

St. Luke School

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Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Hot Dog BBQ and Meet the Teacher evening! It was wonderful seeing everyone again! A huge thank you to the CSCC and other parent volunteers who organized the BBQ. I encourage others to join the parent council as they are always looking for more members.

Our school enrolment has stabilized somewhat which has allowed us to complete our hiring processes for the year. We would like to welcome our newly hired staff.
We say a fond farewell to Ms. Murray. She will be teaching Kindergarten fulltime at St. Volodymyr this year.

We continue to try to be good neighbours in Lakeridge Community. ***Please follow all traffic and parking rules. Please do not block driveways or park too close to the bins.*** *Thank you for your attention to this!*

Your children may have mentioned that we have been practicing our fire drills. We are required to do 6 per year, and we try to do as many as we can while the weather is good.

Finally, September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We will be commemorating this day with a liturgy on September 28th at 12:45. There is NO SCHOOL for students on the 30th. Teachers will be using part of this day to participate in Truth and Reconciliation activities around the city.

We are grateful for such a positive beginning to the school year. The enthusiasm, support, and goodwill demonstrated by our students, staff, and community have helped create a welcoming and successful start for everyone.
Shelly Lord, Principal

Dates to Note . . .

Tuesday, September 22 – Photo Day for K-4 (this includes Ms. Mang and Mme. Macpherson-Chambers)

Wednesday, September 23 – Photo Day for K, Gr 4/5Maxemniuk-Gr 8

Thursday, September 24 – Opening School Mass at Holy Spirit, at 9:30 am

Friday, September 25 – Subway Hot Lunch

Monday, September 28 – Truth and Reconciliation Liturgy in PM.

Tuesday, September 29 – Orange Shirt Day

Wednesday, September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Meet our St. Luke Staff

Kindergarten English – Sarah Nisbet
Kindergarten French – Michelle Brisebois
Grade 1 English – Jodi Wist
Grade 1 French – Kristin Cameron
Grade 1/2 English – Donna Knihniski
Grade 1/2 French – Khinyamohn Aung
Grade 2 French – Katelyne Bohmann
Grade 2/3 English – Reina Cowan
Grade 3 French – Stefani Krawchuk
Grade 3/4 English – Jennifer Adair
Grade 4 French – Kathryn Macpherson-Chambers
Grade 4 English – Jessica Mang/Urvashi Behla
Grade 4/5 English – Kelley-Anne Maxemniuk
Grade 5/6 French – Curtis Pek
Grade 5/6 English – Alysha Joanette
Grade 6 – Jeremy Holcomb
Grade 7/8 – Christine Jubo
Grade 7/8 – Jay Eichorst
Gr 7/8 – Blair Weinheimer
Gr 7/8 French – Colton Ward

Release Teachers – Bryden Szejvolt, Olena Pavlovska, Urvashi Behla, Mitchell Fenske, Alia Diehl
Learning Assistance Teacher English – Nicole Menzies
Learning Assistance Teacher– Katherine Wardrop-Varkonyi
Classroom Complexity – Michelle Wiens
Band – Sarah Scharf
EAL Teacher – Tara Scheck
Counsellor – Denae Pellerin
Speech Language Pathologist – Rochelle Konkin
Education Assistant Team –Candace Kimpton, Tola Ajayi, Miriam Osiyemi, Sangeetha John, Leo Conquergood, Alberta Addae, Ayisha Ghias, Christina Florizone
Head Caretaker – Dustin McInnis
Evening Caretaker – Huberto Sending
Office Coordinator – Michele Herperger
Vice-Principal – Curtis Pek
Principal – Shelly Lord

School Times

8:35 a.m. - First bell

8:40 a.m. - Start of school day

10:10 a.m. - Recess

11:40 a.m. - Lunch Recess Cohort B

12:02 p.m. - Lunch Recess Cohort A

12:25 p.m. - Start of afternoon classes

1:55 p.m. - Recess

3:10 p.m. - Dismissal

Cohort A

Kindergarten to Gr 3

Cohort B

Gr 4 to Gr 8

Back to School Reminders…

Start of the Day

Students should not arrive at school before 8:20 a.m. unless they are attending the Before and After School Program. Information on the Before and After School Program is available by phoning the YMCA at 306-652-7515. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

EDSBY ATTENDANCE

REPORTING SYSTEM

Please use Edsby to record your child's absences.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

- We would ask parents to report their child's absence through Edsby ideally before 8:40 am.
- Students who do arrive late need to check in at the office to get an Admit Slip.
- If you receive a call from indicating your child is not at school, do not press "redial" to excuse your child's absence. Redial does not direct you to St. Luke School.

