Light of Christ CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Passion for Learning, Character for Life

Website: lcc.lrcssd.ca/ Phone: 780-623-3667

September 2026

Principal's Message

What an exciting day! Teachers have been hard at work setting up for your kids. Caretakers have our school polished and it shines! I'm sure kids are excited to try out their new school supplies and back to school clothes.

By this time tomorrow, 2026-2027 school year will be well underway. Teachers are building new routines, students are making new friends and I pray that Christ is working in our hearts in a new way each and every day.

Our reading in mass today was from Romans 12:

[2] Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

That's one of the things that makes Light of Christ School such a special place. That's why I love being here. We are chasing more than marks and tests. Our pursuit is more than essays and worksheets. We set out each and every day to help point our hearts and the hearts of our students towards His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Thank you for trusting us with your children again this year. I am excited about what the Lord has for each one of us this year.

~Mr. Kornelsen

MEET OUR STAFF



Preschool/Daycare/OSC	Windell Zamora
Preschool/Daycare/OSC	Joyce Ogbonna
Kindergarten	Hayley Cyre
Grade 1 and 2	Krista Campbell
Grade 3 and 4	Lucie Theroux
Grade 5 and 6	Andressa Dennison
Grade 7	Brandon Cloutier
Grade 8 and 9	Tyler Ryan
Grade 10, 11, 12	John Dennison
Principal	Rod Kornelsen
Vice Principal and Classroom Support Teacher	Carmen Semeniuk
Head secretary/Librarian	Patricia Aguirre
Mental Health and Support worker	Justyna Dziendzielowski
Music Instructor	Brian Deheer
Student Assistant	Sarah Cadieux
Student Assistant	Hannah Plamondon
Student Assistant	Cathy Cifra
Student Assistant	Nancy Diesel
Student Assistant	Tanya Giacobbo
Custodian	Gilbert Reyes
Custodian	Jay Ignacio



Light of Christ
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

Programs for ages 3 & 4

- Full-day (8 a.m – 6 p.m.)
- Before and after school care
- Affordable care with subsidies available
- Play-based learning with qualified early childhood educators!



DAYCARE STARTS AUGUST 28

PRESCHOOL STARTS SEPT. 8

Enroll Today! lrcssd.ca

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Find out more!



LOC Out of School Care Fee Schedule
2026-2027

BEFORE SCHOOL ONLY

Flat rate of $145/month

Days / Hours Included for care:

8:00-8:20 am

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Flat rate of $325/month

Days / Hours Included for care:

8:00-8:30am Before School Care

3:15-6:00pm Out of School Care

NO SCHOOL DAYS

"No School Days" as indicated on the Calendar

$45 per day

Days / Hours Included for care:

8:00am-6:00 pm

BEFORE SCHOOL (Mon -Fri)

KG - 6	
Month	Total Cost per month
SEPT	$145.00
OCT	$145.00
NOV	$145.00
DEC	$145.00
JAN	$145.00
FEB	$145.00
MAR	$145.00
APR	$145.00
MAY	$145.00
JUNE	$145.00
Total	**$1,450.00**

BEFORE + FULL (Mon -Fri)

KG - 6	
Month	Total Cost per month
SEPT	$345.00
OCT	$345.00
NOV	$345.00
DEC	$345.00
JAN	$345.00
FEB	$345.00
MAR	$345.00
APR	$345.00
MAY	$345.00
JUNE	$345.00
Total	**$3,450.00**

NO SCHOOL DAYS

KG - 6			
Month	Total Days per month	Total Cost per month	Dates
SEPT	1	$45.00	25
OCT	2	$90.00	9, 30
NOV	4	$180.00	9, 10, 12, 13
DEC	1	$45.00	4
JAN	1	$45.00	29
FEB	4	$180.00	10, 11, 12, 26
MAR	1	$45.00	12
APR	1	$45.00	23
MAY	2	$90.00	7, 21
JUNE	2	$90.00	4, 25
Total	**19**	**$855.00**	

DROP-IN RATES	
Morning School Care	$10
After School Care	$20

When registered into an Out of School Care program, payment is due at the beginning of each month.

To apply for the Subsidy, visit the website @ www.child.alberta.ca

Operational times are subject to change, with 30 days notice

Light of Christ Apparel is available for purchase.

