

NOVEMBER 2025

# CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

*Monthly newsletter for CPS Vikings Families*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Mr. Simmons - [donavin.simmons@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:donavin.simmons@gshare.blackgold.ca)

After the whirlwind of the past few weeks, it feels both grounding and necessary to step into November, which is a month that always seems to invite us to pause.

October ended with a mix of excitement and exhaustion. Between the return from the teacher strike, Halloween festivities, and our wonderful Halloween Parade, our building was buzzing with energy (and, let's be honest, a fair amount of sugar). I continue to be incredibly proud of how our staff, students, and families handled the unexpected pause in our school year and how smoothly everyone transitioned back into learning and laughter again. It's no small thing.

As we enter November, our focus shifts to something more reflective. This Friday, November 7th, we will gather as a school community for our Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45 a.m. (doors open at 10:30), which should finish around 11:30 am. It's always a meaningful time to stop and remember, to honour the sacrifice of those who have served, and to help our students understand the deep importance of peace, gratitude, and freedom.

Remembrance Day has always held deep personal meaning for me. My grandfather fought in World War II, and even as a child, I remember sensing how sacred this day was, the silence, the poppies, and the honest, difficult stories that reminded us that freedom is never free. Each year, I find myself pausing again to appreciate the courage, sacrifice, and hope that have shaped the country we live in today.

This month also brings us into our November Break (November 8-16). While it seems sudden this year, I hope this time offers rest, connection, and renewal for everyone after what has been a very full fall. We'll return to regular classes on Monday, November 17th.

A quick reminder: Friday, November 1st, is no longer a PD Day. It will be a regular day of classes.

Thank you for your continued support, trust, and encouragement. It's been a wild stretch, but our community remains strong, united, and grounded in purpose.

Warmly,

Mr. Simmons

Principal, Caledonia Park School

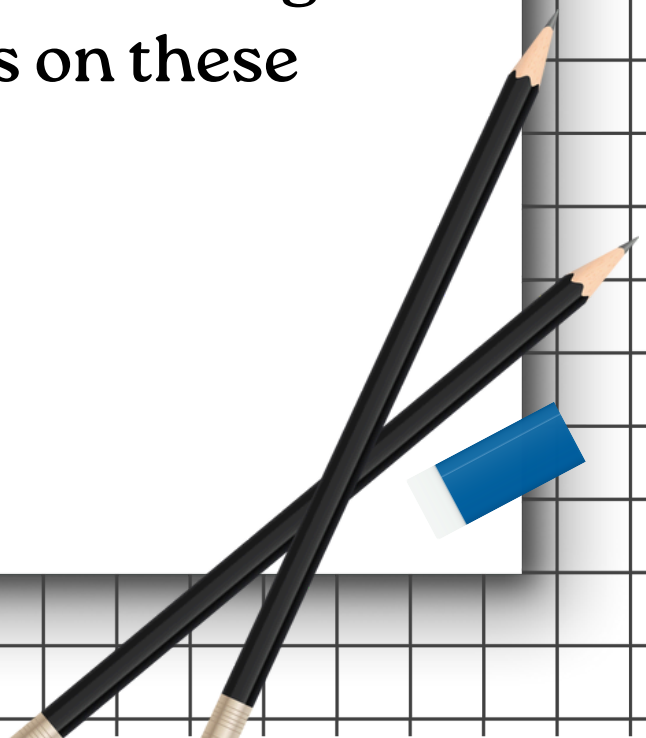


After careful consideration, the BGSD Board of Trustees approved switching the two upcoming PD days into instructional days.

Monday, November 3, 2025

Monday, December 1, 2025

We look forward to seeing the students in class on these days.



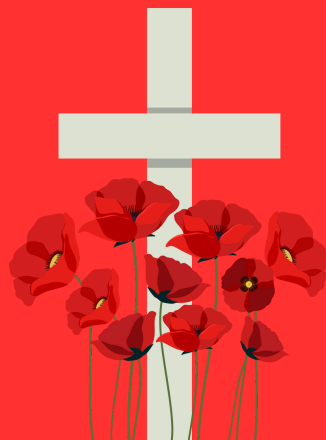
# NOVEMBER

## IMPORTANT DATES

- November 2: Daylights Savings Time Ends  
Clocks Go Back One Hour
- November 3: Regular Scheduled Classes
- Gr. 5/6 Girls Basketball Tryouts @ 3:00
- November 4: Gr. 5/6 Girls Basketball Tryouts @ 3:00
- November 5: Bake Sale - Gr. 4 supply treats
- Gr. 5/6 Boys Basketball Tryouts @ 3:00
- November 6: Gr. 5/6 Boys Basketball Tryouts @ 3:00
- November 7: Remembrance Day Ceremony @10:45
- November 10 - 14: Mid-Term Break

