

FEBRUARY 2026

# 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)

Dear Families,

As we step into the month of February, I wanted to share a reflection on a powerful presentation I recently attended, hosted by the Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation (NAICE) Unit. The session was truly impactful, offering a sobering but necessary look at the digital landscape our children navigate every day. One of the most significant takeaways for me was a simple yet profound truth: the best gift we can provide our children is not the latest device or a new app, but our presence. In an age of constant connectivity, being truly present and available is our greatest tool for building trust.

It actually took me back to when I was a teenager and the internet was brand new. I remember being at a sleepover, and the first thing we did was hop into a chatroom to talk to strangers. It felt so exciting and "grown-up" to talk to people from all over the world. But looking back, the idea of "stranger danger" was totally out the window. Would I have told my parents? No way. I thought they wouldn't get it and would just get mad. That feeling, that our "parents just don't understand" (solidified in our own childhood by the Fresh Prince and DJ Jazzy Jeff) is exactly what we need to break down with our own kids today.

The truth is, we need to give ourselves some grace. None of us were raised by parents who had to deal with TikTok, Snapchat, or AI. We are learning this as we go, and it's okay to admit we don't have all the answers. The stats show that technology is changing how our kids see relationships, and online risks like sextortion are growing. Our best defense isn't a fancy software block; it's being willing to have those super "awkward conversations" before something goes wrong.

It's really easy to just say "no" when a kid asks for a new app, but we have to remember how we were at that age. When we were told no, we just found sneakier ways to do it anyway. If we just shut them down, they'll stop telling us what's happening in their digital lives. We want them to know that if they ever get into a mess online, we aren't going to freak out or blame them. We want them to know we are on their team, no matter what.

While things like parental controls on iPhones or Androids are great tools to help out, they can't replace a good old-fashioned heart-to-heart. This month, I'm encouraging all of us to just be there. Listen more than you lecture, and let them know that no matter how weird or scary things get online, they can always come to you. When we are present and approachable, we become the safety net they truly need.

Warm regards,  
Donavin Simmons  
Principal, Caledonia Park School



# FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

## Week Feb 2 – 6

### Feb 2:

- Jr. Boys Basketball Practice 2:50 – 4:00

### Feb 3:

- Jr. Girls Basketball Game @ Home 4:00 – 5:00

### Feb 4:

- Hotdog Day
- Jr. Boys Basketball Practice

- **Feb 5 – 6:**  
Teachers Convention  
**NO SCHOOL**

## Hot Lunch / Hot Dog / Popcorn / Bake Sale

Feb 11 – 12: Bake Sale – Kindergarten Supply

Feb 13: Hot Lunch – Pizza Hut

Feb 19: Popcorn Day \$1/bag

Feb 27: Hot Lunch – KFC

## Upcoming Sports

- Feb 9: Jr. Boys BB Practice: @ 2:50
- Feb 10: Jr. Boys BB Game @ Home 4:00
- Feb 11: Jr. Boys BB Practice @ 2:50
- Feb 11: Jr. Girls BB Game @ Home 4:00
- Feb 16: Jr. Boys BB Practice @ 2:50
- Feb 18: Jr. Boys BB Practice @ 2:50
- Feb 20: Gr. 4/5 Ski Trip Rabbit Hill
- Feb 23: Gr. 6/7 Ski Trip Rabbit Hill
- Feb 23: Jr. Boys BB Practice @ 2:50
- Feb 25: Jr. Boys BB Practice @ 2:50

## In and Around Caledonia

Feb 9: Parent Assoc. Meeting 6:00  
Feb 14: Valentines Day  
Feb 16: Family Day NO SCHOOL  
Feb 19: Dress like the 90's Dress UP  
Feb 20: Family Dance – Halloween  
Feb 25: Pink Shirt Day



**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11TH**

**& THURSDAY, FEB. 12TH**  
**IF THERE'S ENOUGH LEFT OVER**

# **KINDERGARTEN BAKE SALE!**

Items supplied by Kindergarten students and  
can be sent with your child,  
or dropped off by 8:30am on Wednesday