Visit the Admin office to get yours today!





C51-Gary LaTrace 780-983-9865

C52-Dana Nowochin 780-887-1657

C54-Harmandeep Mrar 780-245-4319

C55-Elizabeth Fontaine 780-718-9444



Athletics

Volleyball

PRACTICES

Grade 5 and 6

Wednesdays
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

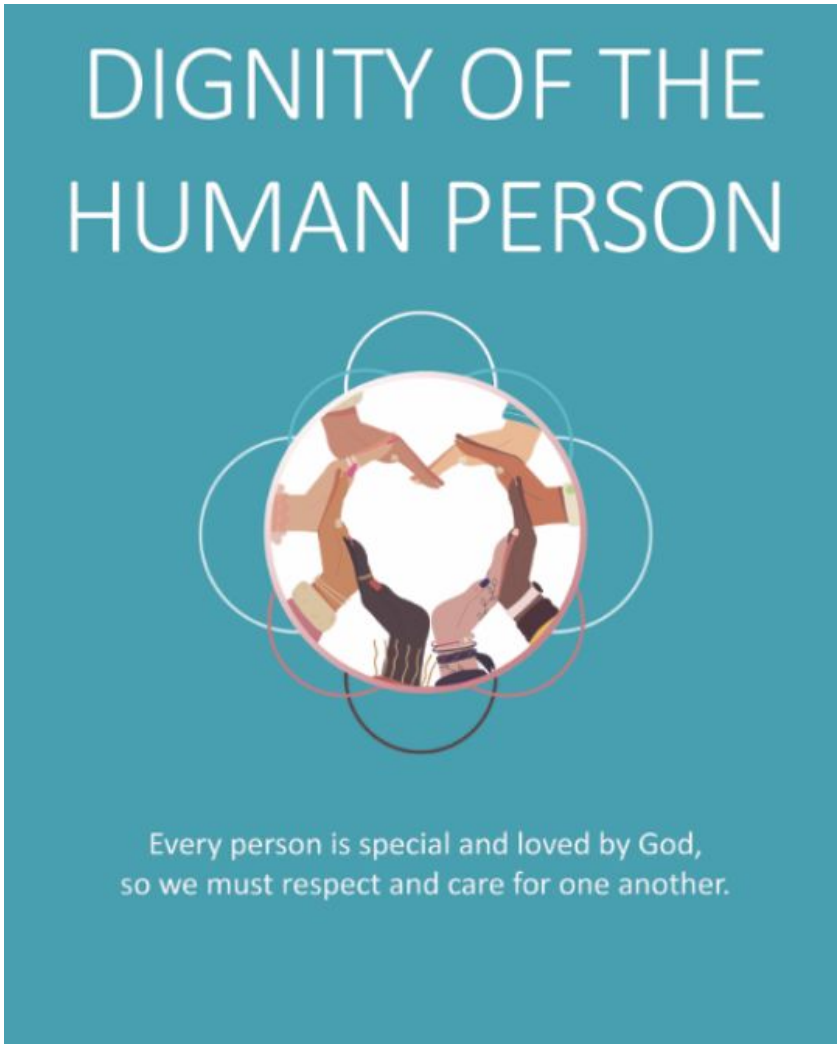
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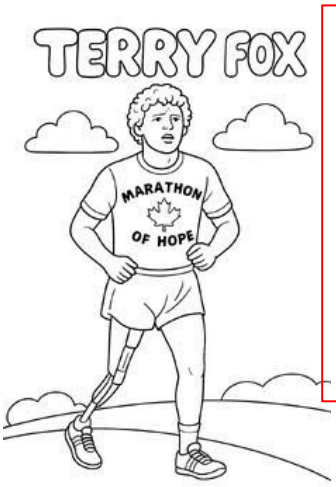
Grade 7 - 9

Tuesdays &
Thursdays
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Faith CORNER

- **Inherent Worth:** Human dignity is intrinsic and given by God at conception, not earned through work, wealth, or societal utility.
- **Sacredness of Life:** Because all people bear the image of the Creator, every life possesses immeasurable value from beginning to natural death.
- **Universal Application:** Dignity cannot be taken away by any human action, social status, race, gender, ability, or past mistake.