If your child is going to be away for multiple days, please do send a note to your child's teacher as well as entering it in Edsby.

"Beginning of the Year" Forms Package

Please ensure all student information is up to date, **including the correct email address and phone numbers**. **We ask that you return the package completed and signed (some are double-sided) to your child's teacher by September 25.** Please do not separate the forms – just return them as a whole package. Thank you for your attention to this.

Edge Imaging Photos

The dates for school pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 22 (K-4M) and Tuesday, September 23 (K, 4/5M-8). Picture retakes will take place November 6.

Be Seen In Jeans

You might notice on occasion that staff are wearing blue jeans. Staff know it is a privilege to do so and have made a donation to the GSCS Foundation and United Way in order to be seen in jeans.

Newsletters

Today we have sent home our newsletter via Edsby. It was also be published on the River of News in Edsby. Our newsletters will be published every second Tuesday. We would like everyone to know that our school newsletter and monthly calendar is viewable on the St. Luke website found at:

www.gscs.sk.ca/luk

Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch Days

The St. Luke CSCC will be hosting fun lunch days throughout the year using the Healthy Hunger platform. Please review the instructions below to set up your student's account. All funds raised through our Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch Days are put right back into your student's classroom to help sponsor field trips. We thank all families in advance for your support for our lunch days. It is appreciated!

If your child is unexpectedly absent on a day that you have ordered lunch on, please contact your classroom teacher or the school no later than 11:00 am with instructions if it is to be set aside for you to pick up. Additionally, if your child is in Kindergarten, please note the days which they are attending school as not all lunches take place on Kindergarten days. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Setting up your family's account is easy!

1. Go to healthyhunger.ca and click on "register your student" to sign up for your free account and add all the children in your family who attend St. Luke. Please ensure you select the correct classroom for each student as this information is used by our vendors to help sort and pack the orders.
2. You can now view all the lunch dates on the calendar, review the menus and pricing and place your orders. Orders close FIVE days before the scheduled lunch date.
3. All payments are made online.

Sept 25 Subway

October 9 Dairy Queen

October 30 Boston Pizza

November 19 Wendel Clark's

December 4 Edo Japan

December 18 Fresh Slice Pizza

January 15 Subway

January 29 TBD

February 12 Boston Pizza

March 5 Dairy Queen

March 18 Subway

April 16 Fresh Slice Pizza

April 30 Taco Time

May 12 Subway (lunches for classes attending the track meet delivered to Gordie Howe)

May 28 Fresh Slice Pizza

Milk Program

The milk program will resume this year. Milk (chocolate or white) can be purchased for $1.25 each. Bulk tickets can be purchased at the office in the following amounts:

4 for $5

8 for $10

If you want to send money instead of purchasing tickets, we would ask that you only send correct change. Thanks!

St. Luke CSCC:

Hello! My name is Chad Therres, and I am honored to serve as Chair of the Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) this year. I have two children - my son, Jackson, is in Grade 1 French Immersion here at St. Luke, and my daughter, Parker, will be joining us in kindergarten in a couple of years. This is my second year with the CSCC and my first year as Chair, beginning a two-year term in this role. I'm excited about the year ahead and the opportunity to work alongside our dedicated parents, staff, and administration to enhance our children's educational experience. The CSCC is a wonderful way to have your voice heard, learn more about what's happening at our school, and actively help shape the programs and initiatives that benefit our kids. If you're interested in joining or simply want to learn more about what we do, please don't hesitate to reach out to any CSCC member - we'd love to have you involved!

Our members:

Chair Chad Therres

Co-Chair Janet Tranborg

Secretary Alyssa Csada

Past Chair Melanie Giannios

Member at Large Amanda Slogotski

Member at Large Kady Hamilton

Member at Large Kenechukwu Ibezi

Member at Large Janel Gutka

Member at Large Breanna Theoret



CSCC September Meeting Highlights

🎯 CSCC reviewed this year's priorities, including supporting school community and learning, expanding the playground, and promoting student and staff wellness.

