

LCS FALL NEWSLETTER

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BACK TO SCHOOL LACOMBE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



New Bell Schedule	
8:25	Earliest drop off
8:37	Warning Bell
8:45-9:25	Period 1
9:25-10:10	Period 2
10:10-10:50	Period 3
10:50-11:05	RECESS
11:05-11:45	Period 4
11:45-12:30	Period 5
12:30-12:45	LUNCH
12:45-1:15	LUNCH RECESS
1:20-2:00	Period 6
2:00-2:45	Period 7
2:45-3:25	Period 8
3:25-3:35	CLOSING

September		1 GIRLS Volleyball Tryouts	2 BOYS Volleyball Tryouts	3 Gr. 8-9 GIRLS Volleyball Tryouts	4 Kick off Assembly	5
6	7 Labour Day- NO School	8	9 JH Retreat	10	11 Demographic & Driver Forms Due	12
13	14 All hockey forms due Hot Lunch Forms due Finance Meeting	15	16	17	18 Gr. 1 Field Trip to Aspen Beach NO WC BUS	19
20	21 Board Meeting	22 Picture Day	23	24 Assembly @ 11:05 WEST Campus FREE Buddy Hot Lunch	25 Volleyball "A" Boys and "A" Girls @ RDP Tournament Volleyball "B" Boys @ ELJHS Tournament	26
27	28	29	30 NO SCHOOL National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	1 Gr. 4-6 Retreat	2	3

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: July 2026

Revenue:	+ \$53,353.67
Expenses:	- \$315,872.16
Net Income:	+ \$(262,518.49)
Book Balance (JUL 1)	+ \$732,862.88
Book Balance (JUL 31)	= \$470,344.39
Bank Balance (JUL 31)	= \$76,493.39
Outstanding Deposits	+ \$0.00
Outstanding Cheques	- \$56,149.00
Book Balance (JUL 31)	= \$20,344.39
Savings (JUL 31)	= \$450,000.00

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!

Mrs. Lana Campbell Educational Assistant

My name is Lana Campbell and I am excited to be an EA at LCS this year. I was born and raised in Ponoka and was a founding student at Ponoka Christian School. I attended high school in Three Hills at Prairie High School. In my high school yearbook I wrote that my husband needed to be someone I could travel the world with. I took a year off and travelled with Continental Singers, then attended Red Deer College where I met my husband of 32 years -Sandy. I was attracted to him because he was willing to wear a Christian t-shirt and he stood up for his faith. We have two beautiful adult children and have had many enjoyable travel journeys together. This includes many trips to Europe and living in Hong Kong for 3 years. I enjoy hiking, camping, Bible study and singing. Looking forward to a wonderful year with the wonderful staff and students at LCS.



Mrs. Bri-Anna deGroot Development Officer

Hi! My name is Bri-Anna deGroot, and I am excited to be stepping into the role of the Development Officer this year. I grew up in rural Saskatchewan and moved to Alberta in 2006. My husband, Clinton, and I live here in town with our two children, who are both students at LCS (Gr 5 & 3). Our family feels incredibly blessed to be part of such a wonderful school community.

As I begin this new role, I look forward to building meaningful relationships with the students, staff, and families, while getting to know each of them on both a personal and spiritual level. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve at LCS and am excited to see how God will work through this community in the year ahead.



Mrs. Marian Eisses Secretary

Hello! My name is Marian Eisses, and I'm so excited to be joining Lacombe Christian School as the new secretary this fall! I have many years of experience as administrative support within a health care setting, and I'm looking forward to a new adventure in a Christian school environment! I'm married to my husband, Aaron, and we have two boys, Nicholas, who is in Gr. 7 here at LCS, and Nolan, who is in Gr. 11 at CACHS.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of the LCS community and look forward to getting to know the students, families, and staff. I'm excited to serve our school and to see how God leads and works throughout this year!



