



LETHBRIDGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL RE-ENTRY HANDBOOK – 2021-2022

2021-2022 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! We are so excited to begin this new school year and look forward to welcoming new and returning students to **Lethbridge Christian School!** There are many things to consider as we enter back into the school building and resume learning for everyone. The safety of all individuals is a priority for our division, our school, and in each classroom. We seek to provide a warm, caring, and engaging learning environment for all of our students with safety in the forefront of our minds. Although plans can change throughout the year, we anticipate collaborative and engaging activities for our students with opportunities to learn from students in other grades and participate in music and sports as much as possible. We will make every effort to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and families as we stay focused on student learning and well being throughout this new school year.

Learning Formats

This year, the Lethbridge School Division will be offering face-to-face learning at school. We expect to begin the year with some extra health measures to ensure the safety and health of all of our staff, students, and families such as mask wearing in hallways and on buses. We would like to introduce volunteers and guest parents into the building around October. For the month of September, we will be keeping our classes cohorted during the school day as much as possible. We hope that events such as book buddies and cross-graded activities to resume in full swing after September. It is our hope that you will continue to support these extra measures for the month of September until our school year gets rolling.

Health Protocols

We will continue to be mindful of positive health practices such as handwashing, hand sanitization, and daily screening for illness. We would expect that any staff or student who has symptoms of being unwell to stay home and following the Alberta Health checklists, guidelines, and testing procedures. Again, the safety of all individuals is at the forefront of our minds and routine cleaning and sanitization protocols will continue to be in place in our school facility throughout the year. Our wonderful staff will contribute to regular sanitization practices and will encourage regular handwashing and sanitization to ensure the safety of all students. The staff of Lethbridge Christian School is working together to promote the best learning experiences for all students.



Considerations for the School Year

- Parents/guardians will be asked to maintain our secure facility guidelines and digitally sign in at the office.
- We will be asking parents to refrain from classroom visits until after September. We ask that families pick up and drop off students safely in front of the school and meet children outside the building.
 - Please do not drop off students early or pick them up late. Please see our bell time schedule for details.
- We look forward to welcoming you into our building as soon as possible. The month of September is a chance for us to re-orient ourselves into the school year and we will do our best to communicate frequently about your child's learning to promote the best experience for all students.
- Students will use specific doors to enter and exit. Recess times will no longer be staggered, however students will be using various exits to minimize the mixing of cohorts at this time.
 - Cleaning and sanitizing procedures will take place before going outside for recess and also when coming in from recess.
 - Recyclables, including juice boxes, etc. may now be recycled at school.
- Students are also expected to clean up any garbage from their lunch. Microwaves in Grade 5-8 classrooms will be used with sanitization after each use.
- We look forward to welcoming volunteers into the building as soon as possible. We will keep you informed at the end of September. Depending on restrictions, we will likely be requesting that visitors are masked and that visitors limit the number of classrooms that are visited.
- Students and staff will be required to wear masks in the hallways and washrooms at this time. Students and staff will be supported and encouraged to wear masks in their classrooms. We recognize that each individual has unique perspectives on these health measures and respect each viewpoint!
- Our Learning Commons will be open to all students as of September 13. We look forward to resuming book exchanges with Mrs. Calvin, our Learning Commons Facilitator. Cleaning protocols will take place between each classroom visit to continue safe cleaning practices.
- Items that are lost will be placed in the office and will be claimed under the supervision of a school staff member. Please label all supplies (including lunchkits, backpacks, jackets, shoes, and supplies) to help us return items to the correct owners. Thanks for your help with this.
- All field trips and sporting events will resume and families will be informed of these events as soon as possible. This is exciting!
- At this time, we will not be offering large group gatherings such as school-wide assemblies. This will be re-evaluated by our division at the end of September.
- Students will be using lockers and we continue to encourage risk mitigation and cleanliness protocols.