### **SCHOOL CLOSED**

- November 18: Immunizations Gr. 6
- Popcorn Sale: 50 cents/bag
- November 21: Flannel Friday
- November 27: Fire Safety Presentation (ECS - Gr. 3)





# Bake Sale and Popcorn Day

## ***Bake Sale Rules***

- All items are priced at .50 cents each
- Drop off items in the morning to our lovely volunteers at the front door by 8am or at the office
- We appreciate 1 to 2 dozen
- All items must be individually portioned, but items do not need to be individually wrapped, but always welcome
- Containers must have the name and class written on it so it can be returned, if there is no name we will assume you don't want it returned
- Baked or store-bought items are welcome
- We love gluten free options as well
- All items must be **Peanut and Nut free - No Exceptions**

We are always looking for volunteers! Please let us know if you are interested and contact Kyla Olson via email [hairbykylao@gmail.com](mailto:hairbykylao@gmail.com)

## ***Bake Sale Dates***

- **October 1 - Grade 6**
- **November 5 - Grade 4**
- **December 3 - Grade 1 and 2**
- **January - No Bake Sale**
- **February 11 - Kindergarten**
- **March 4 - Grade 5**
- **April 8 - Grade 3**
- **May 6 - Grade 7**
- **June - No Bake Sale**

## ***Popcorn Sale Dates***

Each Bag - \$0.50

- **October 16**
- **November 20**
- **December - No Popcorn Sale**
- **January 15**
- **February 19**
- **March 19**
- **April 16**
- **May 21**
- **June - No Popcorn Sale**





# IN AND AROUND OUR SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER EDITION



### School Fees

ECS Fees, Grade 7 Quarter 2 Option/Complementary fees will be posted on students' accounts later this week. You can view these fees in your PowerSchool Parent Account at

<https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html>

These course fees cover supplies that are consumed during the course - Prompt payments are appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns about these fees, please contact the school for assistance.

### Kanga Pouches

Student Kanga Pouches are available for purchase online!

Log into your PowerSchool Parent Account to order now.

Once the order has been received, the students will be called down to the office to choose a one, from a variety of colors.

**\$14.00 each** / limited supply available.



**WATER  
BOTTLES**

*PLEASE remind your student(s) to bring a water bottle to school everyday! Water fountains are available for use and can be used to refill water bottles throughout the day. Hydration is extremely important for students!!*

# LUNCH DILEMMA SOLVED!

**Nov. 21 KFC**

Order Deadline: Nov. 14



**Dec. 12 Boston Pizza**

Order Deadline: Nov 28

**Jan 9 Subway & Edo Japan**



Order Deadline: Dec 26

**Jan 23 McDonald's**

Order Deadline: Jan 9



**Feb 13 Pizza Hut**

Order Deadline: Jan 30

**Feb 27 KFC**

Order Deadline: Feb 13

**March 13 Boston Pizza**

Order Deadline: Feb 21



**March 27 Subway & Edo Japan**

Order Deadline March 13



**April 17- Pizza Hut**

Order Deadline: April 3

**May 8- Kosmos May 29 - McDonalds June 5-Pizza Hut**

Order Deadline: April 24

Order Deadline: May 15

Order Deadline: May 22

Questions: or need help ordering:  
[nbergsma2@hotmail.com](mailto:nbergsma2@hotmail.com)

# Here's how to get started...

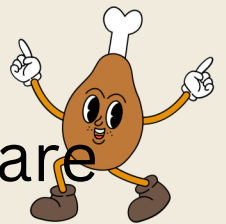
✓Go to <https://caledonia.hotlunches.net/>  
Click on “Click Here to Register”, Follow the prompts

Your paragraph text



✓ Click the “Register Now” button at the bottom

✓Add each of your children to their appropriate class. Once your child(ren) are registered, click on “Orders”



✓ Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren) Hot Lunch is available for students in Grade 1-7

Did you know the Hot Lunch Program is a fundraiser?

Don't have a paypal account?

Just “Click” Guest checkout and use a credit card

Email questions to [nbergsma2@hotmail.com](mailto:nbergsma2@hotmail.com)

Do you have 2-3 hours free? Come join us



# Leduc Santa's Helpers



We are looking for NEW/Unused items to include with our Christmas hampers. Toys, Pajamas, Socks, Games, Mitt/Toque sets, etc.

All donations are greatly appreciated! If it is popular with your children it is likely to be on the wishlist of others.

