

DECEMBER 5

CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

Monthly newsletter for CPS Vikings Families



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Mr. Simmons - donavin.simmons@gshare.blackgold.ca

As we step into December, I'm reminded why this is one of my favourite times of the year. There's a real sense of anticipation in our building: students are excited, staff are energized, and the next three weeks are full of meaningful moments and celebrations.

We have a busy stretch ahead with Parent-Teacher Conferences, our Christmas Concert, and a variety of special days and activities for our Caledonia students. And yes... there may be a few too many dress-up days on the calendar. Consider this my light-hearted apology (sort of) and my promise that every one of them is designed simply to bring joy and a bit of December magic to our kids.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It's a wonderful season to be part of this school community!

Warmly,
Mr. Simmons,
Principal, Caledonia Park School



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED		FRI	SAT
30	1 Chess Club @ 12:10 Day 3	2 NO KINDERGARTEN Gr. 7 Girls drop in volleyball 3:00 - 4:00 Day 3	3 Bake Sale Gr. 1 & 2 Supply Off Campus: Swimming - LRC Gr. 5 & 6 Girls Basketball 2:50 - 4:00 Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00 - 8:00 Day 4	4 Bake Sale Gr. 1 & 2 Supply Gr. 5 & 6 Catch Volleyball 12:00 Gr. 5 & 6 Girls Basketball 2:50 - 4:00 Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 - 7:00 Day 5	5 Christmas Door Decorating Gr. 5 & 6 Girls Basketball 12:00 Day 1	6
7	8	9 Dress as your Favourite Christmas Carol Chess Club @ 12:10 Boys and Girls Basketball Games - Covenant Christian Girls 3:30 Boys play second Day 2	10 Christmas Concert Gr. 2, 4, 6 PM Kinder Mrs. Milner's Class Off Campus: Rock Climbing Day 4	11 Christmas Concert Gr. 1, 3, 5 AM Kinder Day 5	12 Feliz Navidad Christmas (Tropical) Dress Up Boston Pizza Hot Lunch Day 1	13
14	15 Formal Dress Up Day Day 2	16 Cozy or Christmas Socks Day Chess Club @ 12:10 Day 3	17 Christmas Jammie Day Hot Dog Lunch Off Campus: Sports: Field House Day 4	18 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day Gr. 4 Choir Presentation at Edm. Int'l Airport Boys and Girls Basketball Games - Riverview Middle School - Devon Girls: 4:00 Boys play second Day 5	19 Day 1	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
Christmas Break December 22 - January 2						
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	1	2	3
					School Resumes January 5, 2026	

WEDNESDAY, DEC 3

& THURSDAY, DEC 4TH

IF THERE'S ENOUGH LEFT OVER

GRADE 15 & 25 BAKE SALE!

Item supplied by grade 1 and 2 students and
can be sent with your child,
or dropped off by 8:30am

0.50 cents per item

All proceeds go to the Grade 4 classrooms
Peanut & Nut Free

GRADE 1 & 2 PARENTS COME JOIN IN THE FUN! VOLUNTEER TODAY:

CONTACT :HAIRBYKYLAO@GMAIL.COM

BOUGHT TO YOU BY CALEDONIA PARENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

WINTER

WEATHER

2025/2026

Reminder:

On mornings that are -20°C or lower with the windchill the doors will open at 7:50 AM. We will also be doing indoor recess when the temperature is -20°C or below with the windchill.

The website we use to monitor weather conditions is:

<https://www.leduc.ca/about-leduc/weather>

Weather can change quickly, so please be sure your child has proper clothing for the outdoor conditions.





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

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



Weatherman Josh Klassen from CTV News stopped by Caledonia Park School to teach Mrs. Dowler, Mrs. Giesbrecht and Mrs. Gravel's grade five students about weather forecasting and patterns as part of their science curriculum.



**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!!



Library Reminder



As winter officially arrives, we remind families to use the provided plastic library bag when returning students' library books. This helps prevent water damage from wet mittens and toques."



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



***Ski & Snowboard
Trips to
Rabbit Hill***

**GRADES 4/5
February 20, 2026**

**Grade 6/7
February 23, 2026**

**Rabbit Hill Snow Resort
Leaving @ 8:40 a.m.
Returning @ 2:35 p.m.**

**Permission Form and Payments
to be made through PowerSchool
before February 10, 2026**

Library Schedule



CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL



DAY 1

Period 3: 7-3 Wannop

Period 4: 2K (Brown)

Period 7: 5B (Geisb)

Period 8: 6 H/W
Reinhardt

DAY2

Period2:ECS (T)
Period3: ½ Milner
Period 4: 2 Shephard
Period 5: 3 Tilleman

Period7:ECS (T)
Period 8: 5 Gravel

DAY3

Period 2 : 4 Koopmans
Period 3: ECS (S)
Period 4: 6 Rosentreter
Period 5: 3 Mandryk