Helpful Parent Checklist

- ✓ Please ensure that the office has all of your up-to-date registration information including emergency contacts, medical information, and all current phone numbers.
- ✓ If your child has any medication, forms will need to be filled out regarding epi-pens, medications, emergency plans, etc.
- ✓ Please use the COVID-19 self assessment screening tool if your child exhibits any symptoms of feeling unwell.
- ✓ If your child exhibits any signs of COVID-19, and we notice that they are feeling unwell, parents/guardians will be contacted and students should be picked up immediately. For the safety of all students and staff, it is important that students are able to return home as soon as possible.
- ✓ If your child is being tested for COVID-19, please adhere to AHS protocols.
- ✓ Bus students will be asked to wear masks (all ages) while on the bus.
- ✓ Please ensure that your child has a clean mask to bring to school each day for use in the hallways, on buses, and in the washrooms. Masks should be worn when entering and exiting the building. We have a limited supply of masks and ask that each student have more than one available to bring to school. If your child needs a mask exemption, please fill out a mask exemption form at the office.
- ✓ As always, we encourage positive health practices and routines such as regular and thorough hand washing and sanitization. Physical distancing is still encouraged in common areas and reasonable spacing will continue to be part of our classroom practices.
- ✓ Regular hand-washing and the use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged at several key points throughout the day including before and after recess, before and after lunch, upon school arrival and dismissal, and regularly throughout the day in each classroom. Students are permitted to use their own hand sanitizer, however hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom.

Links and Tips

- ❖ Please refer to the re-entry plan for the 2021-2022 school year from the division: <https://www.letbsd.ab.ca/download/361500>

BELL TIMES

Kindergarten Program (Tuesday/Thursday and regularly scheduled Fridays)

8:25am Class Begins

12:15-12:30 pm Lunch (15 minutes eating time)

12:30-1:00 pm Outside lunch recess

3:17 pm Dismissal (T/Th)

12:16 pm Dismissal (Friday)

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Monday—Friday)

8:25 am Class Begins

10:20-10:45 am Morning Recess

12:15-12:30 pm Lunch (15 minutes eating time)

12:30-1:00 pm Outside lunch recess

3:17 pm Dismissal (M-Th)

12:16 pm Dismissal (Friday)

- ✓ DRESS for the WEATHER!
- ✓ Bring indoor shoes for inside and wear appropriate footwear outside
- ✓ Students will be expected to be outdoors for recess time in any kind of weather. You may want to check the weekly forecast and plan ahead for rainboots, umbrellas, toques, headbands, jackets, etc.
- ✓ Bring fresh water in waterbottles each day (these should go back and forth each day for students to be cleaned at home after each use).
- ✓ Student learning is a lot of work! Please provide your child with nutritious snacks and lunches each day! If you have any concerns regarding lunch/snack provision please let the office know so that we can support you.

FIRST WEEK PROCEDURES

Monday, August 30

All students can meet their child's teacher outside before the first day of school. Students only will be permitted into the school through the online sign-up.

8:30 am-11:30am

Tuesday, August 31

All Grades 1-8 First Day of School with Last names: A – M - Full Day

8:25 am-3:17 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 1

All Grades 1-8 First Day of School with Last names: N - Z - Full day

8:25 am-3:17 pm

Thursday, Sept. 2

All students Grades 1-8 - 8:25 am-3:17 pm

Friday, Sept. 3

All students 8:25 am— 12:16 pm

Monday, Sept. 6- Holiday - NO SCHOOL

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Our Staff List at Lethbridge Christian School

Sean Alaric – Principal

Lois Van Roon – Vice Principal

Michelle Harding – Administrative Assistant

Angela Calvin – Learning Commons Facilitator

Jordanna Pierson – Student Support Worker

Tannis Straughan – Kindergarten Teacher

Katie Brooks – Grade 1 Teacher

Jordan Cardamone – Grade 1 Teacher

Josh Devine – Grade 2 Teacher

Beatrice Matthew – Grade 3 Teacher

Linda Bateman – Grade 4 Teacher

Yvonne Beswitherick – Grade 5 Teacher

Nikki Kish – Grade 6 Teacher

Alicia Reimer – Grade 7 Teacher

Allison Overbeeke – Grade 8 Teacher

Graeme McFarlane – Music and Band Teacher, all grades

Cortnie Cave – Educational Assistant

Sandra Enns - Educational Assistant

Liza Friend - Educational Assistant

Arlene Graham - Educational Assistant

Ashley Herbers - Educational Assistant

Sylvia Kadijk - Educational Assistant and Speech & Language Assistant

Kendra Rae - Educational Assistant

Sherry Maccrimmon - Educational Assistant

Jesse Koop - Educational Assistant

Lethbridge Christian Society

Jodie Knott, LCS Society

Matthew Houweling, caretaker

Dean Seymour, caretaker

Kim Wilson, school maintenance