Items that are generally in short supply include:

- Pajamas
- Headphones
- Art Kits
- Power Banks
- Socks
- Make-up Kits
- Craft Kits
- Phone Acces.
- Books
- Curling Irons
- Watches
- Blankets
- Games
- Blow Dryers
- Model Kits
- Hoodies/Sweatshirts
- Lego Kits
- Electric Shaver
- Pencil Crayons
- Coloring Books
- Drones
- RC Vehicles
- Gift Cards
- Personal Care Kits
- Bluetooth Speakers
- Sports Items (*Basketballs, Soccer Balls, etc*)

Items for 0 - 2 year olds that are generally in short supply include:

- Pajamas/Onsies/Clothes/Blankets
- Teething Toys
- Stacking Toys
- Learning Toys: Vtech, LeapFrog, Fisher-Price
- Play Mats

Check with your school for donation deadlines

Thank you for supporting Leduc Santa's Helpers and helping those less fortunate this holiday season.



# NEED A VISIT FROM SANTA?

**w w w.leduc santashelpers.ca**

**Helping families in Leduc for 42 years**

*We believe every child should have a smile on their face at Christmas*

**Registration will be open:  
November 3 - December 12**

**To register online visit:  
w w w.leduc santashelpers.ca/hamper-application/**

**To register via telephone call:  
825-995-1008**

**Program Criteria:**

- Must be a resident of the City of Leduc**
- Must have children in the household under the age of 18**
- Must meet the income guidelines:**

Family Size	Maximum Income
Two Persons	up to \$45,000
Three Persons	up to \$47,500
Four Persons	up to \$50,000
Five Persons	up to \$52,500
Six Persons	up to \$55,000
More than Six People	up to \$57,500



CANADIAN  
FOUNDATION **WHEELCHAIR**  
FONDATION CHAISE ROULANTE CANADA  
A Global Wheelchair Mission Partner



# Collect pop tabs for a worthy cause.

## Collection container is located in the school office



**MISSION** Canadian Wheelchair Foundation /  
Fondation Chaise Roulante Canada is a  
Canadian registered charity dedicated to:

- raising awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities.
- delivering mobility into the lives of those who have no means to acquire a wheelchair.
- transforming lives through Mobility, and with it giving Freedom, Dignity and Hope.

*freedom  
freedom*

**MOBILITY** Mobility creates independence and new opportunity for recipients and their families. A mobile child is able to attend school. A mobile adult is able to get a job and provide for their family. An elderly person with mobility can rejoin society or family activities after years of staying in bed. We estimate that each wheelchair we deliver impacts the lives of 10 people in a lasting positive way.

CANADIAN  
FOUNDATION **WHEELCHAIR**





# Coming Spring 2026 New Playground

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**



Help us reach our goal of \$147,500 to build  
our new playground. See picture below,  
Construction starting spring 2026

Please help !

GOAL: \$147,500



Scan the QR code  
to make a donation



Own or work for a company that  
may be interested in sponsorship  
opportunities?

Get in touch today!

Want to donate or be involved?

Email: [parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com](mailto:parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com)



**THANK  
YOU!**

## Bottle Drive

Drop off empties anytime at  
rear of leduc bottle depot,  
quote :

Caledonia Park School Playground





# NEW TO OUR SCHOOL?

CHECK OUT OUR CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL WEBSITE  
FOR HELPFUL INFORMATION

**Check out the following links:**

[Staff Contacts](#)

[PowerSchool Help](#)

[Student Sign Out Form](#)

[Absence Reporting](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

[Division Calendars](#)









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Caledonia Park School will be holding several "School Spirit Days" throughout the year. All dates are posted on our CPS Website Calendar and will be announced through our weekly updates. Please note the following dates and encourage your child to show their school spirit!

\*\*\* Dates could be subject to change

### **SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS**

**Orange Shirt Day: Monday, Sept 29**

**Crazy Hair Day: Friday, Oct. 10**

**Halloween Dress Up Day: Friday, Oct 31**

**Flannel Friday Friday: November 21**

**12 Days of Christmas: Month of December**

**Twin Day: Thursday, Jan 15**

**90's Day (Dress like the 90's): Tuesday, Jan 27**

**Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday, Feb 25**

**St. Patrick's Day: Tuesday, Mar 17**

**Lots of Socks: Monday, Mar 23**

**Autism Awareness Day: Thursday, April 2**

**Viking Wear Day: Thursday, April 23**

**Hats on for Mental Health: Wednesday, May 6**

**Western Day: Friday, May 29**

**One Colour Day: Thursday, June 11**

**Mark May Day: You'll never know, Mark**





# **2025-2026** **SCHOOL YEAR**

## **First Day:**

YOUR CHILD WILL ENTER AT THEIR DESIGNATED DOOR TO FIND THEIR NAME AND CLASS LIST. STAFF WILL BE OUTSIDE AND IN THE HALLWAYS TO DIRECT STUDENTS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS AND ASSIST ANY STUDENTS WHO NEED HELP. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR STUDENT HAS THEIR SCHOOL SUPPLIES, INDOOR SHOES, A LUNCH/SNACKS AND A WATER BOTTLE.

