



You are Invited to our K-5 Christmas Program!

The Signs of Christmas

at the College Heights SDA Church on Wed, Dec. 11, 2024, 7pm
(Students are asked to be in the basement by 6:40)

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger" ~Luke 2:12

Calendar: December 2024 - January 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 2 BB: 8/9B tryouts | 3 BB: 8/9B tryouts | 4 BB: 8/9G tryouts Grades 4-6 | 5 Bake Sale | 6 Staff Lunch Gr5 Tourism Fair | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Board Mtg, 7:30pm | 10 | 11 K-5 Christmas Program, 7pm | 12 | 13 No WC Bus Hot Lunch: Subs | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Assembly, 9a Gr.4-9 Movie Aft. | 20 Christmas Break | 21 (until Jan. 5) |

Have a Blessed Christmas Holiday with your Families!

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| 5 | 6 First Day of School in 2025 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Pastors' Day | 14 | 15 Assembly, 9am | 16 | 17 Hot Lunch BB: All Boys & A Girls @Innisfail Tourm. | 18 |



December 2024

Advent



"You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" " (Isaiah 40:9)

We have reached the time of Advent again, which is a wonderful time of looking forward to the coming of our Lord. When Isaiah wrote his prophecy, he had a glimmer of what that coming would look like. We live after that first coming and understand more fully the richness of the Son of God coming in flesh and the salvation that He has bought for us. At the same time, we continue to look forward to the second Advent, a coming of power and glory, awaiting the glorification that God has promised His children.



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| Board Member: | Nathan Kleefman | |
| Committee: | Tuition Relief Committee | |
| Staff Members: | Mrs. Coby Visscher, Grade 8A Teacher Mrs. Pamela Jenks, Grade 8B Teacher Miss Amy Sylvester, K2 Teacher Mrs. Willeke Kraay, Music Teacher | |
| New Families: | Adam & Heather Eisses, Elanor(P1) Jeff & Laura Ratzke, Julianne(9B) | |
| Classes: | Tue/Thu Kindergarten -K2 & Grades 8A&B | |
| Assemblies: | Christmas Assembly, 'Loved' -led by Gr.8 | |
| Events: | K-5 Christmas Concert & Christmas Break | |
| Sports: | Basketball | |
| Fellow Christian Schools: | Rimbey Christian & Rocky Christian | |

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.

"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

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...

The 2024/25 school year is off to a great start. Students and teachers have settled into their classes and over the last few months, and the newly renovated West Wing is looking great (and staying warm!). LCS has been bursting with activities including fundraisers, assemblies, field trips, buddy groups, sport events, hot lunches, committee meetings, book fair, parent-teacher interviews, and preparations for the upcoming bake sale (Dec 4-5) and Christmas Concert (Dec 11).

All of these activities and opportunities require the organization, time, and effort of volunteers, and we are blessed to have many! Thank you to everyone who has invested in our children; it is always wonderful to see the way that the LCS community works together to meet needs!

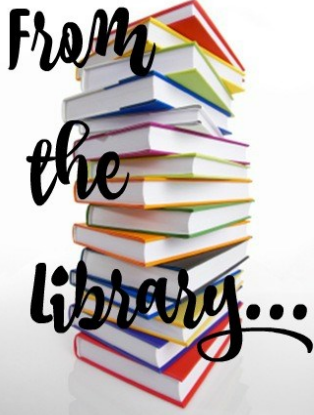
As a Board, we are especially thankful for all of our staff and the work you do. Members of the Board do classroom visits every month, and we have heard consistently positive feedback about the work teachers are doing in their classrooms to live out the mission and vision of LCS. We thank God for our staff's commitment to Christian education for His glory, by His grace, and on the foundation of His word. We appreciate the work each of you does!

The work of the Board and its various committees has included meetings and visits to prospective families. The 2023/2024 school audit has been completed by BDO, and approved by the Finance Committee and Board. The Annual Education Results Report for the 2023/2024 school year is being worked on, and will then be reviewed by the Education Committee and Board.