Light of Christ Catholic School is so proud to participate in this year's **Terry Fox Run - Marathon of Hope**. We are walking and running in honour of Terry and the many loved ones affected by cancer. ❤️

Every single dollar helps! All donations go directly to the **Terry Fox Foundation** to fund life-saving cancer research.

Thank you for supporting our kiddos and this amazing cause!

TERRY FOX FOUNDATION





National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

This day honors the survivors of residential schools, their families, and the children who never returned home. It is a time for our school to reflect on history, listen to Indigenous voices, and learn how we can walk together toward a better future.

🧡 Wear Orange on September 29

We encourage all students and staff to wear an **orange shirt** on this day. This movement began with the story of Phyllis Webstad, a survivor whose favorite orange shirt was taken from her on her first day of residential school. Wearing orange reminds us that **Every Child Matters**.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	31 First Day of School	1	2 Prayer Table Blessings	3 Whole School Mass	4	5
6 LoC Ministries at Mass	7 **No School - Labour Day**	8 Hot lunch (September) forms due	9 Wear LoC swag	10 Mass Grade 5/6	11	12
13	14	15 School Paid Lunch: Chili in a bun	16 Wear LoC swag	17 Mass Grade 3 /4 and 10/11/12 Parent Paid Lunch: Perogies and Sausage	18 Terry Fox Dayl	19
20	21	22 School Paid Lunch:Mac and Cheese	23 Wear LoC swag **LoC Family Night**	24 Mass Grade 1 /2 and 7 Parent Paid Lunch: Fish and Chips Jersey Day Student Leadership Rally Hot lunch(October) forms due	25 **No School - PD Day**	26
27	28	29 Orange Shirt Day School Paid Lunch: Cheese burger and raw veggies	30 **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Day** **No School for Students**	Mass Grade 8/9 and Kinder Parent Paid Lunch:Grilled Cheese and raw veggies	Photo Day Custodian Appreciation Day	

LAKELAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

2026–2027

Christ Our Model.
Children Our Focus.

AUGUST 2026

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Operational Days = 6
Instructional Days = 1

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Operational Days = 20
Instructional Days = 19

OCTOBER 2026

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Operational Days = 21
Instructional Days = 19

NOVEMBER 2026

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Operational Days = 19
Instructional Days = 16

DECEMBER 2026

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Operational Days = 16
Instructional Days = 13

JANUARY 2027

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Operational Days = 20
Instructional Days = 19

FEBRUARY 2027

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Operational Days = 16
Instructional Days = 15

MARCH 2027

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Operational Days = 19
Instructional Days = 16

APRIL 2027

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25	26	27	28	29	30	

Operational Days = 20
Instructional Days = 19

MAY 2027

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30	31					

Operational Days = 20
Instructional Days = 18

JUNE 2027

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Operational Days = 19
Instructional Days = 17

