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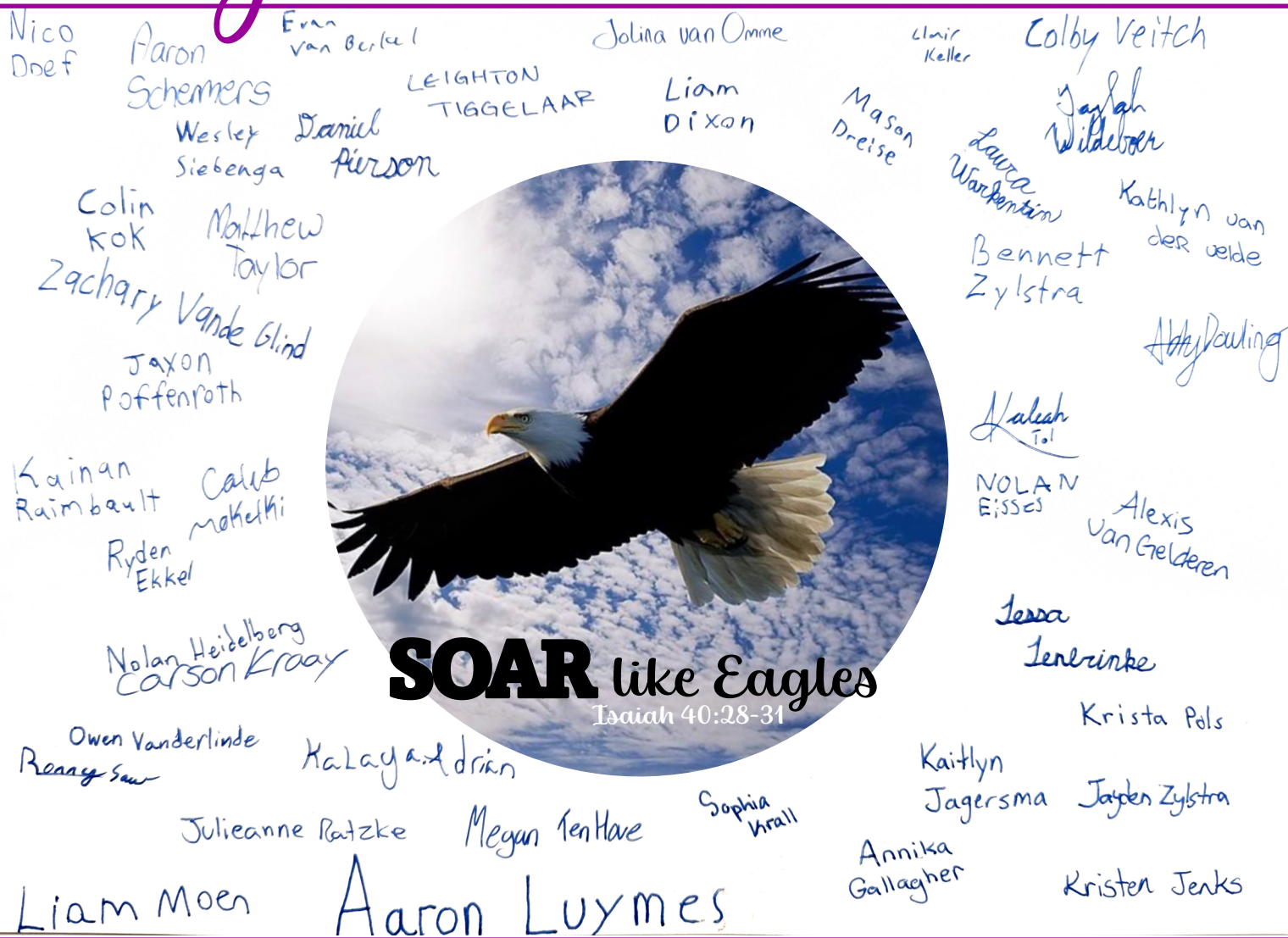


