



Grade 8 Registration Information 2021-22

We look forward to welcoming you to Grade 8!

Lakeland Ridge is a K-9 school that follows a 6-day, 6 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 complementary 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 of 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 (1 being most desired, 12 being least desired). Students will identify 6 option courses and rank them from 1-6, then choose 6 alternate course selections and rank them 7-12. 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 PowerSchool parent portal. Please watch the video [How to Register for Option Courses](#) for a detailed guide.

Please complete your course preference selection by Wednesday April 14, 2021.

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

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES & DESCRIPTIONS FOR 2021-22

★ All videos were filmed following appropriate Covid-19 protocols and any videos/photos without masks were filmed prior to Covid-19.

ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION

Course Fee - \$54.50

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. [Check out the video!](#)

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. [Check out the video!](#)

ART

Course Fee - \$14.00

Field Trip - \$29.75

In Art 8, students will have first-hand opportunities 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, pottery, plaster or wire sculpture, 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. [Check out the video!](#)

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 (*Only if required)

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. [Check out the video!](#)

MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT (BOOKMARK-ETING)

Course Fee - \$40.00

Are you a budding entrepreneur? Do you want to learn the fundamentals of marketing and promoting a business? In this class students will choose a novel to read and to analyze. They will then create a book launch campaign promoting the novel. Students will enjoy a book club atmosphere while learning the fundamentals of marketing and promotion. [Check out the video!](#)

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. [Check out the video!](#)

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. [Check out the video!](#)

DRAMA

Course Fee - \$5.00

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 include active games, improvisation, theatre sports, scripted acting, and creative group projects - all geared toward self-knowledge, connection, collaboration, and of course extreme fun. [Check out the video!](#)

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

Students with no previous French experience may take French 8. 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. [Check out the video!](#)

LEADERSHIP

Course Fee - \$15.50

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.

[Check out the video!](#)

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.

[Check out the video!](#)

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. [Check out the video!](#)

PERFORMING ARTS

Course Fee - \$5.00

Field Trip - \$21.00*mandatory fee

Calling all performers, designers, and technicians! We are looking for students who want to learn everything musical theatre! This class gives first hand experience with all elements involved in putting on a large scale theatrical production. If you love acting, the artistic design aspect, or have an interest in technical theatre, this class allows you to explore each of the career paths. Students do not need to take Performing Arts in order to audition for the school's musical production. This is different from previous years. [Check out the video!](#)

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. [Check out the video!](#)

POTTERY

Course Fee - \$50.00

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. [Check out the video!](#)

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. [Check out the video!](#)

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. [Check out the video!](#)

SPORTS ACCELERATION

Course Fee - \$16.00

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. [Check out the video!](#)

TEXTILE ARTS *(Previously known as Fashion Studies)*

Course Fee - \$15.00

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. Previous sewing experience is not required. [Check out the video!](#)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITY

LLR WOLVES THEATRE PRODUCTION

NEW THIS YEAR - Students do not choose this as an option. Information will be provided to students in September.

Lakeland Wolves Production Extra-Curricular

Fee - \$131.00

All junior high students will have the opportunity to audition for our musical production. Students who sign up for this extra-curricular activity will be rehearsing, or working on technical theatre elements after school. Some Saturday rehearsals will be held as well. There will also be some dress rehearsals leading up to the show. Students do not need to take Performing Arts in order to be in the school's musical production. This is different from previous years.