This Advent Season, we hope that the families and staff of Lacombe Christian School will be blessed with a time of rest, fellowship, health, and joyful anticipation as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior and reflect on God's goodness. May the light of Christ fill your hearts with peace and joy as we look forward to the blessings of a new year. We are grateful for the support and partnership of our school community and continue to pray for God's guidance in all we do.

Merry Christmas, On behalf of the LCS School Board,
Gwen Tiggelaar, Board Secretary

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
Luke 2:14 (NIV)



A big THANK YOU to our school community for your support and participation in our Book Fair! Your purchases helped us raise just over \$700 for our school library! We are also able to support a Christian School in Nicaragua, as we match the profits earned from the Book Fair giving them funds to help run their school.

Thanks for being a part of this event!

Congratulations to our contest winners this year:

\$20 gift certificate to ABC Christian Store went to Jayden Zylstra (Grade 9B)
Candy Jars- There were 3 jars this year, one each for Gr.1-3, for Gr.4-6 & for Gr.7-9.

- Kira Doornbos (Gr.2A) won in the Grade 1-3 group with an exact right guess of 92!
- Andy Prins (Gr.4A) and Cameron Fraser (Gr.6B) both were winners in Grade 4-6 also with exact right guesses!
- Kaden Shaw (Grade 8A) was the winner from Grade 7-9 with a guess of 93!

STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math)

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Enjoying the Book Fair

Canyon Ski Nights



**DATES FOR THE
2024/25 School Year**

Night Skiing: 5-9pm

January 24 (sign-up by Jan 17*)

February 7 (sign-up by Jan 30*)

March 7 (sign-up by Feb 28*)

PRICES: *GST included

Grades K to 6:

Lift & Lesson Only \$30

Lift/Lesson/Ski or Board Rental \$55

Grades 7 to Adult:

Lift & Lesson Only \$35

Lift/Lesson/Ski or Board Rental \$61

Rentals include helmet, otherwise \$7

LESSONS are COMPLIMENTARY.

IF you don't need a lesson, there is a no lesson selection available on the form. 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.

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

*We use an online form, the link will be sent to you.
Sign-up deadline is NOON one week before the ski night.

NO LATE SIGN-UPS will be accepted.

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

Pay with: debit/credit or etransfer to business@lacs.ca

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.

Servant Hearts



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

K - Gr. 3 will be doing "Chores for Charity" to collect donations for the Lacombe Food Bank to help needy families in Lacombe. Students are encouraged to complete chores for their families or friends as a way of raising money or donating items. It is our hope that these students will experience the joy of being servant-workers by doing these "chores for charity". **Gr. 4 to 6** will hold a Bake Sale (selling baked goods to students on both campuses) on Dec. 4 & 5 to help families in need through World Renew. This year each grade will get to choose where a portion of the money raised will go towards; educational materials, animals for families to raise for food or to sell, gardening supplies, beehives, medicine, mobility aides (bikes or wheel chairs), etc. **Junior High's** are looking to host a Comfy Movie Afternoon before Christmas Break. Gr.4-9 students are invited to watch a movie in the gym, with treats & prime seating options for sale. Proceeds will be donated to The Broomtree Foundation to help local families.



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DID YOU KNOW?
Our school calendar gets updated frequently!
View it on our website at anytime:
www.lacs.ca/calendar

...Sabre Rattlings, Continued from Page 1

This past week, during prayer groups, I was reminded again of the wonderful picture that a new snowfall provides. The white of snow covers over the dull browns of dead grass and dirt. This always reminds me of the saving, redemptive work of Christ. As Isaiah prophesies (1:18): Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." The dull browns of sin in our lives have been covered by the white snow of perfection in our Lord, Jesus Christ. What a rich gift!

Around the School

Our new report cards went out last month and I hope you found them both informative and attractive. We were happy to hear a lot of positive and constructive feedback on them and look forward to seeing them grow in the coming years. I know that there may have been one or two grade 9s that went home and found old report cards to fill the rest of the folder up!

We're saying goodbye to our student teachers this month. It has been great to be able to host these three individuals and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors, whether in employment or further education.

