audiobooks will **NEVER** be late! Automatic returns on item due dates.
- Ebooks will have this icon
- Audiobooks will have this icon

Ask your **librarian** for help!
Visit destiny.blackgold.ca for access!



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The
LCHS MUSICAL THEATRE
Production of

Disney
FROZEN JR.
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DECEMBER 11-13, 2025
MACLAB CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Performances

DECEMBER 11 AT 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 12 AT 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 13 2:00 & 7:30 PM

Music & Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

TICKETS ON SALE FOR \$20 FROM CAST MEMBERS OR
BY CALLING LCHS AT 780-986-2248



DISNEY'S FROZEN JR. IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI).
ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI. WWW.MTISHOWS.COM

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GAME ON! COMMUNITY GAME NIGHTS

Every 2nd &
4th Tuesday.
6:30-8:30pm
DEVON COMMUNITY CENTRE

BOARD GAMES.
CARD GAMES.
GROUP GAMES.
CLASSIC & NEW GAMES.

FREE

ALL AGES
(under 14 must be
accompanied)

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OR WITH
FRIENDS &
FAMILY

Whether you are a whizz or a newbie, by yourself or with a group, with over 100 games to choose from - there will be something for everyone, and hosts to welcome you and show you the ropes.



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This whole life thing.
SORTED.



Money & Financial. Cooking & Nutrition. Communication. Social Skills. Employability. Health & Hygiene. Mental Health & Wellbeing. Home & Vehicle Maintenance. Healthy Relationships & More!

WEDNESDAYS FROM SEP 24, 6-8PM.

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What's on each week: www.devon.ca/xtra



Life. Skills. Worth. Knowing.



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FROM UOFT, MCGILL, UWATERLOO, QUEENS!

BTC 1-on-1 Mentorship Program

deadline for
mentees:
Sept. 22nd,
2025



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school to university*



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program/university of interest, career
aspirations, hobbies/extracurriculars!

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website

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instagram

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Tutoring Sessions



Need help with Math, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, English,
Social Studies or any class in your school?

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Starting: TBD



Connect with a tutor in
person during one of our
sessions run by university
student volunteers!
Our sessions are completely
free - check our website for
dates and locations!

Starting: Now

If you're unable to make
an in-person session, you
can also arrange 1 hour
online sessions directly with
a tutor. Use the link on our
website to access the booking
site or email us!



ONLINE VIA GOOGLE MEET

Visit our website or email for more information!

www.tutorsae.ca | tutorsae@ualberta.ca

NOTE: Have your homework/resources available



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Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

December 2025



Recovery Alberta is proud to offer FREE online programming to caregivers of school-age children and youth as well as adults in the community who want to learn more about addiction and mental health topics.

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application. A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

December Education Sessions

More than Just a Bad Day *Understanding Depression*

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved one.

Monday, December 1
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Resilience through Connecting, Caring, and Coping

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved one.

Monday, December 8
12:00 – 1:00 pm

January Education Sessions

Understanding Anxiety Series

For adults supporting their own wellness or supporting the wellness of children and teens.

Part 1:
An Introduction
Wednesday, January 7
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:
Calming Our Bodies
Wednesday, January 14
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 3:
Settling Our Minds
Wednesday, January 21
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 4:
Overcoming Avoidance
Wednesday, January 28
12:00 – 1:00 pm

January Education Sessions

Body Image and Eating Disorders

For parents and caregivers supporting teens (Grades 7-12)

Part 1:
Tuesday, January 20
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:
Tuesday, January 27
12:00 – 1:00 pm





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December Education Sessions

Recovery Alberta



These free sessions are intended to provide community members with information and strategies regarding addiction and mental health challenges that can affect us all.

More than Just a Bad Day Understanding Depression

In this session, we will discuss what mental health is, the difference between sadness and depression, and common signs and symptoms of depression. Treatment options and supportive strategies for coping and support will be shared.

Date: Monday, December 1, 2025

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved one.

Resilience through Connecting, Caring, and Coping

Resiliency is something we want, but how do we foster it? Join us for this webinar where we look at stress and burnout, the power of resilience in getting through the 'tough stuff', and how self-compassion and self-care are essential to our well-being. We will discuss strategies for building our own personal supportive networks and inner coping skills to strengthen our ability to 'bounce back'.

Date: Monday, December 8, 2025

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved one.

Registration:

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

To register, click [HERE](#) or go to:

www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Participant Feedback

"I think the virtual sessions are a fantastic way to reach people and get information out especially now when everyone can use the help."





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January Education Sessions

These free adult sessions are intended to provide community members with information and strategies regarding addiction and mental health challenges that can affect us all. When topics are presented as a series, participants can attend one or all sessions.

