



<b><u>Monday Sept 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>No School</b> <b>Labor Day holiday</b>	<b><u>Tuesday Sept 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>First Day for Grade 6</b> <b>Students Only</b>	<b><u>Wednesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>First Day for Grade 7 &amp; 8</b> <b>Students Only</b>  <b>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b><u>Thursday Sept 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>All grades attend</b>  <b>Power Card Fundraiser</b> <b>Kickoff</b>  <b>Meet the Teacher</b> <b>6:30-7:30 p.m.</b>	<b><u>Friday Sept 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Fundraiser FISH Friday</b>  <b>Students are dismissed</b> <b>at 11:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Friday 1 Option</b>
<b><u>Monday Sept 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Canteen orders taken</b> <b>on School Cash Online</b> <b>for Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and</b> <b>beyond</b>	<b><u>Tuesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Firedrill 12:15 p.m.</b>  <b>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Week 1 Fundraiser totals</b> <b>calculated</b>	<b><u>Thursday Sept 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Lakie Cross Country</b> <b>Run @ Nicholas</b> <b>Sheran Park</b>  <b>Week 2 Power Card</b> <b>sales start</b>	<b><u>Friday Sept 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>Terry Fox Day – Bring a</b> <b>Toonie for Terry</b>  <b>Fundraiser FISH Friday</b>  <b>Students are dismissed</b> <b>at 11:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Friday 2 Option</b>

### **Welcome to the 2022/23 School Year!!**

First off, welcome back all new and returning students to another exciting year at G.S. Lakie Middle School! We hope you've all had a wonderful summer break!! We're excited to get rolling into the new school year. There have been some changes in our building for this year, as you're likely aware. Mr. Dersch is excited to take over the role of Principal of G.S. Lakie and we're also excited to welcome Mr. Brunner as our new Vice Principal. New teachers for this year are Ms. MacDonald, Ms. Meier (both in grade 8) and Ms. Latta (grade 7 & band).

New for 2022/23, all students will enter and exit through the main (front) doors of the building each day. Guests to the building will still be required to use the doorbell at these same doors when visiting the school. Please re-read the information letter that went home to all parents in late June. That document has a lot of startup information I'm confident you will find helpful.

### **FISH Philosophy**

Here at Lakie, we live by and promote the FISH philosophy. You will see signage around our school promoting FISH and we speak to students about it regularly. The four pillars of the FISH philosophy are to Be There, Play, Make Their Day & to Choose Your Attitude. They are facets of life that aren't just important here at school but could and should be translated into everyday life. It isn't hard to find literature online or in print explaining the FISH philosophy in more depth. Feel free to seek some out if you wish! Here is one such example [The FISH! Philosophy Story – FISH! Philosophy Training \(fishphilosophy.com\)](https://fishphilosophy.com/)

### **Meet the Teacher Night**

We are excited to invite all parents to attend our Meet the Teacher information evening on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 p.m. You will hear our administrative team speak to many informational items at this event, as well as having the opportunity to tour the school and meet your child's teachers.

### **Electronic Devices**

As I'm sure you can appreciate, devices are a significant source of stress within schools. Issues resulting from students bringing devices to school range from damage and theft to lack of attention and engagement in the classroom. Furthermore, they sometimes create peer issues due to misuse in and out of school. This leads to many, many hours being lost to dealing with such issues. That said, we do feel there is a time and place for them to supplement learning in the classroom. At Lakie all students have a school issued lock and locker where valuables should be stored. Devices should remain in lockers unless teachers invite students to bring them to class for educational reasons. If you need to contact your child, we are more than willing to relay messages through our front office. We ask you to please support us with this policy as it is in the best interest of your child and their learning.

### **Bus Information**

Southland Transportation Ltd is the provider for bussing in our Division. For more information, as well as access to the MyBusStop app, visit the Southland website at <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/transportation/mybusstop-app>. To access your school code, visit the page, and enter the password: **southlandcodes**. A reminder that to qualify for bussing, a student's primary address must qualify by being 2.4km's or more away from the school. This, according to the software they use, as opposed to the likes of Google Maps. If you feel your address qualifies your child for bussing, but they currently don't, please contact Christine in our office.

### **Attendance - Absences**

Daily attendance can be monitored via PowerSchool, as mentioned above. If your child is going to be away or needs to leave early, please inform the office in advance. This can be done by phone, or better yet, the Safe Arrival app. You can download this in the app store on your phone (SchoolMessenger app) or submit it on the Safe Arrival website (<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>).

### **Lakie Communication**

Staff at G.S. Lakie will strive to communicate with families, throughout the year, to the best of our abilities. We will utilize many modes of communication to do so. Lakie has a website (<https://gsl.lethsd.ab.ca>), a Facebook account, Twitter account and Instagram account to compliment this weekly Gator Gab newsletter. We will also post some items on our digital sign on the front lawn as well as providing daily, morning announcements to all students in attendance. LSD51 schools also use the School Guide app. If you have students in other schools, all will be live on this app at <https://www.bboxcleveredu.ca/our-products/schoolguide-app>. Lastly, in pertinent situations, Synervoices will call home as well. We strongly encourage families to use these tools, along with PowerSchool and Safe Arrival to get the most of your child's time at Lakie.

### **PowerSchool & School Cash Online**

PowerSchool allows you to view updated information on your child's grades, homework and attendance. School Cash Online is an electronic payment system for all fees, etc. ***This year School Cash Online will be used for preordering lunches for your child.***

If you need assistance signing up for PowerSchool or School Cash Online, please call the office at 403-327-3465.

