

LCS FALL NEWSLETTER

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Bell Schedule

Warning	8:45am
Period 1	8:50-9:30
Period 2	9:30-10:10
Period 3	10:10-10:50
Recess	10:50-11:05
Period 4	11:05-11:45
Period 5	11:45-12:25
Lunch	12:25-1:15
Period 6	1:15-1:55
Period 7	1:55-2:40
Period 8	2:40-3:25
Closing	3:25-3:35
Dismissal	3:35pm

<i>September</i>		2 First day of School AMA Training	3 GIRLS Volleyball Tryouts	4 BOYS Volleyball Tryouts	5	6
7	8	9 Demographic and Driver Forms Due	10 JH Retreat @ Camp Rehoboth	11 Assembly 11:20am, WEST Gym FREE Hot Dog Lunch	12 Elementary Hockey Forms Due	13
14	15	16 Junior High Hockey Forms Due	17	18	19 NO WC Bus Hot Lunch Due	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					A Volleyball LCS Tournament	
28	29 NO SCHOOL Staff Collab. JH Fundraiser Due	30 NO SCHOOL Truth & Reconc.	1	2	3 PICTURE DAY	4
					B Volleyball LCS Tournament	

Our school calendar gets updated frequently!

We have 3 Calendars to add: **LCS General** for assemblies, hot lunches, etc. **Division/Class** for field trips or events, & **Sports** for those involved in JH sports. lacs.ca/calendar

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."

Financial Statement: August 2025

Revenue:	+ \$153,911.72
Expenses:	- \$392,358.85
Net Income:	+ \$(238,447.13)
Book Balance (AUG 1)	+ \$477,075.08
Book Balance (AUG 31)	= \$238,627.95
Bank Balance (AUG 31)	+ \$4,874.98
Outstanding Deposits	+ \$8,752.97
Outstanding Cheques	- \$0.00
Book Balance (AUG 31)	= \$13,627.95
Savings (AUG 31)	= \$225,000.00

Meet New Staff!

Some of these new faces started in the Spring. Come to school & check out the bulletin boards on both campuses to meet all the LCS staff!

McKenzie Baker

Grade 3B Teacher

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

"I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:9-10.

What I Enjoyed this Summer:

This summer I had the opportunity to be involved in kids' summer camps at Camp Harmattan. It was an amazing summer filled with camping, laughter and many moments where God showed us his unending love and grace.



Jen Doef

Educational Assistant

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:27-31

What I Enjoyed this Summer:

I had the opportunity to spend time with my two oldest daughters on a hiking trip to Madeira, a beautiful island off the coast of Portugal. It is known for its unique microclimate, home to an incredible variety of plant life. Everything grows there!! I was continually reminded of the beauty & intricacy of God's handiwork.



Emily Eisses

Educational Assistant

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

"and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:33.

What I Enjoyed this Summer:

One thing I enjoyed this summer was travelling to Portugal with friends, in celebration of my recent graduation with my BA in History. We enjoyed beautiful scenic landscapes, new food, historical points, and making connections with locals and fellow travelers.



Jessica Hay

Grade 7A Teacher

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

What I Enjoyed this Summer:

This summer I spent time playing fastball. My fastball team participated in tournaments in Blackfalds, Elhara, Leduc, Calgary, and Saskatoon. We placed 5th in the Canadian National championship. Other than playing softball I enjoyed spending time golfing or playing slowpitch with my family and friends



Julena Jenkins

Kindergarten Teacher (K2 -TUE/THU)

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

"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

What I Enjoyed this Summer:

This summer I spent lots of time outside enjoying the beautiful weather. My family and I love spending time outside enjoying God's beautiful creation! We went hiking, camping, and to the lake many times.



Tricia Jersak

Educational Assistant

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

"Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love... Let love be your highest goal." 1 Corinthians 13:13-14:1

What I Enjoyed this Summer:

I had an amazing time traveling with my family to BC. We visited family & explored exciting places like the Enchanted Forest, Sicamous, and Shuswap Lake. The highlights were the mountain coaster in Revelstoke & the suspension skybridge in Golden. I also enjoyed hiking, playing volleyball and soccer, biking, and being outside in God's creation. Best of all, I loved spending time with my family & making special memories!



Talana Neven

Grade 6A Teacher

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name, you are Mine" Isaiah 43:1

What I Am Looking Forward to this Year:

I am looking forward to this year in many ways! Establishing God-centred relationships with parents, students and fellow staff. I am excited to see the learners grow in their Christ-like identities and become even stronger stewards for Jesus. I am grateful to be part of this amazing community!



Emma Verveda

Grade 6B Teacher

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

What I Enjoyed this Summer:

I spent my summer soaking up the sunshine and hanging out with family. Many of my days were spent water skiing at the lake, snuggling my new nephew, and enjoying camping trips. Somehow amongst all that I managed to find time to paint my house. Now I'm ready and excited for another amazing year in Grade 6!