🛝 The school division has committed $80,000 toward a future playground expansion, and CSCC will continue gathering information about project scope, costs, grants, and sponsorship opportunities.

🥖 The Meet the Teacher BBQ happened on September 10 at 5:30 p.m., with CSCC organizing food and volunteers for a community-building event that brought families and the school community together. Thank-you everyone who attended the event and make it a success

📱 CSCC approved the purchase of six new Chromebooks for the school.

🚌 CSCC approved $8,000 from the Healthy Hunger account to provide $400 for each of the school's 20 classrooms.

🗓️ The next CSCC meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.; a survey will be sent to help determine preferred meeting dates going forward.

SafeShip Nurses

Hi École St. Luke School!
We are excited to join the school this fall as the SafeShip Nurses. We will be at the school every Tuesday and Wednesday until December.
Our goal is to support the health and well-being of students and staff while getting to know the École St. Luke School community. We are looking forward to being involved in the school, connecting with students, and supporting a happy and healthy school environment.
One initiative we will be starting up as of September 22nd is the Ya-Ya's on Tuesdays and Yo-Yo's on Wednesdays for the grade 7 & 8 students. This will take place every week during lunch hours. Come talk to us for more information.
If you see us around the school, please feel free to come say hello. We can't wait to meet everyone and have a great fall together.
See you around the school!
Your SafeShip Nurses

Holy Spirit Parish News….

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

Fr. Joseph Salihu, Pastor

Fr. Michael, Associate Pastor

www.holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

Have You Ever Wondered What You Should Do When You Have a Concern About Your Child's Teacher or Classroom?

Differences of opinion between home and school do occur. Many parents and teachers are challenged by how best to move forward to ensure a positive outcome. As administrators of St. Luke, we would like to share a few ways in which parents and teachers can build bridges when they have differences of opinion related to the student, behavior and/or work in the classroom.

We suggest that concerns be expressed ***first*** to the classroom teacher (in person, *if possible*, as opposed to an email or text). The teacher is generally the one who has the *big* picture. Some parents feel that going directly to the school administrators is the first step; however, they often lack the background information that is necessary to add clarity to a concern. While both of us are ALWAYS open to supporting students along with parents and teachers, we recommend you begin with the teacher. Remember they are the ones who are with your child all day/every day. If you feel your concern is not understood or addressed by the classroom teacher, we would not hesitate to become involved.

It is important for both parties to remember that everyone is acting with the best of intentions for the child in question. However, in a classroom environment the teacher must also consider the needs of many students. This is something that parents may not be aware of or can forget. In the same way, teachers must realize there are often issues at home that must be taken into consideration. What each can do, however, is listen carefully to see if they can learn something from the other to improve the situation.
We can say with certainty that each teacher at our school takes their role very seriously. Each teacher has an individual approach to teaching and works hard in creating a welcoming classroom environment that is conducive to learning. In addition, all teachers and administrators have strengths and weaknesses.

It is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion, but still there is often frustration when someone doesn't share our point of view. Both teachers and parents need to remind themselves that differences in values can be bridged only by respect for each other's values and a willingness to compromise. In addition, teachers and parents should make sure to check the facts with each other before jumping to any conclusions or assigning blame.

Sometimes, parents and teachers may have very different perceptions of a student, and both are usually correct. It is not surprising that students behave differently in different contexts. By sharing their perceptions, parents and teachers each develop a greater understanding of the student, thus facilitating a focus on mutually helping the child.

For parents, it's important to meet with the teacher as soon as possible when any concerns develop, to share these concerns, and to listen carefully to the teacher's perspective so that they really understand what happens in his or her child's classroom. Moreover, it is important to take this opportunity to share information with the teacher so that they can better understand and meet the needs of your child.
In closing, we recognize that you may not always agree with what happens at school. However, through open and frank conversations with your child's teacher we can work together, as a team, to best meet the needs of your child within the constructs of the classroom and school. The best way to make this happen for students, parents and teachers is by being a strong team that works together.