## **PowerSchool:**

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE SET UP AND HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNT, PLEASE EMAIL [MINDY.PARADIS@BLACKGOLD.CA](mailto:MINDY.PARADIS@BLACKGOLD.CA) FOR ASSISTANCE

## **Class Schedules:**

JR. HIGH SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN POSTED TO POWERSCHOOL. STUDENTS THAT DO NOT HAVE A JUNIOR HIGH OPTION SELECTED WILL BE CALLED DOWN TO THE OFFICE DURING THE FIRST DAY FOR SELECTIONS.

## **Mandatory Permission Forms:**

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT FOR ALL MANDATORY PERMISSION FORMS TO BE COMPLETED ASAP

## **School Fees:**

ECS AND JUNIOR HIGH OPTION CLASS FEES FOR QUARTER 1/TERM 1 HAVE BEEN POSTED IN POWERSCHOOL. PLEASE PAY YOUR FEES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

## **School Supplies:**

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE TO VIEW. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER YOUR SUPPLIES ONLINE THROUGH SCHOOL START. APPROX. 2 DAYS FOR DELIVERY TO YOUR DOOR! [HTTPS://CPS.BLACKGOLD.CA/PARENTS/SUPPLY-LISTS/](https://cps.blackgold.ca/parents/supply-lists/)

# **Absence Reporting**

**GOOD ATTENDANCE PATTERNS ARE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN A STUDENT'S OVERALL SUCCESS AT SCHOOL.**

## **Report your child absent!**

- Log into SchoolMessenger to report your student's absence and advise the reason for absence (ie: Sick, appointment, vacation, etc...) OR
- Call the school. Please leave a detailed message after hours (780-986-7888)

## **Did you know? Key facts about school attendance:**

- If your child is 20 minutes late every day, he/she/they will have missed 12 days of instruction by the end of the school year.
- If your child misses only two days of school per month, he/she/they will have missed one month's worth of instruction by the end of the school year.
- Students who are absent 15 days of school each year will have lost one year of instruction by the end of Grade 12.
- Students who attend school regularly tend to be more engaged in their learning, feel more connected to the school and have better academic outcomes than students who miss a lot of school.

## **Families can support good attendance at school by:**

- setting a regular bedtime and morning routine;
- getting clothes and backpacks ready the night before;
- encouraging a positive attitude about school;
- communicating regularly with your child's teacher;
- talking with your child about his/her school day;
- taking part in school events and activities to show your child that you value school and education;
- planning vacations and appointments around the school schedule whenever possible; and
- making sure your child goes to school unless he/she/they is truly sick.

## **We can help!**

Let your school know right away if there is a problem or concern. There are many ways we can work together to get attendance back on track or prevent an attendance problem from starting.

# *BELL SCHEDULE*

Entry Bell: 8:05

Period 1: 8:10 - 8:55 am

Period 2: 8:55 - 9:35 am

Period 3: 9:35 - 10:15 am

Recess: 10:15 - 10:27 am

Transition to Class: 10:27 - 10:30 am

Period 4: 10:30 - 11:10 am

Period 5: 11:10 - 11:50 am

Lunch: 11:50 am - 12:42 pm

Transition to class: 12:42 - 12:45 pm

Period 6: 12:45 - 1:30 pm

Period 7: 1:30 - 2:10 pm

Period 8: 2:10 - 2:50 pm

Kindergarten:

**AM Classes Start: 8:10 am End: 10:55 am**

**PM Classes Start: 12:05 pm End: 2:50 pm**

# SafeArrival – Reporting Student Absences

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing **a new, more efficient** student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- **On your mobile device:**
  - Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger Home** app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). Download the app with the following icon:
  - The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account.
  - Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- **Use the SchoolMessenger website:**
  - Go to the [SchoolMessenger website](#). The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account.
  - Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
- **By telephone:**
  - Call the toll-free number **780-955-4526** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points (email, text, push notification & phone call) until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Starting **Wednesday August 27, 2025**, please report absences in advance using **SafeArrival** instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Starting **Wednesday August 27, 2025** staff will begin using the **SafeArrival** notifications to let you know if your student is absent and the absence is unexplained.

Please download the SchoolMessenger Home app or sign into the website before this date. If you are having trouble logging in, please contact your school.

If you do not already receive text message from your school and would like to start, please ensure your school has your mobile phone number and then text "Y" to 978338. (Standard message and data rates may apply.)

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new system.



# Student Fees & Forms



Student's school fees have been posted in PowerSchool, please also check for any forms that may need to be filled out on your parent portal. You can access the Parent Account at:

<https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public>

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# PARKING LOT

Parents, please use the "Kiss & Go" lanes rather than the staff parking lot for morning & afternoon drop offs. All parking lots stalls have staff assignments and are essential to staff arriving to their positions on time.

