

École Beau Meadow School



~This Agenda Belongs To~

Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Phone Number: _____

École Beau Meadow Student Commitment

In order to foster positive relationships and respect within our school community, I am committed to upholding all ÉBMS Values and I understand the importance of taking responsibility for my actions. I will respect myself, others and the entire school environment.
I will work hard and always put forth my best effort in all that I do.

Student Signature

PRINCIPAL
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:20	Entrance Bell				
8:30	Warning Bell & Announcements All students entering after 8:30 am will be marked as late.				
8:35 Block 1					
9:05 Block 2					
9:35 Block 3					
10:05-10:20	Recess				
10:25 Block 4					
10:55 Block 5					
11:25-11:55	Lunch Recess				
11:55-12:20	Lunch Time & D.E.A.R.				
12:20-12:50 Block 6					
12:50-1:20 Block 7					
1:20-1:50 Block 8					
1:50-2:00	Recess				
2:05-2:35 Block 9					
2:35-3:05 Block 10					
3:07 (Bus) 3:09 (Other)	Dismissal				

ABSENTEES & LATES:

If a student is going to be away or late, we ask that a parent phone the school office between 8:00 am and 8:40 am or leave a message on the answering machine prior to 8:00 am (your name, class, date of absence and reason (780)929-2175. Attendance is entered into the database first thing in the morning, and absentee calls are sent out by 9:10 am & 1:10 pm if the student is not accounted for.

It is the expectation of the BGSD that students will attend school on scheduled school days and take holidays according to the school year calendar. In the event that parents choose to take their children out of school at times other than school holidays, the onus lies with the parents to provide educational activities for their child. Teachers cannot provide detailed daily homework assignments that replicate missed work. With this in mind, we would like to encourage families to plan family vacations around the school year calendar.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS:

Medication cannot be brought into the school without a medical form filled out (prescription or over-the-counter). The Black Gold School Board recognizes that due to emergencies or ongoing medical needs of students, actions by staff are sometimes necessary. Students with ongoing medical needs or medical treatment, which requires staff involvement to administer or supervise, are limited to the kind of service, which can be administered by non-medical persons following written direction from a medical doctor.

When a student requires medical procedures or medication, the provision of this service will be offered only under written direction from a medical doctor, and indemnification by the parents/guardians. A form will need to be filled out by your guardians in order for you to have any medication at school. This includes Tylenol, Benadryl and inhalers.

Please see BGSD Policies for further information regarding Student Health Services, available on the Black Gold Website: <https://www.blackgold.ca>

ALLERGY AWARE:

Ensuring the safety of anaphylactic students in a school setting depends on the cooperation of the entire school community, therefore we would like all parents to be informed of our Allergy Aware policy. In "Allergy Aware" classrooms, the child, family, medical service provider(s), and school work together to develop a reasonable safety plan. Personal allergy kit(s) can be on hand, and adults know how to use them. Other children can be taught about respecting allergies and how to help a student in an emergency. We do not have peanut free classrooms.

ANIMALS AT SCHOOL:

Animals are not allowed on school grounds during school hours. We have a number of students in our school who are extremely allergic to or fearful of animals. As a result, we request that students and family members refrain from bringing their pets to school. **Please ensure your pet is leashed and kept away from school property which includes all playgrounds and doors.** An appropriate and safe distance would be to remain on the sidewalk alongside the road.

ASSEMBLIES:

School-Wide Spirit Assemblies are held once a month. Dates and time will be provided on the calendar, and parents and guardians will be invited to come when their child's class is hosting the assembly. We also hold Character Education Assemblies every week, in which students learn about a character trait. These assemblies are only for students.

ASSIGNED DOORS:

For the safety of all of our staff and students, all exterior doors will be locked at all times. Students are expected to enter and exit through their grade-assigned doors, as these are opened and monitored by staff during all entrance and exit bell times. Students arriving at school beyond the second bell in the morning (8:30 am), and are expected to enter through the front doors. All school doors are locked throughout the day and visitors must ring the front bell.

BEHAVIOUR CONDUCT & CONSEQUENCES

A strict policy for all misbehaviours and/or incidents that happen within the school building, during recess times, as well as outside on school grounds before and/or after school, will be adhered to. Failure to meet classroom expectations (beyond the provision of regular management strategies) and breaking the school's hand-off policy will result in the implementation of a consequence such as a loss of a recess, missing out extra curricular events and sports teams, and/or a suspension.

Due to confidentiality issues, school personnel cannot share information about other students. This means that we cannot answer questions such as, "Did the other child receive a consequence too?"

BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS & SCOOTERS:

Students are expected to walk alongside their bike, skateboard or scooter anywhere while on school property including school sidewalks, playground areas and parking lots. A suitable bicycle lock should be used and a spare key, or a note of the combination number, be kept at home. The school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage to any bikes or scooters while on school property. As well, **these items must be stored outside along the bike rack** during the day and are not permitted to be stored inside the school due to fire and safety codes.

BUS POLICY:

Black Gold School Division provides bus transportation for many of our students. Due to liability issues, students must be registered to ride the bus. Non-registered students may not ride the bus (i.e siblings, friends). In order to maintain a safe environment on our buses, students are to obey the instructions of the bus driver and abide by all bus safety guidelines.

Students who fail to abide by BGSD Bus Safety guidelines and those of each bus contractor, may receive a school and/or bus incident report, and may also have their bus privileges suspended.

CHANGES TO PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Students or parents may have changes to their initial registration form during the year, i.e. medical conditions, address, place of employment, telephone numbers & e-mail addresses. **Any changes should be reported to the school office as soon as possible in order to keep our records updated (780) 929-2175.**

CLOSED CAMPUS:

As a closed campus, we provide a supervised lunch period for students. Students remain at school to eat their lunches unless their parents/guardians specify otherwise with the homeroom teacher. Our designated eating period begins at 11:55 pm and ends at 12:20 pm.

DRESS CODE:

Students are expected to conform to a reasonable dress code suitable for public places. Anything worn that is found to be offensive to others is not appropriate attire for school. Hats are permitted in the school but must be taken off during O'Canada. Students are required to bring a separate pair of non-marking indoor runners for use within the school. **Running shoes must be worn for all PE classes.**

EMERGENCY DRILLS & EVACUATIONS:

Following the directions in Black Gold School Division Hour Zero School Emergency Program, there are regular emergency drills. (Lockdowns, evacuations, etc...) Drills are never meant to create fear in our students, but to instill a sense of safety due to practicing an emergency plan. For the majority of our drills, we give students fair notice regarding the sounding of alarms or the need to practice lockdowns.

If the students need to be evacuated from the school, they will go with school staff to the school's alternate evacuation site (École JE Lapointe Junior High School). Parents will be notified as soon as possible by School Messenger. **Parents MUST have government identification with them to retrieve their child(ren).**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

In addition to the Alberta Curriculum, ÉBMS offers clubs and extra-curricular events to our students.

Clubs and activities are organized by individual staff members who volunteer and give their time.

The variety of what we offer our students is based on student interests and needs and may vary from year to year based on staff availability.

It is expected that all participants demonstrate our "ÉBMS Values" and abide by the student code of conduct on a continual basis, by demonstrating good behaviour and desirable student qualities. Students are also expected to be at school and on time daily, as well as keep up with all assigned class work. If your child does not meet these expectations, they may be removed from the (team/event), based on the coaches and administrators decision.

FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON:

The role of the Family School Liaison (FSL) is to work one on one or in small groups with students who may be experiencing; grief or loss, social/emotional dysregulation, divorce of parents, anxiety/stress, anger or trauma-related incidents. Our FSL is in our building one-two days per week.

FIELD TRIPS:

To ensure safety and learning opportunities for all involved, students must display appropriate behaviour and abide by our student code of conduct. Students who fail to meet these expectations will be directed to sit out of the activity or be picked up by a parent. It is our goal to provide a fun and educational outing for our students, therefore cooperative behaviour is mandatory.

In order for a student to attend a field trip, a legal parent/guardian must log into PowerSchool to submit the permission form prior to the event. Students who do not have the required form completed will not be able to attend the field trip. Verbal consent in person or over the phone, as well as emails or written notes, will not be accepted - **no exceptions.**

HOMEWORK:

It is important to remember that classroom instruction and learning cannot always be duplicated with a worksheet. Teacher demonstrations, instructions, and student discussions are an essential part of the learning process. Daily home reading and general curriculum review are always encouraged. A good rule of thumb is ten minutes per grade.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:

Our Hot Lunch Program is organized by volunteers from our Parents' Fundraising Association and is typically offered to students on the last day of the school week from October to June. Parents can order by visiting the healthyhunger.ca website up to 5 days before the event. Students who have ordered a hot

lunch but are absent on the day of delivery, may either have their lunch donated to a student in need or have the lunch picked up by noon on that day. Reimbursements or switching of weeks, cannot be done.

ILLNESS & INJURY REPORTING:

Concussion: A concussion requires a form to be completed by the medical doctor prior to the child returning to school. This is standard practice and policy across BGSD. These forms can be found in our school office and on our School Website under the “Parents” tab.

