



Lakeland Catholic School Division

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New School for Holy Family

In March, the Province of Alberta announced a replacement school for Holy Family Catholic was included in the 2023 capital budget announcement.

This news comes after years of advocating from the board and community for a new school due to the age of the building.

A new building will allow the school to offer additional programming their current facility cannot accommodate, which is in alignment with Goal Two: Student Success.

Division Calendar Approved

Lakeland Catholic approved the 2023-24 Division Calendar, and has received positive feedback online.

Following the announcement, parents, staff, and other stakeholders shared their glowing remarks regarding the division's decision to remove early dismissal Wednesdays, where teachers stayed for professional learning.

Instead, full-day professional development opportunities have been rescheduled to take place throughout the year.

Feedback provided in a stakeholder survey, where over 350 responses were received, was considered when drafting the division calendar this year.

Inviting feedback from the Lakeland Catholic community is an example of Goal Three: Equity and Inclusion where students and staff will experience success through equitable and inclusive decision-making and system processes.

Light of Christ Student/Board Engagement

Additional extra curricular opportunities, improved Wi-Fi, and increased CTS/CTF programming were some of the suggestions students shared with Board Trustees during the Light of Christ Student/Board Engagement Session.

The division is providing ample opportunity for students to explore their faith, and those representing the student body said their school feels safe.



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Longer lunch breaks for high school students, more athletics and club options, creating a Youth Liturgical Leadership (YLL) group, and a peer mentoring program were other suggestions made by the students.

As the school grows, students' desire for athletics and a variety of club options also grow.

These sessions are in alignment with Goal Three: Equity and Inclusion where students and staff will experience success through equitable and inclusive decision-making and system processes.

Community Engagement Continues

Parents and staff attended the Lac La Biche Community Engagement Session on March 15, sharing their thoughts on topics such as transportation, the division calendar, and more.

Overall, parents were pleased with the supports offered by the division, and reflected what students had said earlier in the day, including exploring curricular and extra curricular programming, and longer lunch breaks for older students.

Parents also felt there was an opportunity to recognize student achievement through an awards event, which is something the school has been considering hosting in the current year.

This is an example of Goal Three: Equity and Inclusion where students and staff will experience success through equitable and inclusive decision-making and system processes.

Edwin Parr Nominee

Lakeland Catholic has nominated Dr. Bernard Brosseau teacher Shyanne La Sorsa for the ASBA Edwin Parr Award.

La Sorsa was nominated because of her dedication to providing excellent Catholic education, the impact her ongoing learning has had on her teaching, as well as her collaboration with Classroom Support Teachers, fellow educators, and administration.

This is an example Goal Three: Equity and Inclusion, where staff have the ability to meet the needs of all students through excellent instruction.

Capital Plan

The Board of Trustees has approved the 2023-26 Three Year Capital Plan.



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Included in the document is a new school build for a junior/senior high school in Cold Lake, a new school for Light of Christ Catholic School, a replacement school for École Notre Dame Elementary, and a replacement school for St. Dominic Elementary.

Celebrating French-Canadian Culture

March is Francophonie Month and across Lakeland Catholic Schools students participated in activities that inspired learning and celebrated French culture.

Schools hosted Winter Carnivals and Cabane a Sucre, and students participated in numerous activities including sled races, hammering a nail into a log, tug-of-war, and floor hockey, among others.

Bonhomme made an appearance at several of the events, taking time to pose for photos and celebrate with students.

These events reinforced classroom learning with experiential learning. This helps meet Goal Three: Equity and Inclusion.

Easter Mass and Lenten Season

School communities celebrated Easter with mass and Lenten Season Social Justice Projects.

Some schools made the trip to their local parishes, while others invited their Parish Priests into their buildings.

In addition to marking the resurrection of Jesus, staff and students were put to work to better their communities. Donations to their local food banks and clothing drives were some of the projects schools took on this year.

These efforts are an example of Goal One: Catholic Christian Identity.

Highlighting their Programming

Schools are about to be on display as they prepare to host open houses and information events for parents and students.

A full list of the upcoming events can be found [here](#).