



Grade 8 Registration Information 2020-21

We look forward to welcoming you to Grade 8!

Lakeland Ridge is a K-9 school that follows a 6-day, 6 period timetable. This will be a new timetable compared to last year's, 6-day, 7 period timetable. Just as in grade 7, grade 8 students will take a combination of "core" courses and "complementary" courses.

Core courses are courses that all students take, as mandated by Alberta Education. They are English Language Arts, Health, Math, Physical Education, Science, and Social Studies.

Complementary courses are courses that are more often referred to as option courses. These are the courses that students choose based on areas of interest. Students at Lakeland Ridge take 6 options courses throughout the year. The complementary courses are split into 2 semesters, meaning students will take 3 complementary courses during Semester 1 (September - January) and 3 complementary courses in Semester 2 (February - June). There are 2 exceptions to semestered courses which are French and Band. Each of these complementary courses are full year courses. If students select French or Band, they would count as 2 courses in their group of 6.

All fees charged for complementary courses are cost-recovery. The course fee covers supplies that are consumed during the course. The field trip fee covers the expected expenses of anticipated field trip(s). Field trips are excellent opportunities for students to experience the course's learning outcomes in a unique way outside of the classroom. The field trip fee is paid at the beginning of each semester so teachers can plan and budget for the proposed field trips. New, this year, field trips are optional for students. Therefore, families can make the decision to opt out of the field trip fee. If the decision is made to opt out of the field trip fee, students will not attend the course's planned field trip(s). Students will still be expected to attend school those days and work will be provided. For course field trips to move forward, a minimum number of students opting in will be required. There are three courses where opting out of the field trip is not an option: Performing Arts, Recreational Fitness, and Technical Theatre. The Performing Arts and Technical Theatre field trip is an all-day, in-class workshop with outside guest experts who are paid a fee to come in and host sessions. Recreational Fitness is a field trip-based course. If students do not wish to participate in Recreational Fitness field trips, Sports Acceleration would be a good alternative option to choose.

Below is the list of complementary courses offered to Grade 8s at Lakeland Ridge. The list includes a variety of courses representing a diverse range of interest areas. There are also a number no-cost and low-cost options for families. Following the list are course descriptions and course fees.

Students, in consultation with their parents will identify and rank their top 12 course choices. The administrative team at Lakeland Ridge will do its best to accommodate students' requests. In some cases, due to lack of student interest, courses in the list may not be offered as courses require a minimum number of students to move ahead.

To select and rank complementary choices, we will be using the same online booking system that we use for school interviews.

The website is <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca>. Our event code is **789cc**.

Once you are in the event, please use first and last names for both parent and student(s), indicate if you would like a school agenda for the 2020-21 school year, and then follow the instructions for selecting and ranking your complementary courses.

Please complete your course preference selection by Friday, May 15, 2020

• Advanced Construction	• Drama	• Photography
• App Savvy	• French	• Pottery
• Art	• Leadership	• Recreational Fitness
• Band	• Learning Strategies	• Snacks and Appetizers
• Creative Crafts	• Outdoor Education	• Sports Acceleration
• Digital Media and Design	• Performing Arts	• Technical Theatre
		• Textile Arts

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES & DESCRIPTIONS FOR 2020-21

ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION

Course Fee - \$38.00

Optional Additional Project Fee - \$16

This course is designed for students that are interested in learning how to empower themselves to build and create a custom wood project. Popular projects include: Mini-baseball Bats, Regulation Baseball Bat, Drum Sticks, Mini-Hockey Sticks, Ping-Pong Paddle Sets, Longboards, Skateboards Skimboards, Cutting Boards, Shadow Boxes, Shelves, Picture Frames, Wall Art, Store Quality Signs, Small Furniture Pieces, and much, much more. Students gain the knowledge and skills to create a custom project or modify existing project plans to suit their needs. At the end of this course you can take pride in the project you create and you will take a significant step forward in your personal development as a skilled builder.

APP SAVVY

Course Fee - \$10.50

This course uses a project-based and problem-solving approach to teach students a variety of technology and next generation internet skills that go beyond basic computer skills. Through individual and group work, students will learn applications that increase their understanding of and ability with technology.

ART

Course Fee - \$14.00

Field Trip - \$29.75

In Art 8, students will have first-hand to create and express themselves, as well as appreciate and critique other artist's work. They will experience a wide variety of projects including painting, plaster or wire sculpture, glass mosaics, inking and pastels while also honing their drawing and sketching skills. Students will study techniques and methods used by local, Aboriginal and international artists; while learning about the societal significance of many different forms of art.

BAND - Full Year Course (*This will count as 2 courses of 6 that students will take.*)

Course Fee - \$14.00

Field Trip - \$21.00

Band Camp - \$210.00 (Optional, to be confirmed)

*Rental Fee - \$90.00

Band 8 is designed to develop well-rounded musicians, focusing on refining their musical and performance skills. Field trips may include opportunities to perform at concerts and special events, an optional band camp, and attending professional ensemble concerts. *only if required.

CREATIVE CRAFTS

Course Fee - \$20.00

The course is hands-on where students develop and refine their fine motor skills by working with materials in new and creative ways. Project considerations include paper crafts, textile art, yarn crafts, Mod Podge, painting, and other mediums. Students learn the basics of various crafts and hobbies and then use those techniques to express themselves in creative and tangible ways. Majority of supplies are provided and students are encouraged to use upcycled materials when materials are needed from home.