Mrs. Karleen Hildebrand Educational Assistant

My name is Karleen Hildebrand, and I have the privilege of joining LCS this year as a part-time EA. I have been married to my wonderful husband, Paul, for 10 years, and we have two kids in Gr 1 and 2. This is also their first year attending LCS. We have lived, homeschooled, and worked from home on our acreage, about 35 minutes northwest of Lacombe. God has been taking us on a wild journey over the last year, calling us into new places and new roles. My husband will also be going back to school as he has recently taken on the role of Youth Director/Pastor at our church in Lacombe.

Outside of work, we love to camp, play sports, hike, snowboard or anything that gets us outside! I have heard so many amazing things about the LCS community, and I am looking forward to connecting and engaging with the community in a greater capacity this year. I am excited to see what this new season has in store for our family!



Mrs. Marlene Hoetmer Kindergarten (K2) Teacher

Hi! My name is Marlene Hoetmer. I am thrilled to be joining the team here at Lacombe Christian School. I am a graduate (very long ago) of Dordt College. I have taught a total of 23 years, 14 of them having been spent in Kindergarten. For some reason, I just can't graduate from kindergarten. :) Seriously, though, I love teaching kindergarten.

It is a rewarding job, one that I feel blessed to be able to do. My husband, Edward and our youngest daughter, Nadege, moved to Lacombe this summer from the Edmonton area. We are settling nicely into the life of being in a small city, having come from an acreage. We are currently looking for a church to call our home. I am looking forward to getting to know people in this new community, and am excited to see what God has in store for our family here in Lacombe.



Miss Maiya Kok Educational Assistant

Hi! My name is Maiya Kok, I am so excited to be the kindergarten E.A. in the Monday/Wednesday class with Mrs. Klugkist. I moved here from B.C. 3 1/2 years ago and love it in Alberta! I have loved getting to know the Lacombe community and feel right at home. You may have also seen me around at ONA cafe, where you will find me on my days off from LCS! When I have time, I enjoy being active, going for walks, and spending time with my family and friends. I consider it a privilege to work at LCS and have the opportunity to help encourage and nurture young hearts towards God.



Miss Darlene Rempel Grade 2A Teacher

My name is Darlene Rempel and I have returned to my home stomping grounds. I began my teaching career in 1997 in Red Deer and have had the pleasure of teaching in Mexico, Korea, Saskatchewan, Brooks, and Duncan, BC. My move this summer was born out of a desire to be closer to family as most of my siblings are in this area and to follow where God leads. I have generally taught in the lower elementary grades, except for one rather misguided year in a college setting. I am excited to return to Grade 2 and have been so grateful for the warm welcome from the staff and parents. I have always taught in a Christian School and feel like my students are a gift that God entrusts to me every year. My deep hope is that they feel the peace of God in our classroom and experience Him in a personal way that will spur on a lifetime of delighting in Him!



Mrs. Deborah Veldhuisen Float Teacher

Hello! My name is Deborah Veldhuisen. I grew up in Taber, AB and received my Education degree at The King's University in 2014. I have a wonderful husband and three spunky 7 year olds! I am excited to be teaching Gr. 5 Science, Health and one gym class a week! I look forward to getting to know my new students, engaging our 5 senses and having a blast this year!





September 2026

Following Jesus: From Manger to Mission

As we start this new school year, our hope this year is to intently focus on our Saviour. This school's theme is "Following Jesus: From Manger to Mission" (thanks to several teachers who made suggestions to this end!). As a Christian school, one would think that this is what we always do - educate the students in all their courses with Christ at the centre. And you'd be correct in thinking that: that is our goal. But it's also good to stop at times and really meditate on Christ, His coming, His work, His death and resurrection, and our mission from Him, until He returns in glory.