Ashleigh Luyks

Administrative Assistant

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34

What I Enjoyed this Summer:

This summer we enjoyed a lot of travelling! We started in Texas where we visited some of my family, then jumped on a cruise. The cruise took us to Mahogany Bay, Roatan, Honduras. Then we sailed to Mexico, stopping in Costa Maya & Cozumel. The beaches were beautiful! After our cruise we headed to Panama City Beach, Florida for a week. We then road-tripped back from Florida, to Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and finally Texas! We are excited to be home, but we certainly miss the beach!



Bobbi Talsma

Secretary

Current Meaningful Bible Verse:

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you, in God whose word I praise - In God I trust and am not afraid." Psalm 56:3-4

What I Enjoyed this Summer:

We had a great summer of travel and camping. We visited Idaho, Montana, Wyoming plus Alaska and the Yukon. We loved seeing all of God's amazing creations. We also enjoyed hanging out with family & friends. I can't wait to see all the LCS families again and look forward to getting to know all of you better.





September 2025

Faithfulness

Another school year is upon us. Staff have been working hard to prepare the classrooms and halls for the new groups of students that will be joining us this year. But this year is a special year: this year, we celebrate Lacombe Christian School's 80th anniversary! What an amazing milestone! I've had many conversations over the past few months with different individuals, talking about the amazing sacrifices our grandparents and great-grandparents made to ensure that they had Christian schooling for their children and grandchildren. Back in 1945, the second Great War had recently ended. People who had been living here for some time and more recent immigrants came together to found this school. It started small, but it started with a vision. Each of these parents had the desire to educate their children in the fear of the Lord, so that one generation could commend the works of the Lord to another, telling of His mighty acts (Psalm 145:4). And the Lord blessed these endeavours. Over the years, the school grew. It moved. It grew some more. A new building was constructed, and renovations were completed. All this with the same hope and vision. And God has continued to be faithful through these past 80 years.

Five years ago, there was the hope to celebrate Lacombe Christian's 75th anniversary. One of the mottos, recreated from our 50th anniversary for that special occasion, is something we hope to focus on for this school year too: "Living in God's Faithfulness. Our Foundation. Our Future." God has been faithful since the founding of this school 80 years ago. And we know that His faithfulness ensures our future as well. We trust in him and move forward in that light. In our assemblies, Celebration of Learning, and other events this year, we hope to focus on God's faithfulness and on our current vision: "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."

We invite you to join with us throughout this year, as we remember God's faithfulness and His many blessings throughout the years of LCS.

School Updates

As the summer passes, we're thankful for several renovations that happened. We've got beautiful new flooring in three classrooms and a hallway of the East Campus. In addition to that, the kindergarten room had its windows replaced and you may notice some new siding on the exterior, where the kindergarten room is. We hope to continue some of these renovations in the next few years and tie the look of the East and West Campuses together as that happens. We also had some great work done on the old computer lab in the West Campus. It has been converted into a wonderful Science/Art room, with great storage for our kiln, and a refreshed setup for the tech office and Chromebook carts.

Again, this year we'll see some new faces in the school. Julena Jenkins (Kindergarten), Leah Jackson (Gr. 1), Talana Neven (Gr. 6), and Jessica Hay (Gr. 7) are joining us this year. We're very thankful for each of them and are excited to see how they add to LCS this year! We've also hired a few new EAs: Jen Doef and Tricia Jersak will be our new EAs for kindergarten, and Emily Eisses will be helping out in Grades 4-6. Over the past year, we've seen several transitions, and it is amazing to see God's faithfulness in each of these too.

On behalf of the staff at Lacombe Christian School, we thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to a wonderful year in service to our Lord! Blessings, from LCS, Derek Hoogerdijk, Principal.

Teaching Staff

Mr. Derek Hoogerdijk
Principal

Mr. Tim Van Doesburg
Vice Principal, Athletics

Mrs. JennaRae Sauv 
Vice Principal

Mrs. Gloria Brouwer
L.S.S. Lead, Counselor

Mrs. Willeke Kraay
Music Teacher

Mrs. Melanie Zuidhof
Librarian

Mrs. Kristina Klugkist
Kindergarten (K1: Mon/Wed)

Mrs. Julena Jenkins
Kindergarten (K2: Tue/Thu)

