



<p><u>Monday Sept 16th</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday Sept 17th</u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Sept 18th</u></p> <p>LSAA X-Country City Championships @ NS Park</p> <p>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Week 2 Fundraiser totals calculated</p>	<p><u>Thursday Sept 19th</u></p> <p>6E to Helen Schuler 12:30-2:30</p> <p>Week 3 Power Card sales start</p> <p>School Council 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Friday Sept 20th</u></p> <p>Fundraiser FISH Friday</p> <p>Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Friday 1 Option</p>
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Attendance Matters!

As part of our [2024/25 School Assurance Plan](#), we are focusing on addressing attendance concerns. Consistent attendance is crucial for success in any endeavor. In recent years, many schools have experienced a decline in overall attendance rates. Our objective is to raise awareness of this issue and collaborate with staff, students, and families to develop effective action plans.

While there are valid reasons for occasional absences, promoting regular attendance is essential for building student resilience and academic success. To support this initiative, we will publish weekly updates through the "**Attendance Matters!**" bulletin, which will include relevant statistics and information aimed at enhancing awareness and improving daily attendance. Click [here](#) to view an informational flyer to get us started!

We appreciate your support and collaboration in this important effort.



Power Card Fundraiser

This year's annual Power Card Fundraiser kicks off on Thursday, September 5th and runs the month of September. We wish to remind you this is our only fundraiser of the year, so please support it as best you can. Funds raised this year will go towards the purchase of a new cart of laptops which ultimately supports student learning. Sales packages will go home with each student on the 5th, so 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.

Send Before 6!

Lethbridge School Division has introduced a new initiative for the 2024/25 school year titled "Send Before 6". While you can gain more information regarding the initiative on the flyer attached below, the premise is to respect school staff's personal time. A healthy work/life balance is critical in any line of work to take care of the wellbeing of staff. Please review the flyer for more information.

Student Drop-Off/Parent Parking

We welcome parents to use our drop-off loop throughout the day but ask you to be considerate of the handicap parking area. It's marked out with signage and yellow paint. We have many families and services that require use of this space and we ask for your cooperation to keep it accessible.

School Council Reminder

Lakie's first school council meeting of the year will be held Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in our Learning Commons. Our Council will host its annual AGM and elections at this time. Anyone is welcome to attend!

LSAA X-Country City Championships

The LSAA X-Country City Championships will be held on the morning of Wednesday, September 18th at Nicholas Sheran Park. Students qualified for this event through our annual Terry Fox run on September 12th. Students and parents of students that qualified have been notified. Participants will wear a Lakie singlet and should also have appropriate footwear, a light coat or hoodie and a water bottle for that day. Parents are welcome to attend the event to cheer on our Gators!

LSAA X-Country Times:

U12 Girls - 9:15	U12 Boys - 9:30
U13 Girls - 9:45	U13 Boys - 10:00
U14 Girls - 10:15	U14 Boys - 10:30

Electronic Devices

In accordance with the Government of Alberta's Ministerial [Order #014/2024](#) and our G.S. Lakie Personal Device Policy (click [here](#) to view), personal devices are to either stay at home or be placed in student lockers during all instructional time.

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. We encourage all students to leave devices at home. If brought to school, devices must be stored in the student's locker and can only be used before school, lunch time and/or after school. 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.

LSD has more information available on their website at [Personal Mobile Device and Social Media Use in Schools procedure and information documents | Lethbridge School Division \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

Spanish Club

Ms. Dornan will be offering a Spanish Club to any interested Spanish Bilingual students in grades 6-8. The club will begin on Wednesday, September 18th and run every other week thereafter, falling on the same week as the Friday 1 schedule. Students will have the opportunity to build their conversational abilities and expand their knowledge of the Spanish culture within this relaxed and engaging environment! Encourage your Spanish Bilingual child to attend!

Bus Information

Southland Transportation Ltd is the bussing provider for Lethbridge School 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 grade 6 student's primary address must be 1.0 km's or more away from the school while grade 7 & 8's must be a minimum of 2.0 km's.

Reporting Absences

Daily attendance can and should be monitored through PowerSchool. If your child is going to be away or needs to leave early, please inform our office staff in advance. The best method to do so is through the **Safe Arrival app**. You can download this in the app store on your phone (SchoolMessenger app) or submit absences through the Safe Arrival website (<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). Alternatively, you are welcome to excuse your child's absence by calling our front office.