Period 6: 7-1 Wannop
Period 7: 1 Hammell
Period8:7-4 McM
6 Sims

DAY4

Period 7: 1 Goshko

Period 8: 3 Johnson

DAY 5

Period2:4Adams

Period 3: 7-2 McM

Period 7: 5 Dowler

Period 8: 4 Larsen



Coming Spring 2026 New Playground



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



**THANK
YOU!**

Bottle Drive

Drop off empties anytime at
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quote :

Caledonia Park School Playground





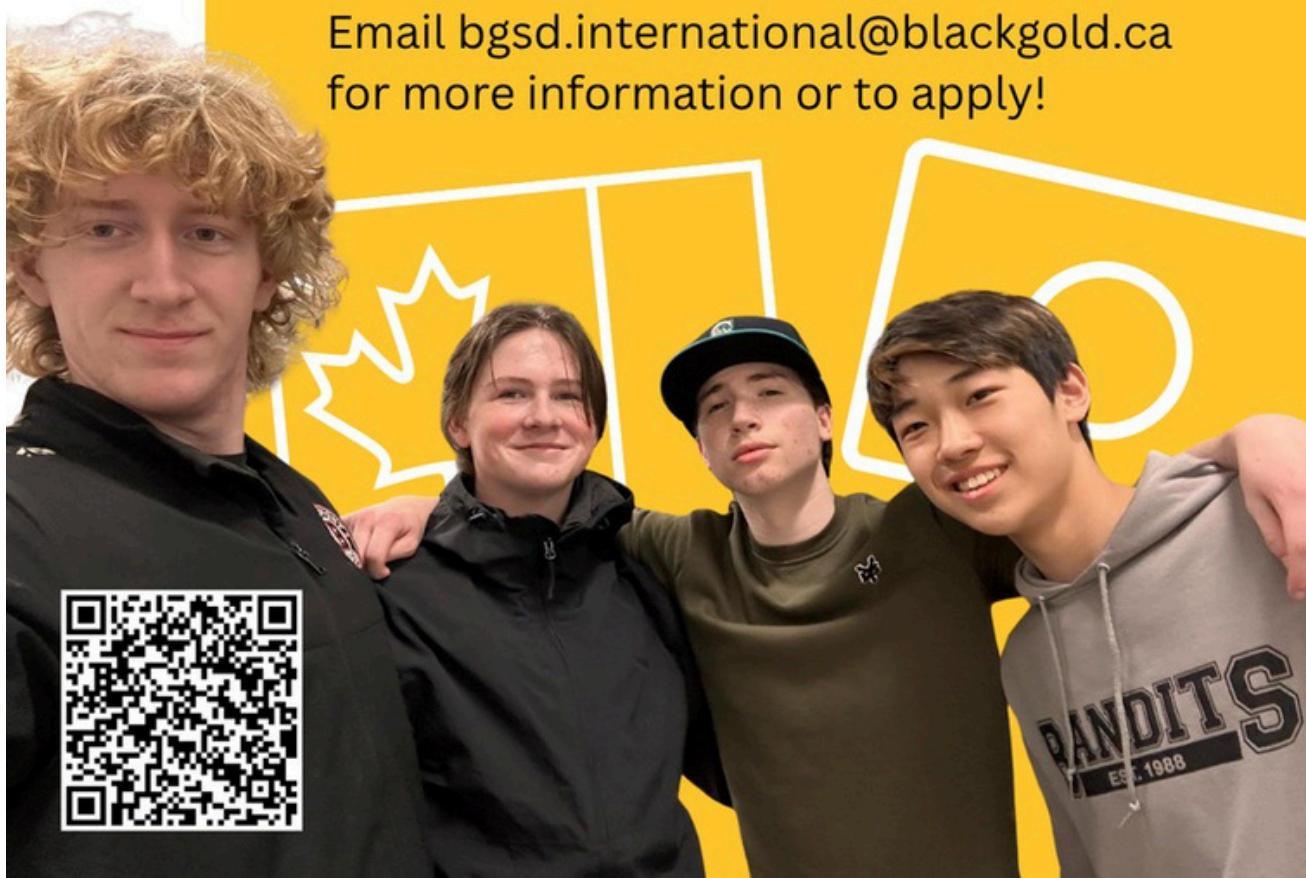
Ready to make a friend from the other side of the world?

Become a host family today!

Host families needed for **Japanese** high school students arriving in **January** and staying for **10 weeks**.

A **bi-weekly payment** is provided to offset costs, and **no prior experience** is required!

Email bgsd.international@blackgold.ca for more information or to apply!





BRING THE WORLD HOME.

Host an international student

Why host?

Learn about other cultures and make a friend for life!



Who do I host?

Grade 9-12 students from Germany, Japan, France, Italy or Spain staying for 10 weeks, 1 semester or 1 year

Any support?

We provide a biweekly allowance to offset costs, orientation for all families and round-the-clock support

CONTACT US: bgsd.international@blackgold.ca





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



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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**

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](#)





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



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>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school for assistance.

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.