Statutory Holidays
Office/School Closed

First/Last Day of School
Classes Resume/New Semester

New Semester

No School/Non Operational
In Lieu Day

No School/Non Operational
Staff and Students

Division/School Professional Development
No School – Students

ATA Convention/Connect Day
No School – Students

Operational Dates Overview

School Open
August 17, 2026

First Day of Operation
August 24, 2026

Open House
August 27, 2026

First Day of Instruction Grade 1 to 12
August 31, 2026

Kindergarten Staggered Start for Students
August 31 & September 1–2, 2026

Kindergarten Full Classes for Students
September 3, 2026

Three-Year Old Preschool Program Starts
September 8, 2026

Four-Year Old Preschool Program Starts
September 9, 2026

Fall Break
November 9–13, 2026

First Day of Semester Two
February 1, 2027

Three-Year Old Preschool Program Ends
June, 10, 2027

Four-Year Old Preschool Program Ends
June 11, 2027

Last Day of Instruction
June 24, 2027

Last Day of Operation
June 25, 2027

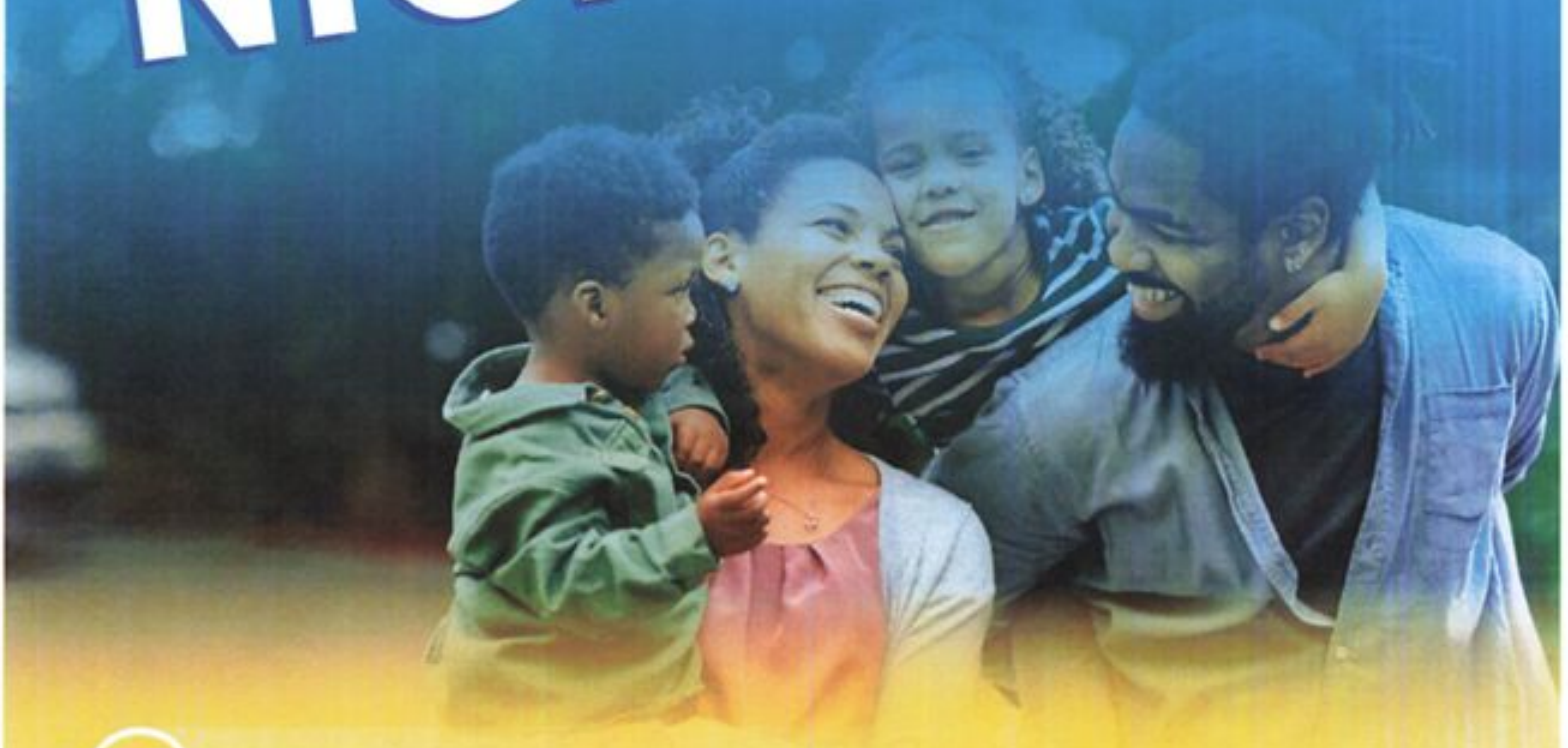
Important Dates

Labour Day	Sept. 7
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Sept. 30
Thanksgiving Day	Oct. 12
Catholic Education Week	October 16 – 23
Remembrance Day	Nov. 11
Christmas Holidays	Dec. 21 – Jan. 3
Teachers' Convention	Feb. 11 – 12
Provincial Family Day	Feb. 15
Easter Break	Mar. 30–Apr. 2
Good Friday	March 26
Easter Monday	March 29
World Catholic Education Day	May 6
Victoria Day	May 24

	Operational Days	Instructional Days
Semester One	100	87
Semester Two	96	87
Total	**196**	**174**

JUNIOR FAMILY NIGHT

Come connect with other families, make lasting memories, and enjoy a summer evening together.