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.boxcleveredu.ca/our-products/schoolguide-app>. Lastly, in pertinent situations, Synvoices 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.

Lakie Online Clothing Store

We have partnered with Custom Clothing to open an online clothing store that is now active. There are many options with most items available in multiple colors. You can choose to pick your order up at the store, have it delivered to the school or have it delivered to you at home! Since all orders are custom, no refunds will be given. Go to Online Store | Custom Clothing www.customclothingstore.ca to submit your order today! The store will be open for the foreseeable future with no hard-closing date at the current time.

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.

Lakie Hot Lunch Orders

We will once again be offering hot lunches to students twice a week starting mid-September. Orders need to be made the week before on [School Cash Online](#) with the cutoff being Wednesday evening of each week. Currently, we are working with Quesada, Boston Pizza, Booster Juice, and Subway as our hot lunch vendors. Weekly menus will be posted on our school website and included in our weekly Gator Gab newsletter.

Beginner Band Clinics

Mr. Griffioen will once again be offering Beginner Band Clinics this September for those new to playing an instrument. The two dates for these are September 13th and 27th from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

LSD Multi-Cultural & Diversity Newsletter – September

You can find the September edition of the LSD Multi-Cultural & Diversity Newsletter [here](#).

Division Indigenous Education Newsletter – September

You can find the September edition of the LSD Indigenous Education Newsletter [here](#).

Division Digital Wellness Newsletter – September

You can find the September edition of the LSD Wellness Newsletter [here](#).



School & Community Informational Flyers

2024-2025 INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION LYS LEAGUE

www.lethbridgesoccer.com // 403-320-5425 (KICK)

ONLINE ONLY: August 1st - September 16th, 2024

INDOOR SOCCER SEASON STARTS: October 2024 - March 2025 (dates are subject to change) ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE SERVICES SPORTS CENTRE

Register your player in their BIRTH YEAR (all age groups are from birth dates January 1 - December 31 of specified year)

Players will remain playing in their age groups no movement up or down an age group

Player Request Fee \$40.00

If there are not enough registrants per gender in U8 - U12 age groups - Groups will be combined CoEd

Age Group	Birthyear	Fee	# of games	**Days Playing	**Estimated Start Times
U5 CoEd	2020	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	8:00am or 9:00am
U6 CoEd	2019	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	9:00 am or 10:15am
U8 Boys	2017 & 2018	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	11:00pm or 12:45pm
U8 Girls	2017 & 2018	\$240.00	16 (40 min. sessions)	Saturday	11:00pm or 12:45pm
U10 Boys	2015 & 2016	\$275.00	20 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 5pm* - Sat 8am*
U10 Girls	2015 & 2016	\$275.00	20 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 5pm* - Sat 8am*
U12 Boys	2013 & 2014	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday (Some Friday's)	Mon 5:30pm* - Fri 5pm* - Sat 12pm*
U12 Girls	2013 & 2014	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday (Some Friday's)	Mon 5:30pm* - Fri 5pm* - Sat 12pm*
U14 CoEd	2011 & 2012	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesday and/ or Saturday	Wed 5pm* - Sat 2:00pm*
U16 CoEd	2009 & 2010	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 7pm* - Sat 4:00pm*
U18 CoEd	2007 & 2008	\$350.00	26 (55 min. sessions)	Monday and/ or Saturday	Mon 8pm* - Sat 5:30pm*

****Days and Start times are subject to change and are provided as a guideline only****

PLAYER EQUIPMENT: U8 & U6, Timbits Jersey, shorts & socks will be provided for each player to keep. U8 - U18, Full kit Jersey, Shorts & Socks will be provided for each player to keep. Soccer Shoes or Soccer Cleats are acceptable. Skin Guards are MANDATORY - Not included in player fees.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: U5 & U6 TIMBITS: This is our introductory level, where all sessions are run by our CSA Certified Coaches who will help your child build a love for the ball. U8 & U10 FUNDAMENTAL: At this stage, individual player development is paramount. Developing soccer creativity skills in a fun environment. U12 & U14 LEARN TO TRAIN: Golden Age of Learning, that learnt technical skills are introduced to the beginning of the tactical environment. U16 & U18 LEARN THE GAME: Combining previously developed technical and tactical skills, into a more mature game setting.



