



Lakeland Catholic School Division

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Superintendent's Report - March 2022

Edwin Parr Nomination

Lakeland Catholic nominated St. Dominic Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Alexandra Shapka for the Alberta School Boards' Association Edwin Parr Award.

Alexandra is a first year teacher who is dedicated to her students, is eager to expand her knowledge, build relationships with other staff, and share her faith.

She is active in her school as well as in division-based initiatives such as the Mental Health Matters Campaign Committee and the LCSD Collaborative Response Team.



Friends of Education Nomination

Action for Healthy Communities was nominated by Lakeland Catholic for the ASBA's Friends of Education Award.

The Edmonton-based not-for-profit serves local newcomer families through a Small Centres Team, which collaborates with LCSD English Language Learner (ELL) Lead Teacher Sherry Depner on running programming in schools in Cold Lake, Bonnyville, and Lac La Biche.

The organization helps support elementary school ELL students with building confidence and gives them the opportunity to make friends through after-school clubs, paint night events, and conversation clubs.

AHC works with Depner to build connections between high school ELL students through various activities such as curling, and their Virtual Filipino Youth Group.

Students Enjoying New Course

Assumption Jr/Sr High School Teacher, Peter Godin, has created locally-developed curriculum for a new Tabletop Roleplay Game Design Course.

The board approved the implementation of the course earlier this school year.

There are currently 24 students in the program, and it has received glowing feedback from those enrolled.

Offering this course is in-line with Goal Two of the Division's Three-Year Education Plan: Student Success.

The teacher wanted to begin offering the class based on student interest. In the class, students are learning to create a tabletop roleplay game from start to finish, incorporating creative writing, social skills and in some cases, math skills.





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LCSD Accepts Donations for Ukraine

Through an MD of Bonnyville initiative, Lakeland Catholic collected donations for Ukraine at our Bonnyville and Cold Lake schools.

Items such as first aid supplies, pain medications, baby food, walking canes, and outdoor survival equipment were sent by the community as a whole.

Taking on this initiative is an example of our staff and students showing Catholic Christian Identity - Goal One of our Education Plan.

Division Calendar

Lakeland Catholic released its official 2022-23 Division Calendar, which was approved by the board during the March 16 meeting.

Students perform in Alberta Junior Honour Band

Continuing with Goal Two of the Three-Year Education Plan, which is Student Success, six AJSH students were among those who made the trip to Red Deer to perform in the Alberta Junior Honour Band.

Molly Pedersen, Ainsley Stasuik, Lucas Vining, Alix Bramwell, Charles Gant, and Jordyn Lamouroux were nominated by their music instructor, Meredith Keizer, because of their love for band class, their commitment, and work ethic.

The students enjoyed performing with others from across the province.



Ash Wednesday

Schools across the division celebrated Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, on March 2.



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Learning to Curl

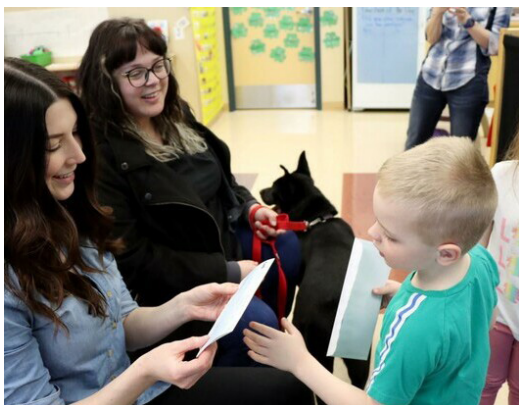
Through a partnership with Action for Healthy Communities, Lakeland Catholic invited ELL students from AJSH and NDHS to curl in Cold Lake.

For many of the students, this was their first time trying the sport, with over 30 taking part in the event.

Programs like this are in-line with Goal Three: Equity and Inclusion.



Lakeland Humane Society Visit



The PreKindergarten class at Holy Cross had a special visitor after raising the most funds for the Lakeland Humane Society.

Heather and Nicole from the Cold Lake animal shelter brought Delta, a black lab, to meet the class.

Students took turns petting Delta before presenting their donation to the organization.

Fundraisers such as this help our students develop their moral intelligence, which is part of Goal One of the division's Education Plan.

Face2Face Ministries

Face2Face Ministries toured some Lakeland Catholic Schools in March.

They spread the word that through God, anything is possible. Their presentation kept students engaged through songs, dancing, motivational discussions, videos, and other activities.

Through this presentation, students were able to develop their faith, which is a strategy in Goal One of LCSD's Education Plan.