DIGITAL MEDIA & DESIGN

Course Fee - \$25.00

This course is for students interested in creating projects that allow them to explore techniques for applying traditional art techniques and computer aided graphic work to: posters, cartoons, comics, logo's, signs, t-shirts, coffee mugs, and stickers. In addition to these projects students will also have the ability to create stunning 3D renderings for: video game characters, interior and exterior design, and architecture. Students can also create original artwork (sketches, drawings, paintings) and will have the ability to enhance them digitally if desired.

DRAMA

Course Fee - No Cost

Field Trip - \$21.00

The drama program fosters a positive self-concept in students by encouraging them to explore life and express themselves. Students will participate in a variety of activities, using both bodies and voices as tools. Classes will work on short plays and small group projects geared toward skill development.

FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE - Full Year Course

(*This will count as 2 courses of 6 that students will take.*)

Course Fee - No Cost

Field Trip - \$35.50

This class challenges students to learn a second language in a fun and innovative way! Students will study the following subject areas: animals, clothing, and food. Students will be required to participate in oral classroom activities and complete written assignments

LEADERSHIP

Course Fee - \$5.00

Students will learn skills to develop and enhance their leadership capacity. Students will commit to adopting a leadership role within the school and community. This will include team leader responsibilities in areas such as: student interest groups, liaising with staff on school matters and governance, event/activity planning and implementation, humanitarian involvement, mentoring, school spirit, etc.

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Course Fee - No Cost

In this course, students will learn about organization, study strategies, coping with deadlines, and how to best ensure that they will be successful in their school subjects. Through fun activities and regular organization/study blocks, this course helps students to take control of their learning in junior high.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Course Fee - \$10.50

Field Trip - \$31.50

Camping - \$165.00

Outdoor Education consists of three components: environment (living things & ecological processes), outdoor (basic knowledge, skills & attitudes for safe, comfortable, outdoor experiences) and personal/team development (understanding, respect, and appreciation for self & others). The course will include field trips, indoor and outdoor activities, as well as classroom projects. An optional overnight camping trip is also an exciting part of the course.

PERFORMING ARTS

Course Fee - \$5.00

Field Trip - \$21.00*mandatory fee

Lakeland Wolves Production Extra-Curricular Fee - \$131.00

Calling all performers! We are looking for students who want to be involved in our school's next big production. This class gives firsthand experience at all elements involved in putting on a large scale theatre production. If you love acting, this class allows you to focus on that passion and play a key role in the year's big show.

Lakeland Wolves Production Extra-Curricular Opportunity:

Aside from performing arts and technical theatre classes, all junior high students will have the opportunity to be involved in our musical production of Mary Poppins Jr. Students who sign up for this extra-curricular activity will be rehearsing or working on technical theatre elements after school from September until the show. Some Saturday rehearsals will be held from September to December as well. There will also be some dress rehearsals in January.

Please note: Due to the demanding nature, strong preference for casting roles will be given to students who are in Performing Arts classes.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Course Fee - \$10.50

The photography program is designed to teach students the theoretical and technical aspects of digital photography. Students will use digital cameras and associated computer hardware and software for creating, modifying, and producing images.

POTTERY

Course Fee - \$40.00

Interested in learning how to work with clay? This course will provide an introduction to the tools and techniques needed to create beautiful hand built pieces. Students will also be introduced to the pottery wheel.

RECREATIONAL FITNESS

Course Fee - \$15.50

Field Trip - \$110.00*mandatory fee

This course is open to students who have previously demonstrated a positive attitude and genuine interest in PE. Course content includes fitness and training principles, sports safety, and an appreciation for sports leisure activities. It will encourage a healthy attitude combined with fair play and sportsmanship in recreational activities. Students will participate in a wide variety of sports, individual pursuits, and fitness activities, both on and off-site. Please note that swimming is a required element of this course. Students who cannot swim will be given basic skill instruction in order to participate.

SNACKS & APPETIZERS

Course Fee - \$55.00

Love to Cook? Students will explore the importance of food as it relates to culture and lifestyle. Students will prepare numerous healthy and delicious snacks and appetizers as they learn new techniques and skills in the kitchen.

SPORTS ACCELERATION

Course Fee - No Cost

Field Trip - \$13.00

The goal of the course is to allow students to gain an understanding of sports training, anatomy, and physiology. They will be instructed in and practice proper training in every discipline of sporting mastery. Students will gain greater knowledge of nutrition, anaerobic and aerobic training, biomechanics, as well as technical sport practice so they may implement personal training for their chosen school or community sport.

TECHNICAL THEATRE

Course Fee - \$5.00

Field Trip - \$21.00

Lakeland Wolves Production Extra-Curricular Fee - \$131.00

Calling all designers, technicians, and stage crew! We are looking for students who want to be involved in the 'behind the scenes' elements of our school's next big production. This class will be responsible for all of the technical elements involved in putting on Mary Poppins Jr, from design concept to production week. Whether you love the artistic design aspect or have an interest in technical careers, this class allows you to focus on that passion and play a key role in the year's big show.

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TEXTILE ARTS *(Previously known as Fashion Studies)*

Course Fee - \$10.00

This course provides students with an opportunity to explore their creativity and develop important life skills. Students will have the opportunity to make a variety of projects sewn both by hand and machine. Projects include but are not limited to; creating an “Ugly Doll”, pyjama pants and personal choice upcycled item. Students are responsible for providing the fabric for 1-2 projects.