Our Book Fair went very well this year, raising a little over \$730. This money goes toward our library budget for the purchasing of new books, etc. Thanks to Mel Zuidhof, our librarian, for all the work that she put in this year to make this Book Fair such a big success! In addition, LCS matches that amount to support Edu Deo, specifically schools that Peter Kuipers is working with in Nicaragua. The funds will be going to Escuela Cristiana Ebenezer in Diriamba. This city is about an hour south of Managua. It is a small but growing school with very good leadership with Naomi, the principal. The funds are much appreciated as they start the new school year in January/February.

Now we're looking forward to the Christmas Program. Willeke Kraay has been working tirelessly with the students over the past month and more, to get them all ready for this big event. The kids sound wonderful! We have a few classes in the west campus that enjoy keeping their doors open right now to hear the music wafting from the Music Room. No doubt, it'll be a great concert on December 11.

Last month, I briefly mentioned a new Celebration of Learning. We plan to host this event on April 10 on both campuses. Mark the date! We're hoping to be able to showcase the wonderful work that students and teachers have been doing throughout the year to that point. You'll see the distinctiveness of Lacombe Christian School and our work to nurture and educate children to be Spirit-filled disciples of Christ through our Teaching for Transformation model.

On behalf of the staff at Lacombe Christian School, thank you all for your continued support.
Blessings, from LCS. Derek Hoogerdijk, Principal





Important Reminders!



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

Communication/Messages: We use Remind to contact you for attendance, school cancellations and other important information. If your child is ill or has an appointment, please inform the office and the teacher first thing **each** morning by sending a text through remind. Reminder: Students are not allowed to use their cell phone during school hours. Please use Remind to message their teacher (they will check for messages at break times).

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. 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! ***Thank you for following these guidelines for the safety of all our children.***

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

Tuition Payments 2024-2025

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, 2024 qualifies for a 2024 tax donation receipt. Payments can be made by cheque, E-transfer to business@lacs.ca, or by EFT if you provide LCS with your banking information. If you have any questions contact Jack Oudman, the school's business administrator, by calling 403-782-6531 or by email business@lacs.ca. Thank you, Jack Oudman

Financial Statement for : October 2024.

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| Revenue | + | \$407,562.63 |
| Expenses | - | \$842,443.48 |
| Net Income | = | (\$434,880.85) |
| Book Balance (Oct 1) | + | \$663,369.55 |
| Book Balance (Oct 31) | = | \$228,488.70 |
| Bank Balance (Oct 31) | | \$3,488.70 |
| Outstanding Deposits | + | \$0.00 |
| Outstanding Cheques | - | \$0.00 |
| Book Balance (Oct 31) | = | \$3,488.70 |
| Savings Account (Oct 31) | = | \$225,000.00 |

Thank You
Building Blocks Thrift Store

For the recent donation of

\$150,000!

Thank you to all who make this possible!

Grade 9 Says goodbye to their student teacher, Miss Wierenga

THANK YOU
for your financial support!

Spring Drive

\$52,100

West Wing Reno

\$928,075

Spending time together with our buddies.

We are now accepting Early Registration Applications for Playschool & Kindergarten from our current LCS Families! (Opens to public Jan 6th)



Playschool Registration is open to children who will reach the age of 4 by Dec 31, 2025. 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, 2025. We offer two classes of full-day Kindergarten, either M/W or T/Th, with busing included. Registration Packages have already been sent home with mail carriers. 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



The number one purpose for our students to be involved in extra-curricular activities is to allow 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. The cross country team had an excellent season with all runners improving on their times! The team tied for 3rd place (out of 13 schools) at the CWAJHAA Championships! Volleyball is still underway with both A teams doing very well -winning the Wolf Creek Championship, the CWAJHAA Qualifiers and the CWAJHAA Final Championship banners! We had 4 B teams running this year and both boys teams won tournaments that they were in! Thank you to our volunteer coaches, we appreciate the time & energy you invested in coaching our junior high students! Thank you parents & grandparents for driving and cheering us on! As you can see -we need a lot of people to help our Sabres Athletics Program run smoothly! We are gearing up to start the basketball season, and tryouts will happen soon.



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Sobeys

This year, just by purchasing your groceries at Sobeys,
with gift cards purchased at the office,
LCS received \$1200.00!

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To get your giftcards, stop in at the office!

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