



# ÉCPS Cougar Chronicles

February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at ÉCPS

## UPCOMING DATES

Feb 2-3-4: Carnaval Week!  
 Feb 2: Red & White Day (Carnaval)  
 Feb 2: Hot Dog Day  
 Feb 2: Carnaval Assembly @2pm  
 Feb 3: Bucheron/Lumberjack Day (Carnaval)  
 Feb 3: Reynolds Museum Gr. 4  
 Feb 4: Carnaval Day!  
 Feb 4: Tuque Day (Carnaval)  
 Feb 5-6: **NO SCHOOL** - ATA Teachers Convention  
 Feb 9: Kinder Pinguins Visit AM  
 Feb 10: Hot Lunch (cut-off to order Feb 5)  
 Feb 12: Const. Brad w/ Gr. 6 - D.A.R.E. Program PM  
 Feb 13: Hot Lunch (cut-off to order Feb 8)  
 Feb 14: Valentine's Day!

## NOTES

- A friendly reminder to pay any school fees which are accessible through your PowerSchool Parent Portal, on the left side menu.
- There will be no more students extra clothes supply. Please send in your child's backpack an extra set as required.
- **NO ANIMALS** on School's Property UNLESS a Certified Service Dog.

## FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN 2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

### Why choose French Immersion?

- Best age to learn a language
- Engaging environment that improves language skills
- Improves memory, problem-solving, and thinking skills
- Increases cultural understanding and sensitivity
- Builds a base for lifelong learning
- Gives a wider view of the world
- Being multilingual is an advantage
- Opens up future opportunities

Families do not need to come with any French language skills before entering the program!

Registration Opens Jan 5, 2026



## Student Absence Link

[Safe Arrival](#) is the new automated system to report vacations, illnesses, medical appointments, late arrivals or early dismissals.

The system will send a call out for any unexcused absences every morning and afternoon attendances. It will inform you of your child absence and will give you the opportunity to report any reason for the absence.

Feb 16: **NO SCHOOL** - Family Day  
 Feb 17-24: Round #1 - Dental Services Gr. K-1-2  
 Feb 17: NO PRE-K - All groups  
 Feb 18: Bake Sale 6M and 2E (50 cent per item)  
 Feb 20: Hot Lunch (cut-off to order Feb 15)  
 Feb 20: Const. Brad w/ Gr. 6 - D.A.R.E. Program AM  
 Feb 20: PA Movie Night! starting @6pm  
 Feb 24: Hot Lunch (cut-off to order Feb 19)  
 Feb 25: Pink Shirt Day  
 Feb 25: School Council Meeting @6:30pm  
 Feb 26: Popcorn Day  
 Feb 27: Grade 6 Ski Fieldtrip to Rabbit Hill  
 Feb 27: Hot Lunch (cut-off to order Feb 22)  
**Reminder:** Grade 4 parents, please fill out the Alberta Education Assurance Survey online, your teacher will provide you with more information.



## Librarian Note

Free LRC Pass - Spend some fun time with your family! We have a Family LRC Pass that can be borrowed from the Library to use.

You can check it out just like a library book! Contact our librarian, Mrs. Bendfeld, to get your name on the list to borrow the pass.

Her email is: [jennifer.bendfeld@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:jennifer.bendfeld@gshare.blackgold.ca)

## PA/SC Meeting

Our next [School Council](#) Meeting takes place on **February 25th** @ 6:30pm in the Learning Commons.

Come and meet our executives and find out what they are doing to support ÉCPS students! They are always happy to welcome new faces and hear new ideas.

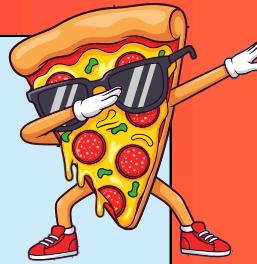
To contact them: [parents.a.president@gmail.com](mailto:parents.a.president@gmail.com)

## PowerSchool Access

Please let us know if you are unable to access PowerSchool Parent Portal as there will be forms and fees throughout the year.

You can email at [ecps@blackgold.ca](mailto:ecps@blackgold.ca) the office and we will help you asap.

# HOT LUNCH CORNER



## This month's upcoming dates

Hot Lunch:

Feb. 10 - 13 - 20 - 24 - 27

Hot Dog Day: Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cut-Off is 4 days before the scheduled hot lunch  
(I.E: Deadline is Feb 5 for the hot lunch on Feb 10)

Visit Healthy Hungers  
website to order!



[https://healthyhunger.ca/parent\\_home.php](https://healthyhunger.ca/parent_home.php)

REMIMNDER:

No need to order Hot Lunch on  
Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> if your child is going with  
the Ski Club - Grade 6.

## Popcorn Day Thursday

February 26<sup>th</sup>



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## Important Links

[ÉCPS School Website](#)

[Black Gold School Division](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal Account](#)

[ÉCPS Safe Arrival \(absence reporting\) Link](#)

[Mental Health Info link](#)



The office is now back to it's original home! Coming through the front doors and directly to the right.

For any early dismissal, please come to the office to sign out your child/children.



# BAKE SALE



OCTOBER 7: ECS-W & 4R TBD

✓ NOVEMBER 7: 2/3 P & 2B



DECEMBER 5: 6SM & 1/2W

✓ JANUARY 20: 5M & ECS-B



FEBRUARY 18: 6M & 2E



MARCH 24: 3N & 4J



APRIL 15: 1Y & 5C

## BUS LOOP/ STAFF PARKING LOT REMINDERS

To prevent injury to members of our school family, vehicles are not permitted in the bus loop between

8:00 a.m. – 8:30a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 3:30p.m.

Please use the new crosswalks on each side of the bus loop and ensure that your child follows the sidewalk to and from the school.

There is absolutely NO STOPPING on Corinthia Drive to pick up your child. Also, the Staff parking lot and the west-fence area are strictly for staff parking. Parents are not permitted to park and drop off children in this area.

Thank you!

# NEED HELP WITH STUDENT TRANSPORTATION? SCAN BELOW



Blackgold.ca  
(Info & Instructions)



PowerSchool  
(To apply & pay)



Bus Status 4 app  
for **Android**  
(bus cancellations/delays)



Bus Status 4 app  
for **iPhone**  
(bus cancellations/delays)