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# Winter Newsletter



In the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the first Christmas, our God presented Himself to the world as a small baby. He came to be with us, to share our limitations and sufferings and to show us the way back to our Father in heaven. Jesus was born in a stable, attended by shepherds and warmed by the breath of animals. Angels proclaimed the glory of His birth, singing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace to men on whom His favour rests." This is the true message of Christmas; God became Emmanuel. He became "God with us".

## Lacombe Christian School K-5 Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 7:30pm  
College Heights SDA Church

### Song of the Stars

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light: on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."*  
-Isaiah 9:2

As a school we are looking forward to this year's Christmas Program, entitled: Song of the Stars. It will be wonderful to be able to once again come together to rejoice that Jesus was born on that holy night, long ago in the little town of Bethlehem. So on behalf of the staff and students here at LCS, may we all have a joyous and peaceful Christmas filled with many blessings and the love of those close to us.

DEC 2022 - JAN 2023				THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY			
4	5	6	7	8	9 No WC Bus Hot Lunch	10
11	12 Board Meeting 7:30pm	13	14 Christmas Program, 7:30pm @ CHSDA Church	15	16 Staff Christmas Luncheon	17
18	19	20	21 Assembly, 9am	22 Last day of School in 2022!	23 Christmas Break: Dec 23 - Jan 8	24
<i>Have a Blessed Christmas Holiday with your Families!</i>						
8	9 First Day of School in 2023	10	11	12	13 Canyon Ski Night (Register Jan 4&5)	14

### You are Invited!

What: Song of the Stars, our Christmas Program

Where: College Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church

When: December 14, 2022, 7:30pm

Students are asked to be in the basement by 7:10

Dress: Students are asked to attend in their "Sunday best"

Who: K-Gr. 5 Students are performing. Everyone is invited to watch!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our school calendar gets updated frequently! Go to our website to view this calendar anytime: [www.lacs.ca](http://www.lacs.ca). We recommend adding this calendar to your cell phone or mobile device for up-to-date access on the go!



## Lacombe Christian School Vision Statement:

"To the glory of God, by His grace, and on the foundation of His Word, Lacombe Christian School strives to nurture and educate children to be Spirit-filled disciples of Christ and responsible, discerning citizens in society."

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### ***Board Notes...***

Over the last few months, LCS has been a busy place with many activities: parent teacher interviews, book fair, Christmas concert preparations, serve projects, Joe Social evening, sports activities, hot lunches, and committee meetings, to name a few. It is so nice to be able to come together in these ways. The Board would like to thank all of those involved in God's work at LCS - what a Blessing you are! Thank you!

The Lacombe Christian School Board is incredibly thankful to all our staff at LCS. We are blessed, as a school, by your passion and dedication to Christian education and thank God for the work you do.

The past few months, the Board and its committees have been working hard. We are happy to report the new gym furnaces are installed and working very well. The 2022 Spring Drive is just about complete and is currently totalling \$99,012.30. We have not yet met our goal of \$175,000 for the year and there is still time to donate. Please consider this opportunity to support LCS. The 2021-2022 school audit has been completed by BDO, and approved by the Finance Committee and the Board. We continue to visit with prospective new families and would like to welcome all our new families to LCS.

As many of you are aware, Martin Folkerts will be retiring at the end of this school year. We appreciate his strength, wisdom, and commitment to LCS. Our school has been blessed by his leadership. We will be sad to see him go, but we are very excited for the opportunity to see who God has planned to lead LCS into the future. The Principal Task Force has been very busy over the last month. Please continue to pray for the Task Force and the Board as we continue the interviewing process and discern God's plan for our school. We trust in His faithfulness and know He will provide for Lacombe Christian School.