Understanding Anxiety Series

Part 1: An Introduction

This session will distinguish between normal worries and anxiety that is no longer helpful or productive and will help participants to identify signs that they or their child/youth may be experiencing anxiety.

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of children and youth.

Part 2: Calming Our Bodies

In this session, we will review how the body reacts to stress triggers, ways we can start to notice the body's stress responses, and strategies for regulating ourselves, children, and youth.

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of children and youth.

Part 3: Settling Our Minds

In this session, we will look at how anxiety can lead to negative thoughts and thinking traps that can hold us back. Strategies for encouraging more realistic thinking will be discussed.

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of children and youth.

Part 4: Overcoming Avoidance

In this session, we will discuss how avoidance of stressors can increase our stress response over time. We will discuss ways to manage stressful situations in steps and effective coping skills.

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of children and youth.

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Registration:

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Participant Feedback

"Was a good session, great reminders of the need for balance and reminded me of things I need to work on as a parent as well as my successes. Thank you."





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January Education Sessions



These free sessions are intended to provide community members with information and strategies regarding addiction and mental health challenges that can affect us all.

Body Image and Eating Disorders

Struggles with self-esteem, body image and weight control are a common concern. This session will explore some of the reasons behind these struggles, provide information on disordered eating and eating disorders, as well as discuss strategies for supporting teens towards healthier perspectives and habits.

Part 1: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of youth grades 7-12; for adults only.

Part 2: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of youth grades 7-12; for adults only.

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Registration:

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

To register, click [HERE](#) or go to:

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Participant Feedback

"I am so happy this session was available. Many great tools were offered and will be used. Very thankful for the succinct and useful information."





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SUSTAINABILITY

YOUNG ALBERTAN CLIMATE ACTIVISTS



Sadie Vipond



Haley Pukanski



WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER
2025

17

7:00 p.m. (MDT)
LIVE & Online

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84702908980>
Devon Community Centre
20 Haven Ave., Devon

This Community-driven Initiative is free to attend

Young Albertan Climate Activists

Sadie Vipond is a 19 year old Environmental Science student at UBC. She is one of 15 litigants suing the federal Canadian government for a safe climate future for all Canadian youth and for all creatures and to prevent the worst effects of the climate emergency.

Haley Pukanski is a Native Studies Student at Yukon University. Raised in Devon, Haley spends her time between Devon and Edmonton. She is a member of Climate Justice Edmonton and a founding member of The Devon Ecological Collective, advocating for socially and politically just answers to the climate crisis.

For More Info Call:
(780) 729-4932

Check us out online
www.facebook.com/WalkTheTalks



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Mental Health Symposium

Parents and guardians from all Black Gold schools are invited to attend this years Mental Health Symposium. This event is designed to equip you with valuable resources, information, and direct connections to the mental health services, organizations, and support networks available within our community.

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts

Door prizes to be won!



INTERNET CHILD EXPLOITATION PRESENTATION



JOIN US

DATE

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

TIME

Starts immediately following the Symposium (approx. 7:00 p.m.)

LOCATION

Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts, Leduc

PRESENTERS

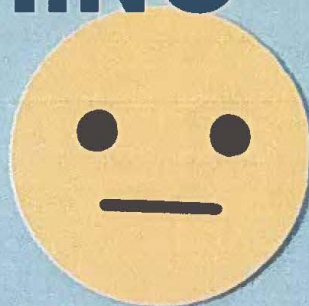
Constable Stephanie Bosch (Edmonton Police Service) and Constable Scott Sterling (RCMP) from ALERT's Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation unit (NAICE).





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EMOTION COACHING



The Heart of Parenting

Did you know that helping a child understand, express and manage their emotions is one of the most impactful things you can do for their future success in all areas of life?

Join us online for this two-session workshop, where parents and caregivers of children 0-12 years old, will explore the Gottman Institute's five step method for building children's emotional intelligence.

Date: March 18th & 25th, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: Online

To register visit Leduc.ca/FRN or use the QR code

For more information email FRN@Leduc.ca





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What's Up With Teens???

Surviving & Thriving Through the Teen Years
Join us for a one-day, in-person workshop to help you navigate the wild, wonderful world of raising teens.

Based on Straight Talk About Teens from Psychology Canada, this session offers real talk, practical tools, and fresh perspective.

We'll cover:

- How the teen brain works
- What really matters to teens
- Staying connected/working on relationship
 - Communication
- Managing risk and setting boundaries

Whether you're in the thick of it or just getting started, you're not alone—and you've got this.

January 31st
10-3
Family Resource Network
5102 50ave

Email FRN@Leduc.ca
for more Information

Use the QR Code
to express interest

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Alberta

Provincial Family
Resource Networks