Miss Leah Jackson
Grade 1A

Mrs. Stephanie Littel
Grade 1B

Mrs. Alyssa Bouwman
Grade 2A

Miss Sabrina Van Delden
Grade 2B

Mrs. Amy McKenzie
Grade 3A

Mrs. McKenzie Baker
Grade 3B

Mrs. Abigail Milgate
Grade 4A

Mr. Gerald Noort
Grade 4B

Mrs. KarieAnn Mantel
Grade 5A

Mrs. Anna Wierbos
Grade 5B

Mrs. Talana Neven
Grade 6A

Mrs. Emma Verveda
Grade 6B

Miss Jessica Hay
Grade 7A

Miss Anna Morris
Grade 7B

Mrs. Coby Visscher
Grade 8A

Mr. Kevin deBree
Grade 8B

Mrs. Michele Noort
Grade 9A

Mr. Brandon Lynn
Grade 9B, Tech Coordinator

Mrs. Anita Zuidhof
Resource

Mrs. Kristin Dykstra
Health / Foods

Mrs. Brittany Toornstra
Float

Other Staff

Jack Oudman
Business Administrator

Ashleigh Luyks
Administrative Assistant

Bobbi Talsma
Secretary

Alison Niemeijer
Development Officer

Steve Kohlen
Facilities Manager

Playschool

**Karri Folkerts &
Sue Wildeboer**

Educational Assistants

Becky Bikker

Jen Doef

Emily Eisses

Charlene Gallagher

Natalie Holoboff

Tricia Jersak

Heather Polson

Kelly Tiemstra

Noella Van Doesburg

Willeke van Omme

Sherilyn Vandervalk

Important Reminders

School Bus Reps for Prairie Bus Lines

LC1: Adrian Schermers 403-304-7868

LC2 & LC6: Dale Boeve 604-302-9654

LC3: Carlee Vandekraatz 403-877-8394

LC4: Philip Den Oudsten 403-396-5028

LC5: Mike Oudman 403-391-2515

LC7: Bart Kleinlugtenbeld 403-872-6640



*If Wolf Creek Buses are not running due to weather, then Prairie Buses will not run either. Also note: for liability purposes, Prairie will only allow students registered on their bus to ride. (No students will be allowed to go home on a friend's bus)



Student Safety:

Our school safety patrols work hard to help students cross 58 Street safely. Parents need to set a good example by using the crosswalks and encouraging children to follow the same rules. Please do not cross between buses!

ALLERGY ALERT POLICY:



**NO Peanuts/Peanut-Butter
NO Peanut Products**



Remind

Communication:

We will be using 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 their teacher first thing each morning by sending a message using Remind. It is a private message between the recipient and you.

Hot Lunches: This program is run by parent volunteers. Students have the opportunity to receive a hot lunch once a month by ordering from the menu. A Google Form will be sent out for families to order online. Ordering and payment will be just once for the whole year.

PARKING: Drop off & Pick up: There is NO PARKING permitted on the street directly in front of the school buildings before and after school as buses will be coming in. We recommend parking on the East or South side of the East campus playground when picking up children. Please **DO NOT** block our neighbours' driveways. We want to be good neighbours in our community, and ensure we are not illegally infringing on their ability to enter/exit their properties. Also, any vehicles parked on school property are not allowed to move until ALL buses have left. Please **DO NOT** move the traffic cones. They are put there for student safety. No double parking is allowed on the West Campus by gymnasium, use only marked parking stalls.

A Reminder about the East Campus Security System... The East Campus (Playschool - Gr. 3) has a security system on the front doors with a code needed for access to the building during school hours. If you need the code, please request it from the school office. Please do not disrupt classes to gain access by knocking on a window, and we ask that you do not share this code. *Parents must escort their child(ren) to the door to ensure they gained entry, we do not want our little ones to be locked out!*

Liability Insurance: For those who drive for any school outings, including sporting events or field trips, a form is required to be filled out (was sent home in the first day package). Please ensure that you have adequate insurance, which is in the amount of (\$2 million is preferred).

Volunteering: There are several volunteer opportunities at LCS! An online form will be sent out soon. Please fill it out to indicate how you are able to help the school. We will also send out extra requests for help as we need.

JH Students will once again be fundraising by selling boxes of delicious apples & pears. Ordering is only available online. There is opportunity to purchase for the local food bank. Scan the code for more info!



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"The Lord is trustworthy in all his promises and faithful in all he does." Ps 145:13b

On behalf of the entire school board, I am happy to welcome you all to a new and exciting year at Lacombe Christian School! We hope that summer was a time of connection, rest, and refreshment. It was great to see the school community come together once again at the ice cream social last week and we hope your families are adjusting well during these first few days of the 2025-2026 school year.

We are blessed with an incredible staff, which has grown to include several new teachers and educational assistants (see the staff listing in this newsletter). As a board, we have been busy through the spring & summer visiting new families. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the 23 families who joined the LCS community! We pray that you & your families will feel at home quickly.

Please pray for Lacombe Christian School, our students, staff, families, committee members and board members as we start the school year, and throughout the coming months. This year we will celebrate 80 years of God's goodness to Lacombe Christian School! May this year be filled with joy and learning as we reflect on God's faithfulness: our foundation and our future.