The Board prays that the families and staff of LCS have a blessed Christmas season. We pray that your break this year will be a good time of rest and renewal. We pray wholeheartedly that God may bring you love, hope, joy and peace as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

Merry Christmas! On behalf of the LCS Board,  
Kate Luymes, Board Secretary

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13*

### Tuition Payments 2022-2023

Thank you to all the families who have been paying their tuition this school year. To the families who have not paid any tuition to date this is a reminder to do so. Please note that any tuition received by the school by Dec 31, 2022 qualifies for a 2022 tax donation receipt. Payments can be made by cheque, by E-Transfer to [business@lacs.ca](mailto:business@lacs.ca), or by EFT if you provide LCS with your banking information. If you have any questions please contact Jack Oudman, the school's business administrator, at 403-782-6531 or [business@lacs.ca](mailto:business@lacs.ca). Thank you, Jack Oudman







# Canyon Ski Nights

## DATES FOR THE New Year 2023

Night Skiing: 5-9pm

**January 13th** (sign up on Jan 4&5\*)

**February 24th** (sign up on Feb 15&16\*)

**March 10th** (sign up on March 1&2\*)

\*We will be using an online form to Sign-Up  
Please contact Alison Niemeijer at 403-318-8336  
or [development@lacs.ca](mailto:development@lacs.ca) if you have questions.

Pay with: debit, cash, chq, or etransfer to [business@lacs.ca](mailto:business@lacs.ca)

There is NO OBLIGATION and no pressure to sign up. Canyon Ski Nights are a great place to learn to ski or snowboard at an affordable place with great beginner (and advanced) runs!

### Grades K to 6:

Lift & Lesson Only

Lift/Lesson/Ski or Board Rental

### Grades 7 to Adult:

Lift & Lesson Only

Lift/Lesson/Ski or Board Rental

Helmet Only

### PRICES:

\$26.00

\$51.00

\$31.00

\$56.00

\$ 7.00

\*GST is included (Rentals include helmet)

**LESSONS are COMPLIMENTARY.**

You will receive an email before the night explaining when each lesson level starts. IF your child is 5 & under OR special needs, you will need to book a PRIVATE lesson directly through Canyon at 403-346-5588. You still book the lift ticket and rentals through the school, and just book the lesson directly through them. If you need to make changes, please contact **Alison Niemeijer** (contact info to the left)

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT CANYON SKI HILL DIRECTLY (unless for private lessons)**

**Please note:** Lacombe Christian School's facility is used for ski registration purposes only. This is an extra-curricular activity and parents must assume responsibility for transportation and injuries incurred with this program. These evenings are organized for the enjoyment of our school registered families. Any individuals that are not society members are under the responsibility of the family that invites them.



Please include the following list  
of board members, staff, events, new families,  
and fellow Christian Schools in your daily  
devotions and prayers. This way we will raise  
up every aspect of our school to the Lord in  
prayer throughout the year.

Board Member: Kate Luymes, Secretary

Staff Members: Connie deBoon, Music Teacher  
Alyssa Bouwman, Grade 1A  
Sarah Vanderhoek, Grade 4A  
Michaela Lindhout, Grade 4A

New Families: Jeffrey & Sarah Cook, with Grace(K1)  
Jeff & Pam Oderkirk, with Hailey-Mae(2B)  
Thomas Rowland, with Adrena-lynn(K1)

Classes: Grade 1A & Grade 5A

Events: Christmas Program(14th) & Assembly(21st)