The story of Christ actually starts much earlier than His coming though. He is from eternity, present in Genesis 1 as the Word through which all creation was made. He was promised in Genesis 3 as the seed of the woman that would crush the serpent's head. He is the completion of the promise to Abraham that all the nations of the earth would be blessed through Him. He is the perfect Moses, leading His people through the wilderness to the real Promised Land. He is the fulfillment of God's promise to David that a descendent of his would be on the throne forever. All of Scripture points to this redemptive history, culminating in the accounts of the gospels of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection. It is our hope that, as we begin this year and as we move through it, we will have a deeper understanding of God's redemptive work through our Lord Jesus Christ. This will hopefully help each of us to truly follow Jesus, sharing our faith and acting as the hands and feet of Christ here on earth, until He comes again.

School Updates

We are so thankful for the smooth start to this new school year. The Ice Cream social was a wonderful community event. It was great to see so many of our parents and students coming by school to prepare for the new year. The first day of school went very well too! Buses were on time! The office and classrooms were buzzing. And students were excited (maybe a bit nervous too) about the new year. The new bell schedule seems to be running smoothly, although it's going to take some getting used to for the teachers. 😊

The new office layout and the new west staffroom has been a true blessing. The staff (office and teachers) are very thankful to the membership for this upgrade. It has created an even more effective office and a beautiful place for staff to relax outside of class time. On August 31, we said our final "goodbye" to Jack. What an era it's been. Jack has given a lot of years to LCS and we're very thankful for his service and expertise. As he walked out on Monday, he assured us he'd be back tomorrow - he'll be assisting Alison Niemeijer with her transition to the Business Administrator position. Thanks, Jack, for your ongoing willingness to help LCS!

We welcomed quite a few new faces this year. Darlene Rempel is our new Grade 2 teacher. Marlene Hoetmer, who started late last year in kindergarten, is beginning the year in kindergarten for Mrs. Jenkins maternity leave. Bri-Anna deGroot is now officially our Development Officer and Marian Eisses has joined our office staff, sharing the secretary role with Bobbi Talsma. We also have four EAs joining us this year: Maiya Kok (Kindergarten), Macy Ahlquist (Division 1), Lana Campbell (Division 2), and Karleen Hildebrand (Division 2). We hope each of these individuals will feel blessed working at LCS and look forward to the blessings they offer through their work.

This year, our staff will be working on some ongoing professional development surrounding continuity in our literacy and numeracy (Language Arts and Math) programs. In addition to this, we hope to take a more deliberate approach to our use of technology in the classroom. We look forward to a good year, serving our Lord and supporting our parents in educating His covenant children.

Blessings, from LCS.
Derek Hoogerdijk, Principal

Teaching Staff

Mr. Derek Hoogerdijk
Principal

Mr. Tim Van Doesburg
Vice Principal, Athletics

Mrs. JennaRae Sauvé
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. Marlene Hoetmer
Kindergarten (K2: Tue/Thu)

Mrs. Sarah Vanderhoek
Grade 1A

Mrs. Stephanie Littel
Grade 1B

Miss Darlene Rempel
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

Mrs. Jessica Smid
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. Deborah Veldhuisen
Float

Other Staff

Alison Niemeijer
Business Administrator

Ashleigh Luyks
Administrative Assistant

Bobbi Talsma
Secretary

Marian Eisses
Secretary

Bri-Anna deGroot
Development Officer

Steve Kohlen
Facilities Manager

Playschool

**Karri Folkerts &
Sue Wildeboer**

Educational Assistants

**Macy Alquist
Becky Bikker
Charlene Gallagher
Karleen Hildebrand
Natalie Holoboff
Tricia Jersak
Maiya Kok
Heather Polson
Kelly Tiemstra
Noella Van Doesburg
Willeke Van Omme
Sherilyn Vandervalk**

Important Reminders

School Bus Reps for Prairie Bus Lines

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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)

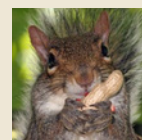


Student Safety:

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.