Wednesdays
5:30-7:30pm

Oct 21 & Feb 17 Light of Christ School
Nov 18 & Apr 14 Aurora Middle School
Dec 9 & Mar 17 Plamondon School

FREE- DROP IN

For families with at least one child aged 7-12

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For More Information Call **780-623-0146** or
Email: **deborah.menard@laclabichecounty.com**

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NEW!

Bloom & Grow

GIRLS GROUP

September 15 - December 15, weekly on Tuesdays ⋄ 5:00-7:00 PM
Bold Centre ⋄ For girls 10-12 years of age ⋄ FREE to attend

The Bloom & Grow Girls Group is designed to equip young girls with the tools and skills they need to navigate adolescence and puberty.

The program is offering an elemental curriculum that guides girls through their various stages of development, menstrual health, and cyclical living all while creating deep and lasting connections amongst themselves.

Learn through storytelling, somatic movement, journaling, song, nature exploration, expressive arts, traditional crafts, connection, and play to better understand themselves, the world around them, and their unique place within it.





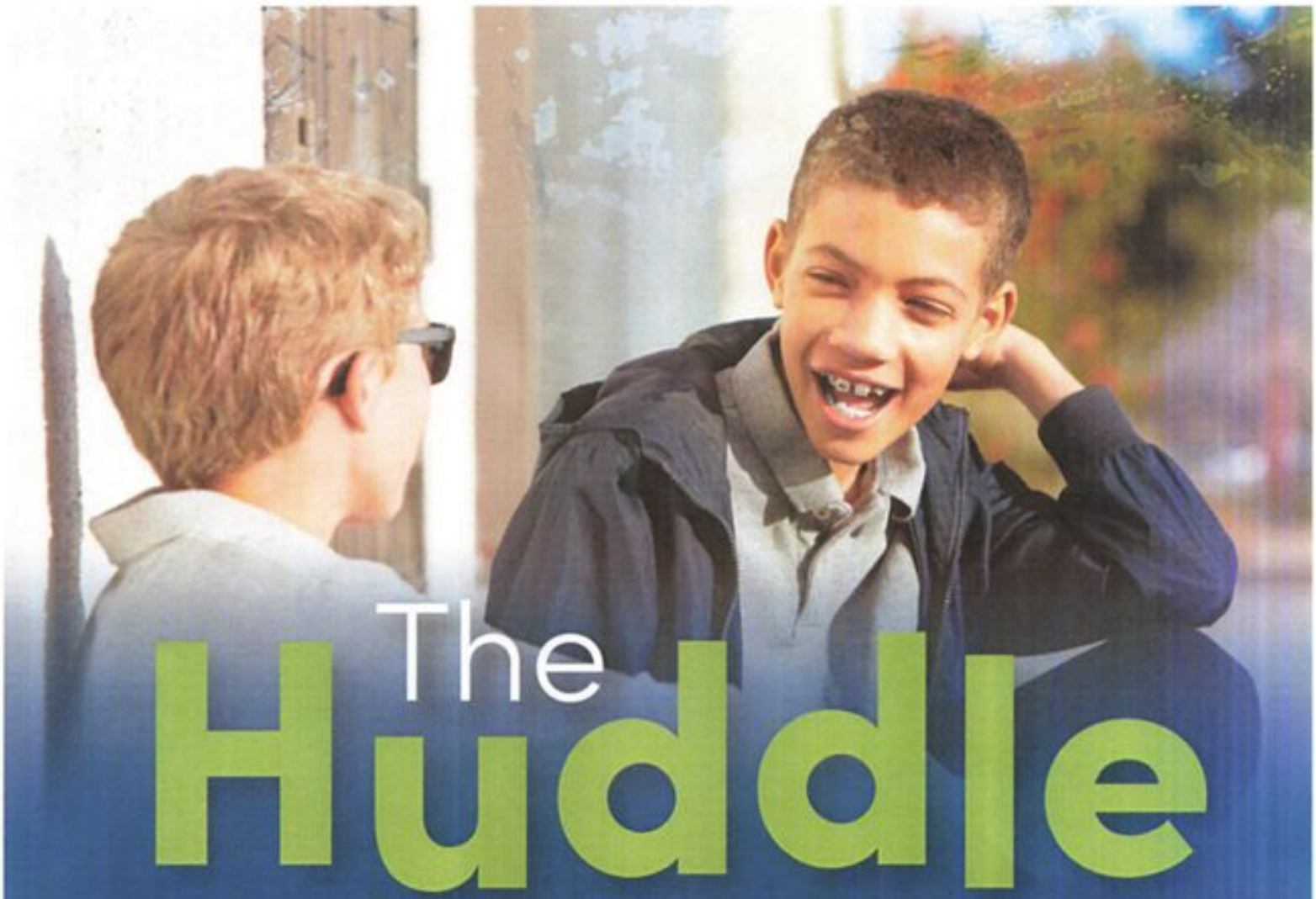


Join Chantal Gauthier-Vaillancourt with her new programs as a certified girls group facilitator and soul-driven mentor with a deep commitment to fostering a healthy, supportive culture for today's youth, believing it is the cornerstone of a better world.

To register call 780-623-3829

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The Huddle

October 19 - November 30, weekly on Mondays • 5:00-7:00 PM
Bold Centre • For boys 10-12 years of age • FREE to attend

Looking for a place where boys can talk, learn, and have fun with a qualified male mentor and leader ?

This boys support group combines engaging discussions about real-life challenges boys face today followed by active games, team building activities, and physical challenges.

Come join Nick Brown (M.Ed), and learn, move, connect, and grow together!

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Lac La Biche Family and Community Support Services

Lac La Biche County

Contact Deborah for more information:
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Mental Health Matters: You Matter

September Catholic Social Teaching: The Dignity of the Human Person

As we begin a new school year, we are reminded of an important Catholic Social Teaching: **the dignity of the human person**. The Catholic tradition teaches that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and is therefore **worthy of love, respect and care.**

The beginning of a school year can bring many emotions for children and parents alike: excitement, anticipation, worry, stress, and sometimes even a little overwhelm. Taking care of our mental and emotional well-being is one way we **honour the dignity** of ourselves and those around us.