Summer 2025 Newsletter

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# Congratulations

## 2025 Lacombe Christian School Grade 9 Graduates!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 June 2025	2 Free Pizza Lunch	3 Last Assembly Retirement Party for D. Allers & W. Spelt PS FT to 5Star Dairy	4 Gr. 5 FT to Ft. Edm. Gr. 8 FT to Crimson Patroller BBQ Party	5 Free Pizza for K2 Gr. 7 to Abbey Cent. PS Last Day, Park FT Grade 9 Grad Year-end Field Trip	6 No WC Bus Gr. 1 to Sunnybrook PS Last Day, Park FT	7
8	9 Gr. 4 FT Calgary Zoo Board Mtg, 7:30pm	10 Playschool Orientation Gr. 6-9 Final Exams	11 Gr. 5 Farm Safety FT June 9-13 Gr. 6-9 Final Exams June 9-13	12 Gr. 1-3 FT to Collicutt Gr. 4-6 FT to Collicutt	13 Last Day of School K FT Discovery Wildlife Gr. 4-6 FT to Collicutt	14 Grade 9 Grad Woodynook CRC @ 2pm
15	16 Teachers' Last Day	Hope you enjoy a Blessed Summer Vacation with your families!		Aug 28 Ice Cream Open House 1-3pm	29	30
31	Sept 1 Labour Day	2 First Day of School	3	4	5	6



## 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."

### 24/25 Board Members

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### Board Notes May 2025...

Greetings from the Lacombe Christian School Board,

Our annual Society meeting was held on May 12. Thank you to those who joined us. Society approved the proposed budget for the 2025/2026 school year which included a slight increase in tuition (\$20/month or \$240/year). Tim Van Doesburg gave a presentation about the Athletics program at LCS. We said goodbye to Dave Allers & Wilma Spelt, who are both retiring at the end of this year. We recognized years of service for Anna Wierbos (10 years) and Jack Oudman (30 years). We welcomed three new board members (Michelle deRegt, Aryn Leshner, and Marcel Wassink) and thanked three outgoing board members (Kayla deRegt, Dustin Ekkel, and Carmen Tiemstra) for all of their hard work, prayer, talents, and wisdom during their years of service.

We thank God for His provision of LCS and are thankful for a strong and generous community. Thank you to everyone who contributed time, auction items, and monetary donations to make this year's auction another incredible success.

Thank you to all of the families who have completed their Intent Forms that allow us to plan for next year. We'd like to congratulate our 42 Grade 9 graduates. We thank you for your influence at LCS and pray that you will continue to follow God's story, learning and growing as spirit-filled disciples of Christ.

As we conclude our year, we would like to thank staff, students and parents for an incredible year of learning at LCS. Our theme was "Belonging" and our prayer is that staff and students were encouraged and uplifted and felt invited, welcomed, known, loved, present, befriended, needed, supported, cared for, and accepted. We pray for stamina for these last busy weeks of school, filled with field trips and exams, for safety, health, and for God's continued blessing throughout the summer months. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

In Christ, On behalf of the LCS Board, Gwen Tiggelaar, Board Secretary



Thank you for including us in your daily/monthly prayers. Now that we are approaching the end of the school year, we have been able to prayer, every aspect of our school to our faithful Saviour.

Welcome to our new LCS Board members:

Michelle deRegt, Aryn Leshner, Marcel Wassink

Committees: Building/Maintenance Committee

Staff Members: Anita Zuidhof, Resource Room Teacher

Becky Bikker, Resource EA

Natalie Holoboff, Resource EA

Karri Folkerts, Playschool Teacher

& Thank You to all the Substitute Teachers!