The board would like to encourage conversation and communication, so please feel free to reach out or send an email if you have any questions related to school policies.

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



Once a month, throughout the year we will have a list of staff, events, new families, committees and fellow Christian Schools for you to include in your daily devotions and prayers. By the end of the year, we will have been able to lift, in prayer, every aspect of our school to our faithful Saviour.

Board Member: Mr. Nathan Kleefman, Chair
 Committees: LCS School Board
 Staff Members: Mr. Derek Hoogerdijs, Principal
 Mrs. Bobbi Talsma, Secretary
 Mrs. Ashleigh Luyks, Administrative Assistant
 Mr. Brandon Lynn, Gr. 9B, Tech Coordinator
 Mr. Gerald Noort, Grade 4B Teacher
 New Families: Luke & Michaela Lindhout, Jayde(P1)
 Kyle & Deneah Abel, Kennedy(P2)
 Classes: Grade 9B and Grade 4B
 Assembly: Remembering God's Faithfulness, led by Grade 9
 Sports: Cross Country
 Other: For Students & Teachers to settle into the new school routine. Junior High Retreat.

Fellow Christian Schools: Christian Schools International

"For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." ~Psalm 100:5

Welcome New Families!

We pray you feel at home at LCS and your students settle into their new classes.

Luke & Michaela Lindhout; Jayde(P1)
 Andrew & Faith Griffin; Luciana(P1)
 Robert & Jamie Van Ginkel; Hugo(P2)
 Caleb & Jeevin Reardon; Malachi(P1)
 Joel & Charlene Giesbrecht; Emmett(P2)
 Ben & Denise Roscher; Layla(K2)
 Ian & Elena Wierenga; Amos(K1)
 Kenten & Braelyn Bajema; Owen(K1)
 Alexander & Jennifer Peters; Isabelle(P2)
 Sa Htoo & Sokmo Pa Lay; Sa Soul (K1)
 Tyler & Amanda Stahl; Daphne(K1)

Christina Reed-Shange; Samuel(7A), Thandi(4A)
 Kyle & Deneah Abel; Kennedy(P2)
 Christopher & Brooklyn McKinnon; Isaac(4B), Elijah(3A)
 Sandy&Ariane Kamps; Clover(9A) River Lili(7B) Evangeline(5B)
 Anthony & Susan Eisses; Nash(P1)
 Tyler & Jocelyn Lahucik; Jack(K2)
 Chad & Lola Talsma; Olivia(3B), Timothy(1B)
 Brandon & Taylor Buit; Easton(P2)
 Katie Veldkamp; Caylee(9A), Callen(7A), Thea(5A)
 Willem & Marina van de Brake; Kaitlyn(P1)
 Alisha DeJager; Enny(K1)

This Week in Pictures



Picture Day: Friday, Oct. 3rd

If your child is in Playschool or Kindergarten on a different day, we will give you a scheduled time to come in together as a class.

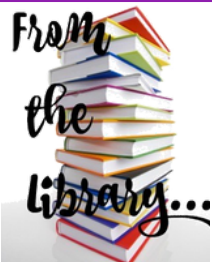
Retakes: Monday, October 27, 11am

Grandparents' Newsletter:

Grandparents receive their own news twice per year. If you know of any students' Grandparents who do not receive the newsletter and would like to start, let the school know.
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LACOMBE CHRISTIAN SABRES ATHLETICS

The number one purpose for LCS students to be involved in extra-curricular sporting activities is to allow opportunities that encourage the use of their God-given talents and abilities outside the classroom, aiding in the development of several key areas: Character, Patience, Humility, Work Ethic, Teamwork, Christian Leadership, Competition, and Sportsmanship. Hockey forms for both K-5 and 6-9 were included the first day packages. Junior High Students were given the info about cross country and volleyball. Tryouts are underway and teams will be made soon.



With another school year ahead of us, I am looking forward to spending time with your children as they come to the library. I will be in charge of classes for Grades 1-6. The Kindergarten EAs will be taking the K's to the library & various JH teachers will take the Gr. 7-9's. Please note the Library days this year ~ MONDAY: K1 ~ TUESDAY: K2-3A-3B-7A-7B ~ WEDNESDAY: 4A-4B-5A-5B ~ THURSDAY: 1A-1B-2A-2B-6A-6B-8A-8B ~
~ Remind your children to return books by their due dates (checked out for two weeks).
~ Automatic overdue notices are sent out weekly. If you have been sick or away, just return the books when you are back. Gr. 6 and up students will also receive a notice to their school e-mail address. ~Students in K-3 will be given a large Ziploc bag to protect books from leaky water bottles, wet mittens, etc. Please return books in this bag each week. Lost or damaged books are the family's responsibility to replace. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Mel Zuidhof (mzuidhof@lacs.ca).

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