**0.50 cents per item**

**All proceeds go to the Kindergarten classrooms**

**Peanut & Nut Free**

**KINDERGARTEN PARENTS COME JOIN IN THE FUN!**

**VOLUNTEER TODAY**

**CONTACT:**

**PARENTCOUNCILCALEDONIAPARK@GMAIL.COM**



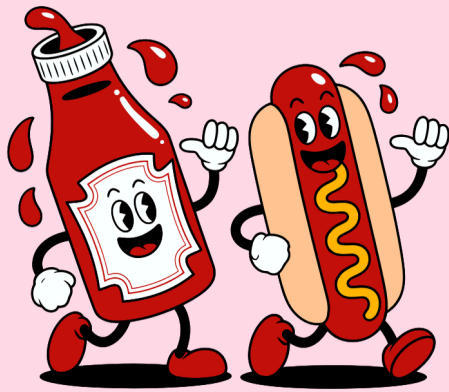
**BOUGHT TO YOU BY CALEDONIA PARENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION**

Caledonia Park Parent Association

# FEBRUARY NEWS

**HOT DOGDAY**  
**FEB. 4TH**  
**\$4.00 COMBO**

**POPCORN DAY**  
**FEB. 19TH**  
**\$1.00/BAG**



**BAKE SALE**  
**FEB 11-12TH**  
**KINDERGARTEN**  
**FAMILIES SUPPLY**  
**0.50 PER ITEM**



**HOT LUNCH**  
**FEBRUARY 13TH- PIZZA HUT**  
**FEBRUARY 27TH- KFC**  
**ORDER ONLINE**  
**[HTTPS://CALEDONIA.HOTLUNCHES.NET/](https://caledonia.hotlunches.net/)**

**Like and Follow: Caledonia Park School Parent Association**  
**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/765063657896161/>**  
**Get in touch:parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com**