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"Greetings to the community of Lacombe Christian School! We want to welcome all students, families, teachers and staff to a new school year and we extend an extra warm welcome to the 27 new families joining LCS this fall. We hope and pray that you soon feel at home here. We are also excited to welcome 9 new staff members. We are thankful that God has brought each of them to our school and we look forward to the gifts, experience and enthusiasm they will bring to LCS. Look out for their mini introductions in this newsletter!

We look forward to all that God has in store this year and we pray that this school year will be filled with joy, wisdom and God's guidance as we seek to honour Him in all that we do. This year's theme, "Following Jesus: From Manger to Mission," will encourage students to learn more about Jesus and His life, death, and resurrection. We hope and pray students will not only grow academically but also grow in their faith, share His love with others, and serve those around them.

We are thankful for the Lord's faithfulness over LCS and we trust that He will continue to guide and lead our school into the 2026-2027 school year. At the start of this new year, we ask that you keep all the students, families, staff, committee members and board members in your prayers.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.**

**In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.**

Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

Oh behalf of the Lacombe Christian School Board,
Michelle deRegt, 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 Hoogerdijk, Principal
Mrs. Bobbi Talsma, Secretary, Mon/Wed
Mrs. Marian Eisses, Secretary, Tue/Thu/Fri
Mr. Brandon Lynn, Gr. 9B, Tech Coordinator
Mr. Gerald Noort, Grade 4B Teacher

New Families: Visser, Mark & Gerlinde - Amelia (P2)
Johnstone, Evan & Karlee - Gracie (K2)
Harink, Zachary & Chelsey - Everly (7A)

Classes: Grade 9B and Grade 4B

Assembly: The Promised Saviour (Sept 24)

Sports: Cross Country

Other: For Students & Teachers to settle into the new school routine. Gr. 4-6 & JH Retreats

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!

Mark & Gerlinde Visser; Amelia (P2)

Evan & Karlee Johnstone; Gracie (K2)

Zachary & Chelsea Harink; Everly (7A)

Nicholas & Fayth Kuipers; Denver (P2)

Dennis & Dakota Borren; Preston (P2)

Tyler & Shalynn Tenbrinke; Lars (K1)

Caden & Madeleine DenOudsten; Autumn (P2)

Paul & Karleen Hildebrand; Lenayah (2B), Hugo (1B)

Bradley & Shana Schakel; Tate (K2)

Matthew & Tiffany McGuire; Maverick (P1)

Aaron & Anne Moore; Alexander (K1)

Benjamin & Christina Martin; Harvey (K1)

Matt & Kathy Oszust; James (5A)

Darin & Hannah Wierenga; Rowan (K1)

David & Emily Schermers; Elaine (P2)

Jannick & Laura Verburg; Lucas (K2), Samuel (2A)

Cyle & Liberty Baumgartner; Jacob (K2), Joseph (1A)

Justin & Kathryn Salomons; Larkin (P2)

Tyler & Taleasha Pearson; Tyler (K2), Mary (2A)

Daniel & Ilona Kruger; Emilia (K2), Maria (5A), Diane (9A)

Jeff & Nicole deGroot;

Quinn (8A), Kelly (7A), Scarlett (4A), Allison (2B), Landon (P2)

Jarri & Shannon Harink; Oaklee (1B), Jadeyn (5B)

Joel Saji & Betty John; Jedidiah (K2)

Hendrik & Annerije Donk; Matthias (P1)

Nathan & Charlotte Van de Pol; Cai (P1)

Braiden & Ashley Shipowick; Harper (P1)

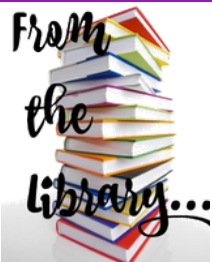
Martin & Karyn VanderVlugt; Logan (P2)

Daniel Ramkisson; Alijah Lynn (6A)

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

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 week 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: K1-7B ~ TUESDAY: K2-3A-3B-6A-6B-7A ~ WEDNESDAY: 1A-1B-5A-5B-8A ~ THURSDAY: 2A-2B-4A-4B-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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