New Families: Luis & Joanna Luna, Ana(K1)

Classes: Playschool & Resource

Assembly: 'Accepted' -led by Administration

Sports: 4-6 Field Day

Other Events: Exams/Report Cards/Field Trips/Gr. 9 Grad

Fellow Christian Schools: Fort McMurray Christian

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." ~Ephesians 6:18*



## June Sabre Rattlings

Another year is almost in the books and what a year it has been! As we approach the end of the school year, we recognize the students (and staff) who are eagerly anticipating the summer and the wonderful break that will bring. We also recognize the students (and staff) that are preparing for final assessments and exams. It can be a stressful time and we pray for God's guiding hand in these last weeks too. The grade 9s are also looking with anticipation to their graduation: that capping event of the past 9+ years of education and the movement on from the halls of LCS to their high school destination. We wish all of our grads God's blessings as they move on from here and hope that the seeds that have been planted and watered in their hearts and minds over the years will continue to bear fruit.

This year has been a year of many transitions. In November, we said goodbye to Gloria Brouwer and celebrated with her as she welcomed her new child. In March, we did the same with Jenna-Rae Sauve; in April, with Karla Wagner; and in May, with Sarah Vanderhoek. We are thankful that through these moments, God has blessed these colleagues with health and with wonderful new life and we wish them the Lord's strength as they raise the little ones He has granted them! We're also thankful that God provided for us staff to cover those leaves. We welcomed Emma Verveda and McKenzie Baker to our staff. Cheryl Nichols has covered Sarah for the last few weeks of this year, as she starts her leave. Dave Allers also had to leave us early for knee surgery. We have missed him in our halls, but know that he is blessed in God's hands and wish him the best as he approaches retirement. We were thankful for the time that Joanne Vandergrift was willing to give to us to cover the majority of Dave's leave. Kelly Tiemstra also went on leave for a time this year for knee surgery and we were thankful for Daisy Fraser's willingness to cover the majority of that! And, very recently, Willeke VanOmme had to take some time away due to a broken leg. Alyssa Bouwman has taken a short leave to end this school year. God has granted us Brenda Neale to finish off in Grade 2 for the last few weeks. We said goodbye to Fiona Prins in the Spring, as she moved on from LCS, and welcomed Bobbi Talsma and Ashleigh Luyks to our office staff. This will be Wilma Spelt's final year with us: after many years of dedicated service in our kindergarten as an EA, she has decided to retire after this year - we wish her God's blessings in her retirement too! And Pam Jenks and Sherry TenHove have let us know that they will be moving on to CACHS and Gateway Christian School in the coming year, respectively. We wish them God's blessings in their new adventures.

Through all these changes and transitions, what becomes crystal clear is the amazing faithfulness and provision of our heavenly Father. He has granted our staff the strength to carry on and the peace when that became a challenge. He has blessed us with strong support and replacements for spaces that opened. As He has blessed LCS in the past, we continue to be held in His hand in the present, and we can depend on Him at all times for our future.

We also thank you, our families & supporters for the wonderful outpouring we have experienced from you throughout this year. Through visits, events, prayers, and conversations, we have witnessed the wonderful fellowship that is unique to the body of Christ and we thank you for that. As we look to the coming year, the 80th year for Lacombe Christian School, we continue to live in God's faithfulness, our foundation and our future. May He grant each of us a blessed summer!

~Derek Hoogerdijk, Principal

### **Fundraising Results for the 2024/25 School Year:**

JH Fruit Sales (sports equipment/student council activities):	<b>\$5265</b>
K-3 Chores for Charity (Lacombe Food Bank):	<b>\$1090.58 + 682 lbs of food</b>
4-6 Bake Sale (to needy families -World Renew):	<b>\$1,982.75</b> = 83 animals plus medicine & more
JH Movie (Broom Tree Foundation):	<b>\$ 1,400</b>
Mini Mall (Red Deer Mustard Seed):	<b>\$3,550</b>
Spring Drive to May 29:	<b>\$64,070</b>
JH Fast Forward (World Renew):	<b>\$12,057</b>
LCS Auction (budget, Art/Science room reno & capital upgrades):	<b>\$264,892</b> -includes <b>\$27,750</b>
to Long-term funds (+ <b>\$81,000</b> for Rimbey Christian School)	<b>Auction Total of \$345,892</b>