**CALEDONIA'S  
ANNUAL**

**HALLOWEEN**



**PARTY**

**Friday Feb 20th, 2026**

**5:30pm – 7:30pm**

**All Grades Welcome**

**K-5 with adult.**

**Live DJ**

**Concession**

**Hot Dogs**

**Face painting**

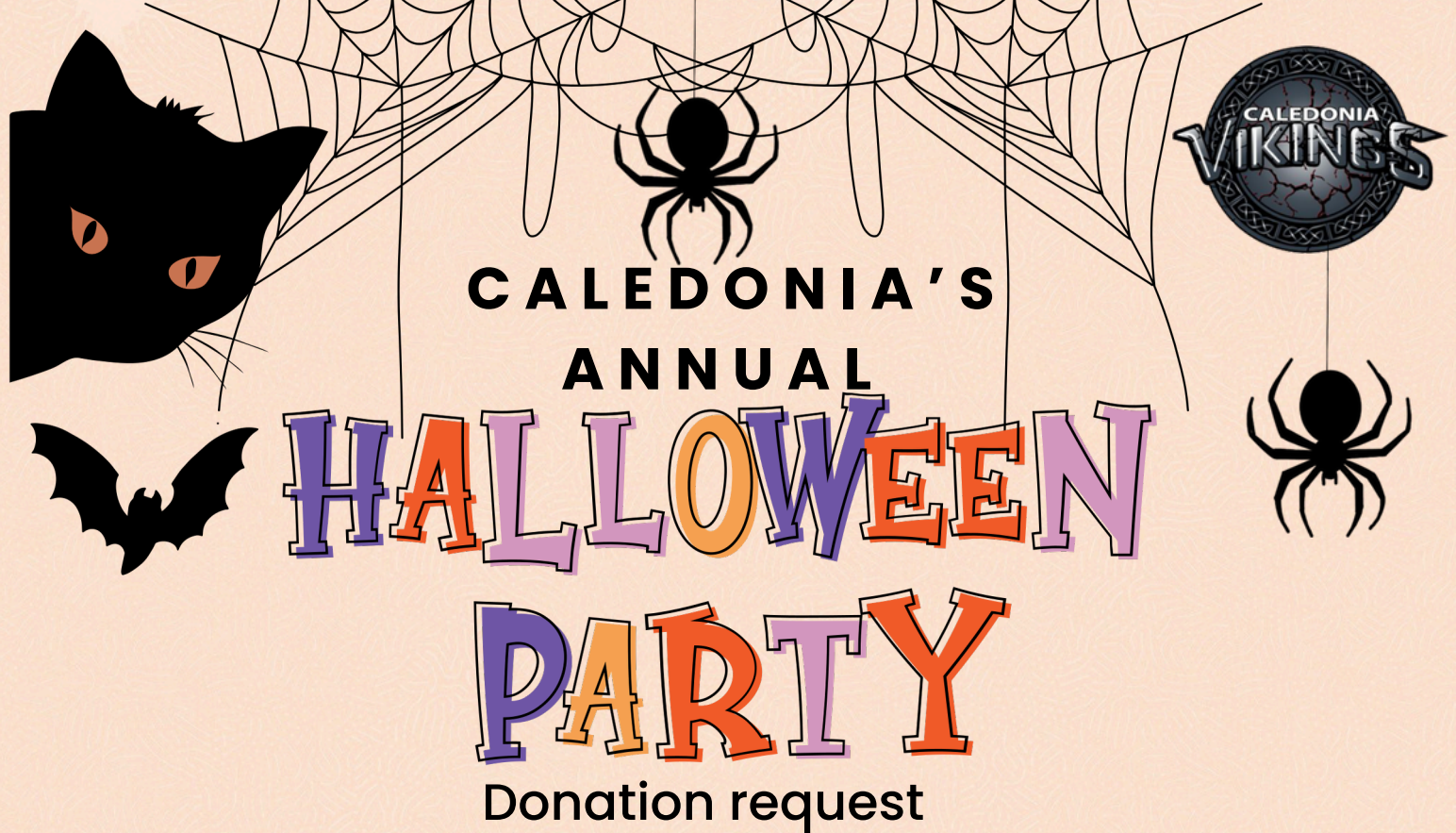
**Carnival Games**

**Celebrating 40yrs of Caledonia's Parent Association**

**Volunteers needed, reach out today**  
[parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com](mailto:parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com)







Final push to reach our Fundraising  
target for our new playground.  
Install begins spring 2026

Looking for donations for the concession:  
Gatorade  
Juice boxes  
Bags of 30g chips  
Hot Dogs

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**to our 5/6 boys on winning**  
**the silver medal Jan 16-17**





**VS**



# CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL

**vs. EVERETT at 7:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

JOIN YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH  
CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL AT ROGERS PLACE  
WITH THE EDMONTON OIL KINGS!

**\$21**

PER TICKET  
PLUS FEES



**COME WATCH CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL  
STUDENTS PERFORM THE AMERICAN  
NATIONAL ANTHEM BEFORE THE GAME!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT **CIARA LEBOEUF**  
[CLEBOEUF@EDMONTONOILERS.COM](mailto:CLEBOEUF@EDMONTONOILERS.COM)  
780-409-5927







# ***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**

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CALEDONIA PARK HOME AND  
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
PRESENT

# CASINO



*Nights*

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED

MAY 5 & 6 evenings



CAMROSE CASINO

Food and Pop provided

Bring a computer, Book, can work and  
volunteer

contact: Erin .

[erinmcintyre1@hotmail.com](mailto:erinmcintyre1@hotmail.com)





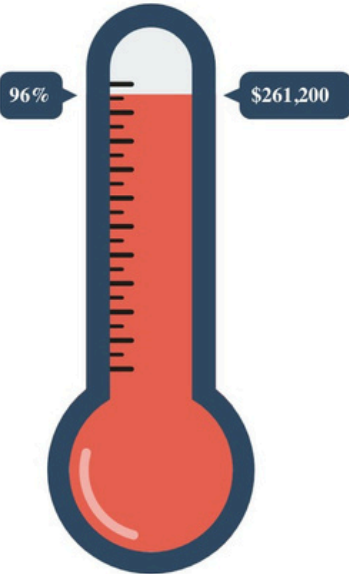


# New Playground

Fundraising Update

## coming spring 2026

GOAL: \$271,500



**Kin Canada**  
Kinsmen Club  
of Leduc



**SPONSORSHIP**



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HELP US PUT SMILES ON FACES AND  
FILL THE AIR WITH LAUGHTER

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to make a donation



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be interest in sponsorship opportunities?  
Get in touch today!



