



# Lakeland Catholic School Division

## Christ Our Model. Children Our Focus.

### Superintendent's Report - April 2023

#### Unique Scholarship

Lakeland Catholic student Sydney Greenlaw is excelling in her chosen field of study. The Assumption Jr/Sr High School student, who just graduated Grade 12 on May 27, will be participating in a unique scholarship opportunity. She is the first in northern Alberta to receive the Faculty of Science of the University of Ottawa Undergraduate Research Scholarship.

Through the \$11,500 scholarship, Greenlaw will work closely over the summer with one of the University of Ottawa's world-class research groups as a research assistant to one of the professors. She will have another opportunity to expand her research experience the following summer after completing her first year of her undergraduate program.

This is in alignment with Goal Two: Student Success, where students will benefit from innovative, relevant and alternative, experiential programming to ensure students are well prepared for work or further studies.

#### Excellent Catholic Leaders

Two Lakeland Catholic staff were recognized for their desire to help others grow in their faith.

Joe Marion was this year's LCSD recipient of the 2023 Excellence in Catholic Education Teaching Staff Award, while Sylvia Prefontaine was the Support Staff awardee.

Both were chosen for their dedication to Catholic Education and for modeling Catholic values and lifestyle, while positively contributing to the development of students and their spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth.

This is an example of Goal One: Catholic Christian Identity, where staff will experience meaningful opportunities to develop their faith and live as Gospel Witnesses.

#### Student and Community Engagement

Cold Lake parents and students are pleased with how their schools are managed. During engagement sessions hosted at Assumption Jr/Sr High in April, students expressed their desire for more "lived experience" opportunities. For example, volunteering at a soup kitchen.

Community members who attended the evening engagement session recommended inviting speakers into the schools to offer courses to teach staff and students about various disabilities and how to support students with disabilities.



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The board's final Student/Board Engagement and Community Engagement Sessions were held in Waskatenau in April.

Students and parents at Holy Family were pleased with the growth their school has seen while maintaining the family-like atmosphere they have always appreciated about the school.

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.

#### **Kinder Photo Contest**

The division is excited to be welcoming so many new students for the 2023-24 school year. As a way of celebrating new Kindergarten registrations, Lakeland Catholic is hosting a photo contest.

Parents submit photos of their soon-to-be Kindergarten student holding a special LCSD sign. These photos are shared on the division social media pages, and once all entries are received, a winner will be chosen. The prize for the top photo is a new scooter.

So far, the division has received a number of fun and unique entries, which will be posted on our website for all to enjoy.