Our Badminton season can be very short for some players as once you don't place high at a tournament, you don't move on. Every player was willing to work hard and come out to practices, improving their game. We won the WC Banner for 2J Schools and James D. won Silver and Emma L. Bronze at CWAJHAAs! A special thanks to our coaches! We recently had our Christian Schools Track & Field Meet and LCS was represented well! We had 68 athletes attend this year and several of them won or placed 2nd in their respective events! Congratulations to the Gr.7 and Gr.9 Girls who won their 4x100 Relay Races! Congratulations to James C. who won the trophy for top male in Gr.8. We also had a bunch of 2nd place finishers: Uzziah T. for Gr.7 male, Taylor V. for Gr.7 female, Chloe E. for Gr.8 female, and Tessa T. for Gr.9 female. Great job everyone! Thank you to the CACHS Sports Performance class for helping time and measure events!

#### Financial Statement for : **April 2025**

Revenue	+	\$ 864,478.28
Expenses	-	\$ 500,812.60
Net Income	=	\$ 363,665.68
Book Balance (APR 1) +		\$ 375,320.60
Book Balance (APR 30) =		\$ 738,986.28
Bank Balance (APR 30)		\$ 148,126.78
Outstanding Deposits +		\$ 0.00
Outstanding Cheques -		\$ 84,140.50
Book Balance (APR 30) =		\$ 63,986.28
Savings Account (APR 30) =		\$ 675,000.00

Join us for a Retirement Celebration

**FOR DAVE ALLERS  
WHO IS RETIRING AFTER  
35 YEARS OF TEACHING AT  
LACOMBE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL!**

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 9am  
at the Year-end Assembly  
in the West Campus Gym.

Coffee & Cookies to follow



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JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE WITH  
*Wilma Spelt*  
WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 18 YEARS AT LCS!

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025, 9AM  
AT THE YEAR-END ASSEMBLY IN THE WEST CAMPUS GYM  
COFFEE & COOKIES TO FOLLOW

**Thank You, Building Blocks Thrift Store**  
for your donations totaling \$200,000  
during the 2024/25 School Year!

We sincerely appreciate the Thrift Store Board Members who support & believe in Christian Education; the many volunteers who keep the store operating; and all who keep donating items to the store!

**FREE LUNCH  
FOR BUDDY  
GROUPS**

**PIZZA**

Monday, June 2  
(K2 - Thursday, June 5)  
2 slices, watermelon, chips, juice



#### Class Lists for the 2025/26 school year:

Will be completed in August and sent via Remind Aug 27. We are not asking for parental input regarding the classes in which your children will be placed. Your children will be placed in the classes which, in the judgment of the staff and administration, will be best for them. We ask that you trust the preparation of class lists. ~Derek Hoogerdijs, Principal



We are accepting registrations for the 2025-26 school year. If you have a child in Grade 9 or a child in Grades 10-12 who does not currently attend CACHS and are wanting to enroll for the next school year, please send in a registration form. Forms can be found at [www.cachs.ca](http://www.cachs.ca) under the 'Our School' tab and then under 'Enrollment & Admission'. Forms can be dropped off in person at CACHS or emailed to [office@cachs.ca](mailto:office@cachs.ca). Please contact the school, 403.782.4535, if you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting with the principal.

#### We say goodbye to these families, with their last child graduating Grade 9:

Peter & Jessica Heidelberg with Nolan  
William and Pamela Jenks with Kristen  
Matt & Amy Keller with Clair  
Dean & Sasha Krall with Sophia  
Owen & Ellen Pierson with Daniel  
Riley Poffenroth & Trysta Pleasants with Jaxon  
Jeff & Laura Ratzke with Julieanne  
Tim & Rowena Taylor with Matthew  
Steve & Sherry Ten Hove with Megan  
Andrew & Carina Tenbrinke with Tessa  
Brett Van Berkel with Evan  
Willem & Joanne Vanderlinde with Owen  
Paul & Gail McCaskill with Laura  
Donald & Amaris Wildeboer with Taylah

Thank you for trusting us with your child(ren)'s Christian Education over the years!