**CRAIG'S NOFRILLS LEDUC**



**PRIMEMOVERS**  
RIGGING & INDUSTRIAL SERVICES INC.



Want to donate or be involved?  
Email:  
[parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com](mailto:parentcouncilcaledoniapark@gmail.com)



Caledonia Park School Parent Association



# 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 - \$1.00**

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



# **SPIRIT DAYS**

## **CALEDONIA PARK SCHOOL**

<b>Thursday, Feb 19:</b>	<b>Dress like the 90's</b> <b>The New 90th Day of School</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb 25:</b>	<b>Pink Shirt Day Anti-Bulling</b>
<b>Tuesday, Mar 17:</b>	<b>Green for St. Patrick's Day</b>
<b>Monday, Mar 23:</b>	<b>Lots of Socks - World Down Syndrome Day</b>
<b>Thursday, Apr 2:</b> <b>Spring Break</b>	<b>Blue Shirt for Autism Awareness</b>
<b>Thursday, Apr 23:</b>	<b>Viking Wear Day</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 6:</b>	<b>Hats on For Mental Health</b>
<b>Friday, May 29:</b>	<b>Western Wear</b>
<b>Thursday, Jun 11:</b>	<b>One Colour Day</b>



# WINTER WEATHER

2025/2026

## Winter has officially arrived!

Dear Caledonia Park Parents and Guardians.

As the forecast shifts and we begin to see consistently colder temperatures, we want to send out a friendly but important reminder about proper winter attire.

To ensure all students can safely enjoy their time outdoors, which is crucial for their well-being and focus, we ask for your help in preparing them daily.

Indoor recesses will obviously be called when necessary (when the temperature and conditions are deemed unsafe), but being prepared to go out should always be the default.



### THE ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST

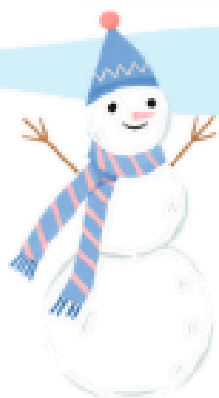
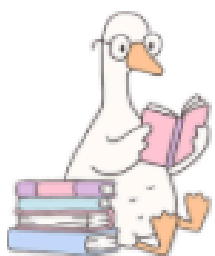


Please ensure your child comes to school each day with the following items:

- Warm Winter Jacket: Fully zipped up for the cold.
- Snow Pants: Essential for playing in the snow and staying dry.
- Hat: Critical for retaining body heat.
- Gloves or Mittens: A warm, waterproof pair is best.
- Warm, Waterproof Boots: To keep feet dry and comfortable.

# 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."





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**





# LEDUC & DISTRICT

MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

**U16, U19 (FEMALE TACKLE)**  
**U12 U14 U16 (SPRING FLAG)**



**REGISTER NOW**



[catsfootball.ca](https://catsfootball.ca)





# CALMAR LIBRARY WRITING CONTEST

**SUBMISSION PERIOD:  
JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

## ACCEPTED SUBMISSIONS

### POETRY

max 600 words

### SHORT STORY

1200 – 1800 words

Entries must be your original work  
and unpublished (print and online)

## AGE CATEGORIES

### YOUTH

9 – 14 years old

### ADULT

15+ years old

The writing contest is open to Calmar, Devon, Leduc, Thorsby, Warburg, Millet, and area residents. You can submit a maximum of one poem and one short story. Entries must be typed and submitted via email as attached Microsoft Word documents or within the body of your email.

## Questions?

For a complete set of rules or more information, email: [circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca)

# REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENCE

## SAFE ARRIVAL

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.

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.)

You may also contact the school and leave a detailed message after hours (780-986-7888)

**Good attendance patterns are an important factor in a student's overall success at school.**

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.

# 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

### DAY 2

Period 2: ECS (T)

Period 3: 1/2 Milner

Period 4: 2 Shephard

Period 5: 3 Tilleman

Period 7: ECS (T)

Period 8: 5 Gravel

### DAY 3

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

Period 8: 7-4 McM  
6 Sims

### DAY 4

Period 7: 1 Goshko

Period 8: 3 Johnson

### DAY 5

Period 2-4 Adams

Period 3: 7-2 McM

Period 7: 5 Dawler

Period 8: 4 Larsen

# 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](#)







# **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**

# 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.

