



<p><u>Monday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup></u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday Sept 24<sup>th</sup></u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Sept 25<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Week 3 Fundraiser totals calculated</p>	<p><u>Thursday Sept 26<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p>6AB to Helen Schuler 9:30-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>6CD to Helen Schuler 12:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Week 4 Power Card sales start</p> <p>Marine Biology Trip Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Friday Sept 27<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p>Orange Shirt Day</p> <p>Fundraiser FISH Friday</p> <p>Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Friday 2 Option</p> <p>Beginner Band Clinic 12:00-1:30 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Monday Sept 30<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL – National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b></p>	<p><u>Tuesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup></u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></u></p> <p>School ends at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thursday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup></u></p>	<p><u>Friday Oct 4<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p>Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Friday 1 Option</p> <p>Fire Drill 10:45</p>

### **Attendance Matters!**

Our focus this week is on lates. We're already seeing many students arriving late each morning. This is not a routine we want students to fall into to start the school year. While we understand an 8:00 am start is difficult for many middle school aged students, arriving on time is not only a life skill but essential for academic success. Our front doors typically open around 7:30 am each day with our first bell going at 7:55 am. Please find strategies that work within your household to have your child arriving on time. Some tips to ensuring your child is well rested and able to wake up on time:

- Don't allow your child to have their device in their room at night
- Remove laptops, video games and televisions from their bedrooms
- Develop and stick to evening and morning routines
- Being active and getting some exercise each day is important for overall wellness
- Alarm clock in their bedroom
- Preach to your child the importance of daily attendance at school and build resiliency
- **ROUTINE, ROUTINE, ROUTINE!**



### **Orange Shirt Day**

An important reminder to please wear an orange shirt, ribbon skirt or ribbon shirt on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for Orange Shirt Day to honor residential school survivors and their families.

All students and families are invited to join us outside the front entrance of G.S. Lakie at 10am on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for Orange Shirt Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We will be joined by Elder, Arnold Mountain Horse, Drummers Quaide Mountain Horse, and G.S. Lakie's own, Ian McKay-Weaselfat, along with special guest, Maria Livingstone, Coordinator with the University of Lethbridge Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program to close the event with a school-wide round dance. Lakie students learned about tipi designs and teachings around the Blackfoot tipis. There will be a beautiful art display by G.S. Lakie students for educational purposes to share their learnings through art for Truth and Reconciliation. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### **Marine Biology Trip – Parent Meeting**

There will be a parent meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM to discuss the Grade 8 Marine Biology Field Trip being offered this March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2025! A group of lucky students will be heading to the Gulf Islands off the coast of Victoria to spend 5 days living and working as marine biologist on the Island Roamer Boat. Please join Mrs. Wiest and Mrs. Grant in the Learning Commons to learn more about the field trip, costs, and the experience.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **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.

### **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 \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

### **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 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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 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



## Orange Shirt Day

Friday, September 27, 2024

Wear your orange shirt, ribbon skirts or ribbon shirts.

Lakie ceremony will take place at 10 am  
Families are welcome to attend.



## ATTACK FALL LEAGUE

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

REGISTER AT [ATTACKVOLLEYBALL.CA](http://ATTACKVOLLEYBALL.CA)



**LVC** **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](http://STARSVBALL.CA)



**2023 LOCOMOTIVE**

**\$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](http://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**




Youth ages 5 - 18  
Recreational to Competitive Levels  
Season runs September to March  
Affordable Equipment Rental Available  
FREE "TRY-B4U" Join sessions  
Learn to Skate Programs

## Join LETHBRIDGE SPEEDSKATING

[lethbridgespeedskating.ca](http://lethbridgespeedskating.ca)  
leth\_bridge\_blades  
contact Issa.sk8r@gmail.com



# 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