# THANK YOU from Lacombe Christian School!

to all **retiring board and committee members.**

LCS has been blessed by your hard work, dedication, & the many hours you volunteer to help our school!

to **everyone who supported the school this year.**

From classroom help, driving, planning, food prep, recess supervision, coaching, monetary donations, and many other areas too numerous to mention - your contributions help make the school run smoothly!

to our **Bus Drivers** for the super job they do.

Getting the kids to and from school safely is not an easy job and we are so thankful for your willingness to do so each and every day!

to the **Hot Lunch Ladies**

who have helped to prepare the delicious meals for our students every month this school year! We appreciate your planning and the work you put in be able to feed 400+ students & staff every month!

to our dedicated, patient, & loving **TEACHERS -including our substitutes and Educational Assistants!**

Without you, we wouldn't have Lacombe Cristian School. Your role in the lives of our students, educationally and spiritually, is important and valued.

and, last (but not least) - to our 475 **STUDENTS!**

You've grown and matured over this school year. We hope that this summer will be full of fun, new experiences for you. We pray that whatever you do, you'll end the holiday in a deeper relationship with the Lord. Have a blessed summer! We look forward to seeing most of you return in the fall!

## A FEW NOTES AND REMINDERS:

### Gr. 6 Achievement & Junior High Final Exams

Mon 9 (am)	Tue 10 (am)	Wed 11 (am)	Thu 12 (am)	Fri 13 (am)
6 Math pt. A 7 Math 8 Math 9 Math pt. B	6 Math pt.B 7 Social 8 Social 9 Social	6 Social 7 LA 8 LA 9 Science	6 LA pt. B 7 Science 8 Science 9 LA pt.B	9 Math pt.A

Please fill out the online **TUITION AGREEMENT Form** to confirm Registration for 2025/26 School year. An email message with the link was sent out in May.

Bring your Books



As the end of the year approaches, please note that all library books will be due back to the school by **Friday, June 6th** at the latest. Books can be sent with your child or dropped off at the main office. Invoices for unreturned or lost books will be sent home the last week of school. Please email Mrs. Mel Zuidhof at [mzuidhof@lacs.ca](mailto:mzuidhof@lacs.ca) if you have any questions.

*Thank you for your help maintaining our school libraries!*



### PLAYSCHOOL ORIENTATION for 2025/26 School Year

**Tuesday, June 10**

If you have not received your invitation, please contact the office: 403-782-6531.

**Contacting the School:** If your child is ill or has an appointment, please inform the office first thing **each** morning.  
**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.

**FIELD TRIP SEASON IS UPON US!** A reminder for parents driving for Field Trips, our school policy is that no child under the age of 12 is allowed in the front seat; students under the age of six (or under 40 lbs) are required by law to use a properly installed child safety seat; students under the age of nine (or under 80 lbs) are recommended to be in a booster seat; and finally, please ensure that you have adequate coverage on your insurance, which is in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 liability (\$2 million is preferable). ***Thank you for your cooperation!***

**Dress Code:** With the weather getting warmer each day, it is only natural that students want to wear the 'coolest' clothes. *However, we find that some of the dress styles are not acceptable, and do not comply with our dress policy.* We ask that students dress modestly which means no 'short' shorts, no mini skirts, no tank tops, no shirts that expose the midriff. Students wearing clothes deemed by a teacher or the principal to be unacceptable, will be asked to phone home for a change of clothes, or clothes will be provided for them by the school. Thank you for cooperating.

**Lost & Found:** Please remind your child(ren) to check the Lost & Found on each campus before the last day of school! Unclaimed items will be packed up and go to the Building Blocks Thrift Store.

**NOTE FOR SUMMER MAIL:** We have a secure mail slot in the main door on the West Campus for summer mail delivery. If you need to drop any mail off during the summer months, please feel free to use the slot.

**You're Invited** to join us in celebrating our Grade 9 Graduates  
Saturday, June 14, 2pm at Woodynook CRC ~refreshments to follow

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using gift cards purchased at the school office,

**LCS received \$2400.00!**

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*Peter Walls* 403-588-0856

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