### **Gator Volleyball**

A reminder that our volleyball ID camps will run from September 8-13 for all interested students. Participant abilities will be assessed at that time and all athletes will then be placed into a program that suits their current level of ability. The three levels of play are House, Development and Rep. Details are posted on the athletics tab of our [website](#). A complete season schedule will also be posted here.

### **Lakie Canteen – Need Parent Volunteers!**

G.S Lakie is excited to welcome back our canteen provider from last year, Munchies. As was the case last year, Munchies will operate off a pre-order system. Orders will need to be made on [School Cash Online](#) the week before with the cutoff for orders Thursday evening of each week. This year Munchies will try walkup sales one day a week to see how it goes. If sales go well with the walkups, there may be an opportunity to build off that going forward. Once they communicate which day of the week that will be, we will communicate it with parents.

Weekly menus will be posted on the school website and in our weekly Gator Gab newsletter. Online ordering will be available Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Munchies also provides a well-stocked vending machines on site with an assortment of snacks and drinks.

As was the case last year, we will need to rely on parent to help distribute food each day in our canteen (Monday-Thursday). Ideally, our hope is to obtain 10-12 volunteers so each person would only need to commit a couple hours every other week. The commitment would simply require volunteers to take pre-packaged orders and place them in bins for a student from each cohort to pick up just prior to their eating time. The time commitment would be:

Mon, Tue, Thu – 11:10-12:10 p.m.

Wed – 10:45-11:45 a.m.

**If able to assist with this service, please email [matthew.brunner@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:matthew.brunner@lethsd.ab.ca)**

### **After School Band Opportunities**

Ms. Latta is Lakie's new band teacher for 2022/23 and she is excited to roll out some opportunities for new and experienced band students. Her beginner band program will start up Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and the grade 7 & 8 continuing band students' program will start Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer and/or go to her band [website](#) for more details!!

### **Running Club**

Our annual Lakie Running Club will commence Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flyer for details!

### **Power Card Fundraiser**

This year's annual Power Card Fundraiser kicks off on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and run until September 29<sup>th</sup>. We wish to remind you this is our only fundraiser of the year and funds raised go towards wonderful initiatives in the building. Sales packages will go home with each student on the 1<sup>st</sup>, please watch for these. We ask for your support by setting a target of selling a minimum of three cards per family. More would obviously benefit our community but setting a target of three is both manageable and reasonable. Thanks in advance for your efforts. We will promote the fundraiser at school with some fun FISH Friday activities and many great incentives draws for students selling cards. Please feel free to call Matt Brunner if you have other questions regarding the fundraiser.

### **Picture Day**

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Smile 😊. The picture schedule will work around PE classes to ensure students get to wear clothing of their choice!

### **Alberta Education – New Curriculum Update**

Please click [here](#) for a curricular update from LSD's Karen Baerg-Rancier, our Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

### **Follow Us !!!**

As always, feel free to follow us on Social Media. If you want to see all of the great things that we are doing at Lakie, check us out on one of our Social Media Platforms:





## Community Information and Flyers

**CANSKATE FALL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Classes start Oct. 2nd  
Sun 10:15-11am Civic  
Wed 5:30-6:15pm Henderson  
Thur 5:30-6:15pm NicSheran

Teen/Young Adult  
Sunday 5:30-6:30pm ENMAX

To register visit:  
[SouthernAlbertaSkating.ca](http://SouthernAlbertaSkating.ca)

SOUTHERN ALBERTA SKATING ACADEMY  
[southernalbertaskating@gmail.com](mailto:southernalbertaskating@gmail.com)



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For any questions please email us:  
[lsssc.coach@gmail.com](mailto:lsssc.coach@gmail.com)



**G.S. LAKIE RUN CLUB**

Get ready to lace up and get some training runs in before the X-Country school meets.

Tuesdays & Thursdays (1st run on Sept 8th)  
Meet in the foyer at 3:00 pm

[www.gsl.ledhsd.ab.ca](http://www.gsl.ledhsd.ab.ca)



**Competitive Division:** (10 months) Sept-June  
**Starts: Sept 8th**

9/10 - Mon & Thurs 6:00pm-8:15pm	\$2150
Novice (11+ - 1yr comp.) - Tues & Thurs 6:00pm-8:15pm	\$2150
11/12, 13/15, Jr/Sr - Mon, Tues & Thurs 6:00pm-9:00pm	\$2700
Masters (18+) - Tues & Thurs 7:30pm-9:00pm	\$1250

### Recreational Division - AquaGo

**Beginner-** Levels 1-2 (10 weeks) **\$250**

Oct 4 - Dec 6 Tues: 6:15pm-7:15pm **or** Oct 7 - Dec 9 Fri: 1:30pm-2:30pm

**Intermediate** Levels 3-4 (10 weeks) **\$350**

Oct 4 - Dec 6 Tues: 6:15pm-7:45pm **or** Oct 7 - Dec 9 Fri: 2:30pm-4:00pm

**Advanced** Level 5-6 (7 months) **\$1000**

Oct 6 - Thurs: 6:15pm-8:00 pm



**FREE TRIAL NIGHT SEPT. 27th - 6:30pm-8:00pm**

visit our website to register: [www.lethsynchro.ca](http://www.lethsynchro.ca)

Max Bell Regional Aquatic Centre (UofL)

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!**



# BAND

## BEGINNER BAND

Mondays 3:00-3:55

Wednesdays 2:00-2:55

Open to grade 6, 7, and 8 students  
with no previous band experience



## CONTINUING BAND

Tuesdays 3:00-3:55

Open to grade 7 and 8 students with  
band experience



**For upcoming dates:**  
[www.lakiemusic.com](http://www.lakiemusic.com)