Illness or Injury: Students are encouraged to stay home when they are ill. Staff certified in First Aid will help to assess such situations and parents or guardians will be notified of illness or injury as soon as possible. If deemed necessary, an ambulance will be called immediately.

Head Lice: If a student is found to have lice or nits, parents will be called immediately, so that treatment can begin as soon as possible. Information concerning treatment will be sent home with the child and classmates. All information is handled with the utmost confidentiality and respect.

INTERNET USE:

Students have access to the Internet once they have signed a BGSD ‘**Admirable Use Agreement**’. Failure to honour this contract will result in having user privileges suspended. While BGSD filters and monitors internet sites continually, it is also up to the student to make good search choices. Any objectionable content is automatically sent to the Principal. This may include students sending other students bullying comments or swearing in emails. Threats of suicide or self-harm are also reported.

LEARNING COMMONS:

We have a remarkable Learning Commons area and access to a full school library with a collection of materials intended to support curriculum needs and to provide enjoyment for students. It is important that children learn to take care of their library books. Students must pay for any lost or damaged books. Until we receive payment, we will limit the number of books a student can take out.

LOCKED DOORS:

For the safety of our students and staff, all exterior doors are locked throughout the day. Should a student arrive late to school or a parent needs to come into the building, we have a doorbell and video camera located to the right of the main doors that can be accessed to enter the building. Locked doors are a standard protocol and policy throughout the entire Black Gold School Division.

LOCKERS:

All students are assigned a locker. A shower hook should be placed on the locker latch for safe closure. The use of key locks is strictly prohibited. Locker decorations are to be kept inside the locker only and be in good taste. Stickers and/or pen markings of any kind cannot be used. **Please be advised that under the *School Act*, should reasonable suspicion arise, the Principal has the right to do locker or desk searches without prior notification.**

LOST AND FOUND:

If you have lost something, please check the lost and found. Lost and found items are cleaned and given to Charity mid and end-year.

NO SMOKING OR VAPING POLICY:

In order to provide a safe environment and a good example to our students, **smoking and/or vaping is not permitted anywhere on school property** during school hours. It is also expected that adults who

accompany classes on a field trip will refrain from smoking, as per the BGSD No Smoking Policy. Our students who are caught vaping or smoking on the school premises, will be given **an immediate 2 day out of school suspension**.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

At École Beau Meadow School, cell phones must be powered off and stored in lockers or left at home during school hours, as per the Black Gold School Division's policy. This policy aligns with the provincial government's ban on personal mobile device use during instructional time. Students are prohibited from using their devices anywhere on the school grounds during the school day, including during recess times or on field trips. This includes but is not limited to cellular devices, Smartwatches, walkie-talkies, AngelSense trackers with sound on and other communication devices. Should a child need to connect with a parent during the day, they are always welcome to come to the office and use the phone. Students taking pictures of other students while on school premises or on field trips is strictly forbidden.

The school will not be responsible for the replacement of any damaged, lost or stolen devices. Safety and student well being is our top priority.

As of August 2024, your children's cell phone will no longer be able to access the Black Gold WIFI network and therefore may incur data charges by your cellular provider. We recommend that parents review this change with their children to reduce or eliminate data charges on their cell phone plans.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

We love to honour our students for their desired behaviours and actions through our "Caught You Being Good" program, as well as our Student of the Month Awards which is based on our monthly character traits.

REMEDIAL ASSISTANCE & INTERVENTION PROGRAMS:

Students learn at their own rate and ability levels. Should a student be identified as having difficulty in an area of their educational program, they may require remedial or intervention assistance. All efforts are made to include the parents with this type of support and programming.

RESPECTING OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF:

Black Gold School Division ***encourages mutual respect and dignity*** for those we serve and for those who serve. We expect that visitors to our schools will understand the importance of modeling appropriate behaviour for students. Inappropriate conduct or abusive behaviour towards our students or staff is not tolerated. Please help us maintain a positive and safe environment.

SICK STUDENTS:

If a student has experienced sickness such as vomiting or diarrhea, they may not return to school until a full 24 hours has passed. This is

STUDENT ASSESSMENT:

Student assessment is ongoing and cumulative. We have 2 formal report cards; the last school day in January and the last school day in June. We have one ongoing term.

Parent Teacher Conferences and/or Student Led Conferences will be held in late fall and again in late March. If a parent or teacher feels the need for a conference outside of the above times, one may be arranged. Parents can contact their child's teacher for an update on their child's overall progress at any time.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY PLAN:

Black Gold School Division operates on the belief that all students have the right to learn in a safe and caring environment. To do so means that each student works towards creating a climate that is positive and productive. No student has the right to choose behaviour that infringes upon the rights of others.