ATTACK FALL LEAGUE

**NO TRYOUTS!
NO CUTS!
EVERYBODY PLAYS!**

REGISTER AT **ATTACKVOLLEYBALL.CA**



\$130 per player
All sessions led by head coach Ian Bennett
Grades 2-4: Age appropriate intro
Grades 5-6: Transition towards full game

Fall Youth Camp
Registration open:
www.locomotivevolleyball.ca
Sundays: October 6, 20, 27
November 3, 10
Grades 2-4: 930am-11am
Grades 5-6: 11am-1230pm
U of L Gymnasium



LVC LEATHERHEAD VOLLEYBALL CLUB

STARS Volleyball

\$170 +GST

Cubs to Kodiaks
"Intro to Volleyball"

9U (Grades 1-3) & 12U (Grades 4-6)
Starting October 4th
REGISTER TODAY AT **STARSVBALL.CA**


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 5th)
Meet in the foyer at 3:00 pm
Pick-up is at 3:30

www.gsl.ledhsd.ab.ca


**New to LSD for 2024/25*



SEND BEFORE 6 

SUPPORTING WELL-BEING FOR STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN THE LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION

KEEPING OUR EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS FREE FROM NON-EMERGENCY EMAILS AND TEXTS




TOGETHER IN WELLNESS

LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION IS COMMITTED TO ALL STAFF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. WE HONOUR YOUR PERSONAL TIME AND THE IMPORTANT ROLES THAT YOU PLAY OUTSIDE OF THE WORK DAY.

THE WHY:
OUR HOPE IS THAT **SEND BEFORE 6** WILL SUPPORT EVERYONE IN THE LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION TO ENJOY HEALTHY WORK/LIFE BALANCE ALLOWING EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS TO BE SPENT ON ACITIVITES THAT BRING RENEWAL AND REST.

WHAT IT MEANS:
SEND BEFORE 6 MEANS THAT ALL NON-EMERGENCY EMAILS AND TEXTS WILL ONLY BE SENT BEFORE 6PM ON WEEKDAYS. AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS CAN WAIT UNTIL REGULAR WORK HOURS.
(NOT BEOFRE 7 AM OR AFTER 6 PM)



PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICE AND SOCIAL MEDIA USE IN SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Kindergarten to Grade 5 - Personal mobile device use is not permitted during the entirety of the school day. This includes instructional time and non-instructional time. Use of social media platforms on Division networks is restricted to educational use only.

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Grade 6 to Grade 8 - Personal mobile device use is not permitted during instructional time. During non-instructional time, the use of personal mobile devices is discouraged and will be limited and subject to responsible use. Use of social media platforms on Division networks is restricted to educational use only.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Grade 9 to Grade 12 - Personal mobile device use is not permitted during instructional time. The use of personal mobile devices during non-instructional time is permitted subject to responsible use. Use of social media platforms on Division networks is restricted to educational use only.



Food Order Menu

[Click here to order](#)



Lunch Menu

Hot Lunch

SEPT. 17 - 25



WEEK 1

TUESDAY Sept. 17: Quesada Burritos & Tacos
(Choice of meat or Roasted Veggies)

- Tacos (c/w 2 soft Tacos with lettuce & Cheese) \$8.50
- 8" Burrito (c/w rice, beans, corn, tomatoes, lettuce & cheese) \$8.00
- Jr. Burrito Bowl (c/w rice, beans, corn, tomatoes, lettuce & cheese) \$8.50

THURSDAY Sept. 19: Boston Pizza

- Personal Size Pizza (Pepperoni/Cheese/Hawaiian) with Drink \$8.00
- Personal size Pizza (Pepperoni/Cheese/Hawaiian) no Drink \$6.25
- Pasta (Meat Sauce/Marinara Sauce/Tomato Sauce) with Drink \$8.00
- Pasta (Meat Sauce/Marinara Sauce/Tomato Sauce) no Drink \$6.25

WEEK 2

MONDAY Sept. 23 : Booster Juice

- SMOOTHIES (355ml or 710ml) \$5.50 or \$8.75
- Wraps (Various to choose from) \$5.50

WEDNESDAY Sept. 25: Subway - choice of white or Gluten bun (\$1 extra)
(c/w white cheddar, lettuce, pickles & mayo, choice of drink, cookie or apple sauce)

- Meat (Choice of Ham, Turkey, Turkey & Ham) \$8.00
- Pizza (c/w pizza sauce, pepperoni, white cheddar) \$8.00
- Veggie (c/w white cheddar, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, pickles) \$8.00