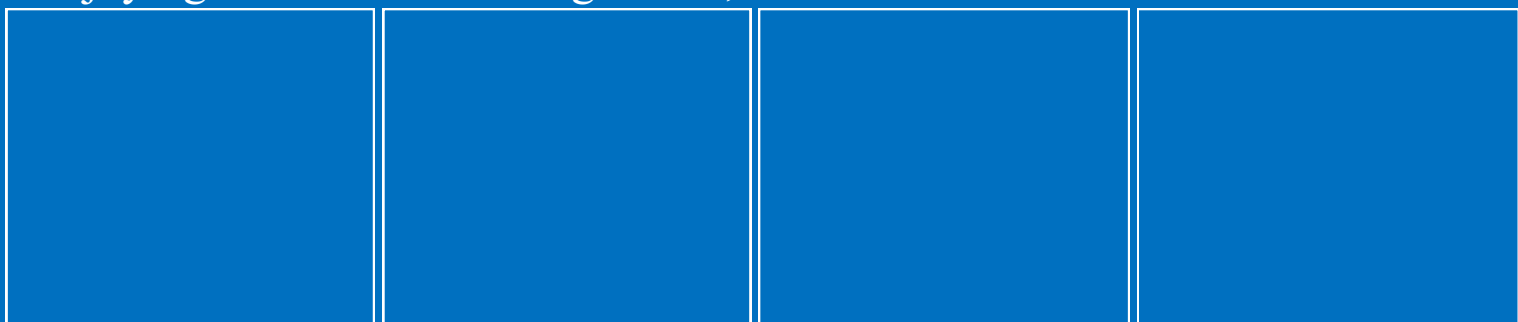
Sports: Basketball

Fellow Christian Schools: Rimbey Christian & Rocky Christian

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*

**Grandparents' Newsletter:** Grandparents' receive their own newsletter twice per year. One was just sent out in November and another one will go out in May. If you know of Grandparents who do not receive the newsletter and would like to start, please let the office know at 403-782-6531 or [development@lacs.ca](mailto:development@lacs.ca)

Enjoying the outdoors during recess, no matter what season or weather it is!





# Servant Hearts

*Teaching the students at LCS about Servant Work is a very important part of their education. One of the ways our students are taught about social justice issues is through our Christmas Serve Projects:*

K - Gr. 3 will be doing "Chores for Charity" to raise money for the Mustard Seed in Red Deer to support their meal programs. The Mustard Seed is a ministry that seeks to build hope and well-being for our most vulnerable citizens through Jesus' love. Students are encouraged to complete chores for their families or neighbours as a way of raising money or donating items. It is our hope that students will experience the joy of being servant-workers by doing these "chores for charity".

Gr. 4 to 6 held a Tuck Shop on Nov 15 & 16 and raised \$885 which will be used to buy animals for families in need through World Renew. Training programs are held for families to learn how to increase income. Animals support families by providing: food; wool for clothes; offspring –which can be used or sold.

Junior High's are looking to host a Comfy Movie Afternoon before Christmas Break. They invite Grades 4 to 9 Students to watch a movie in the gym, with treats & prime seating options for sale. All proceeds will be donated to The Broom Tree Foundation located in Lacombe. Their mandate is to promote and maintain an enriched environment focused solely on women in need of support and compassion. They provide refuge, restoration and rebuilding to women and their families.

The Junior High Students raised just over \$7,000 by selling cases of apples and pears!

Students were excited to buy treats at the Tuck Shop, raising a total of \$885 to purchase animals through World Renew.

## Student Feature:

Essay Excerpts from Gr. 6 on the Jo(e) Social Media Presentation:

"They explained all sorts of necessary topics like how to be safe on the internet, the pros and cons of social media and attempting to start a social media conversation with your parents. Joe and Jo did a wonderful job explaining all the different ways to be safe on social media apps like Facebook, TikTok, Instagram and YouTube. They also told us to tell parents if something bad happens, avoiding Discord and don't switch apps for a conversation..."

"They spoke to us about safety on the internet and how to begin a social media conversation with our parents. They also presented us with the pros and cons of the internet... One of the most important ideas they spoke to us about was that they encouraged us to speak with our parents. Some things they said to help us talk to parents is to "start a social media conversation" ...The next idea they spoke about is not really about social media but it is still important to listen to. They told us not to be a jerk online or in real life."

Grade 5 held a tourism fair that showcased the different provinces and territories of Canada.



**We are now accepting Early Registration Applications for Playschool & Kindergarten from our current LCS Families!**

Playschool Registration is open to children who will reach the age of 4 by Dec 31, 2023. We have 2 classes available: Tu/Th 8:45-11:15am(2.5hrs) OR Fridays 8:45-11:45am(3hrs). Kindergarten Registration is available for children who will reach the age of 5 by Dec 31, 2023. We offer two classes of full-day Kindergarten, either M/W or T/Th, with busing included. Registration Packages will go home with mail carriers next week. If you don't receive one, call the office at 403-782-6531, drop in to pick up a package from the school office or download one from the website: [www.lacs.ca](http://www.lacs.ca)

**Thank You Building Blocks Thrift Store**

For the recent donation of **\$50,000!**  
Thank you to all who volunteer your time to make this possible!