Our worth is not determined by our grades, achievements, behaviour, appearance, friendships, or how well we are managing a difficult day. Every child—and every adult—has inherent value simply because ***they are a person.***

For Parents: Remember That You Matter, Too

Parents often spend so much energy making sure everyone else is okay that they forget to check in with themselves.

This month, try asking yourself:

"How am I really doing?"

If you're feeling overwhelmed, try giving yourself the same kindness you would offer your child. Instead of thinking, "I should be handling this better," try:

> "This is a big transition, and it makes sense that I might feel stressed. I can take this one step at a time."

Even small acts of self-care count: take a walk, call a friend, sit quietly with a cup of coffee, get to bed a little earlier, or make time for something that helps you feel like yourself.

Taking care of yourself isn't selfish. It helps you have the energy and patience to care for the people you love. Alberta's mental-health resources also emphasize the importance of caregivers looking after their own well-being.

Try This Together: "How Are You Really Doing?"

Set aside 5–10 minutes this week to check in with your child. There doesn't need to be a big conversation—try doing it while driving, walking the dog, making dinner, or before bed.

Take turns answering:

- One thing I'm excited about is...
- One thing that has been hard is...
- Something that helps me when I'm stressed is...
- One thing that would make this week a little easier is...

Most importantly, listen before trying to solve the problem. Let your child know that their feelings are welcome—even when those feelings are difficult.

A Small Family Wellness Challenge

Choose one small thing your family can do together this month to support everyone's well-being:

- ☐ Take a family walk
- ☐ Have a screen-free meal together
- ☐ Create a calming space at home
- ☐ Have an early bedtime one night each week
- ☐ Spend 10 minutes talking without phones
- ☐ Do something silly together
- ☐ Practice taking three slow breaths when things feel overwhelming

Remember: mental wellness isn't about being happy all the time.

Everyone experiences stress, difficult emotions and challenging days. Mental wellness is about having healthy ways to cope, supportive relationships, and people we can turn to when we need help.



A Resource for Families

Back-to-school can be a big transition for the whole family. Kelty Mental Health has created a helpful resource, "Beginning a New School Year: Strategies for Families and Kids," with practical ideas for managing routines, supporting children's emotions, making time for connection and relaxation, and taking care of your own well-being as a parent.

Explore the resource:
Beginning a New School Year: Strategies for Families and Kids — Kelty Mental Health

A reminder for the start of this school year:

Your child doesn't have to be perfect to be worthy of love and care.