The School Act identifies the basic minimum expectations for student behaviour. "A student shall conduct himself so as to reasonably comply with the following code of conduct":

- be diligent in pursuing his studies;
- attend school regularly and punctually;
- cooperate with everyone authorized by the Board to provide education programs and services;
- comply with the rules of the school;
- account to his teachers for his conduct; accept consequences with dignity;
- respect the rights of others.

SUPPLIES & TEXTS:

Please refer to our website for the supply list for your grade level (ebms.blackgold.ca). Students may be required to bring a few additional items that are not on the list and/or replenish items throughout the year. Assigned textbooks become the student's responsibility. If a textbook is lost or damaged, the student will be responsible for payment.

TEASING VS BULLYING:

Teasing can be positive or negative in nature. However, when the content of teasing turns hostile, bullying *may* be involved. Bullying could be present when there is a *repetitive power imbalance* regardless of platform; verbal, physical, emotional or cyber. Unfortunately, while we always try to promote a safe and caring learning and playing environment, there may be times when a teasing or bullying incident occurs. Nonetheless, we can only make our school safer if students report incidents to their teacher or recess supervisors directly at the time of the issue. Bullying behaviours are taken seriously and most often end in an incident report and/or support brought in from our FSL or SRO.

TECHNOLOGY:

Technology is used to enhance each student's learning experience. Digital resources used throughout the curriculum helps teach students to successfully work and communicate in our evolving digital society. Students are given the opportunity to work with technology throughout the school day and are expected to adhere to the 'Admirable Use Agreement' for safe and appropriate use. Failure to do so may revoke the students' technology privileges.

****Students who damage, on purpose or not, a piece of technological equipment such as a Chromebook, will be charged the fee for repair or replacement.***

THEME & RECOGNITION DAYS:

Theme days are a fun and positive way for our staff and students to build school-wide morale and spirit. We typically try to have one theme day per month based on the events within our school calendar. These dress-up days are meant to be low or no cost to families.

WEATHER AND AIR QUALITY INFORMATION:

During the cold winter months, we monitor the weather quite closely. If there is a large windchill creating temperatures lower than -21, we will remain inside for recess breaks. However if it is still sunny out, yet -21 without windchill, we may go outside for a short break as fresh air is needed.

If it is raining outside, students will remain inside where it is warm and dry.

Smoky air and pollution may, at times, affect our air quality index and ability to go outside. BGSD has created a policy that states that; when the AQHI reaches 6 or greater, all strenuous outdoor activities will be cancelled (track and field, outdoor basketball etc...), but outdoor recess still resumes), but if the AQHI reaches 7 or greater, students will remain indoors with windows closed and HVAC systems running

We take many factors into consideration when determining if students should go outside for recess (wind chill, visibility, temperature, etc.). Please assume that recess will always be held outside and dress accordingly.

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR												
Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details			
AUGUST 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	5	3	<div><div></div>August 25 & 26 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>August 27 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students</div>		
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SEPTEMBER 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div></div>September 1 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>September 19 - PD Day: (No Students): (AM) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day</div> <div><div></div>September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)</div>		
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OCTOBER 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	<div><div></div>October 13 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>October 14 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div>		
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NOVEMBER 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	15	14	<div><div></div>November 2 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward)</div> <div><div></div>November 3 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>November 10 - 14 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div>		
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DECEMBER 2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	15	14	<div><div></div>December 1 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>December 22 - 31 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</div>		
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JANUARY 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div></div>January 1 - 2 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>January 5 - School Resumes</div> <div><div></div>January 30 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div>		
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Semester 1: Aug. 28, 2025 - Jan. 30, 2026							97	90	Semester 2 - Commences February 2, 2026			
FEBRUARY 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	<div><div></div>February 2 - Semester 2 Commences</div> <div><div></div>February 5 & 6 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>February 16 - Family Day (Schools Closed)</div>		
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MARCH 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div></div>March 8 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward)</div> <div><div></div>March 9 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>March 30 - 31 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)</div>		
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APRIL 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	<div><div></div>April 1 - 3 Spring Break (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>April 3 - Good Friday (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>April 6 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>April 7 - School Resumes</div> <div><div></div>April 24 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div>		
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MAY 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	<div><div></div>May 15 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>May 18 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div>Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div>		
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JUNE 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	<div><div></div>June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day</div> <div><div></div>June 24 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam</div> <div><div></div>June 25 & 26- Teacher Workday (No Students)</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window</div> <div><div></div>Diploma Exam</div>		
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Semester 2: February 2 - June 26, 2026							97	90				
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students							194	180	Aug-Dec/25: 77 -T & 71 -S; Jan-June/26: 117 -T & 109 -S			