**2022 Annual Spring Drive**

Total Contributions to date:

**\$99,012.30**

**Thank You!**

**Crazy Hair Day!**

**Important Reminders!**



**ALLERGY ALERT POLICY:** Applies to **BOTH** East and West Campus  
**NO Peanuts, NO Peanut Butter, NO Peanut Products**

**COLD & FLU SEASON IS UPON US:** We must stress the importance of contacting the school if your child is away sick or has an appointment! If your child is away **more than one day**, the office must be notified **each day**. This saves the office time calling to check on each absent student. Email [office@lacs.ca](mailto:office@lacs.ca) or call **403-782-6531**

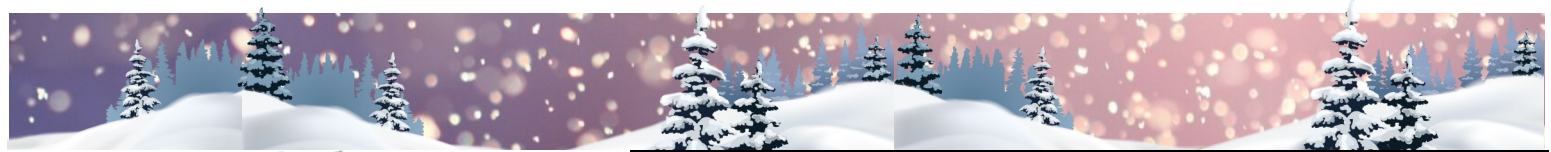
**Student Messages:** Please try not to call after 3pm to give messages to students, as students are not always in their Home Rooms during the last period. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Parents of ECS Aged Children:** Now is the time to check with your local Community Health Centre to see if your child is due for their booster shots. Between the ages of 4 and 6, your child should have the (DPTP) booster and the (MMR) booster. For more information, contact the Lacombe Community Health Centre @ 403-782-3218.

**School Safety Patrols:** Our school safety patrols work hard to help students cross safely. Parents please set a good example by using crosswalks and encouraging children to do the same. Thanks for your cooperation!

**Parking... Just a reminder to our LCS families—**please be careful not to park too close to our neighbour's driveways. We want to be good neighbours in our community, and ensure we are not infringing on their ability to enter/exit their properties. Also, you are reminded that there is no parking permitted on the street in front of the school buildings (including north of the west campus to the corner as bus drivers wait there to be lined up in the proper order for students) between 3:25 and 3:45 as this is dismissal time with buses coming in. Also, any vehicles parked on school property are **not allowed to move** until ALL buses have left. Please do not drive over pylons or move them to exit. ***Due to Fire Regulations, No double parking on West Campus by gymnasium.*** Also, please use crosswalks, no crossing between buses! ***Please follow these guidelines for the safety of all our children.***





**CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**



**A GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**



**B1 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**



**B2 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**



**A BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**



**B1 BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**



**B2 BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

The No.1 purpose for our students to be involved in extra-curricular activities is to allow for opportunities that encourage the use of their God-given talents & abilities outside the classroom, aiding in the development of several key areas: Character, Patience, Humility, Work Ethic, Teamwork, Christian Leadership, Competition, and Sportsmanship. Junior High students were happy to be involved in regular league play this season! The cross country team ran to the top of 2J Championships! The volleyball season is now complete, with both A Boys & Girls Teams winning the WC Championships and CWAJHAAs! Thank you Coaches, for your dedication and encouragement! K-9 Hockey is underway and the focus now turns to the Basketball season.



THANK YOU to everyone who visited our book fair last week. It was a fun event for our students and school community! Your purchases helped us raise \$635 towards new books for our school. LCS is matching the proceeds from the fair and making a donation toward books and school supplies for a small Christian school in rural Nicaragua.

**Your support is much appreciated!**

Congratulations to our book fair contest winners:  
 ~ \$25 gift card to ABC Christian Store: Victoria Monte (Gr. 6A)  
 ~ Candy Jar Guess: Luke Dykstra (Gr. 9) with a guess of 192.  
 The correct answer was 193. There were many close guesses!

*Heather Vander Plaats, LCS Library*

**Financial Statement : October 2022**

Revenue	+	\$395,550.82
Expenses	-	\$332,545.84
Net Income	=	\$63,004.98
Book Balance (Oct 1)	+	\$276,517.08
Book Balance (Oct 31)	=	\$339,522.06
Bank Balance (Oct 31)	+	\$6,385.86
Outstanding Deposits	+	\$435.00
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Book Balance (Oct 31)	=	\$4,522.06
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