



Grade 8 Registration Information 2023-24

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 (August - January) and 3 complementary courses in Semester 2 (February - June). However, if a student selects French, they will take French for the full year. Therefore, if students select French, this will 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. 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 two courses where opting out of the field trip is not an option: Performance Arts Production and Recreational Fitness. The Performance Arts Production 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 9 course choices (1 being most desired, 9 being least desired). 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 **Monday, May 1, 2023.**

• Art 8	• Foods 8	• Performance Arts Production 8
• Communication Arts and Media Relations 8	• French as a Second Language 8	• Recreational Fitness 8
• Construction Technologies 8	• Graphic Arts 8	• Sports Acceleration 8
• Creative Design and Production 8	• Leadership 8	• STEM Challenge 8
• Design Studies 8	• Learning Strategies 8	• Textile Arts and Technologies 8
• Drama 8	• Outdoor Education 8	.

COMPLEMENTARY COURSES & DESCRIPTIONS FOR 2023-24

ART 8

Course Fee - \$15.00

Field Trip - \$31.50

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 that may include 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, Indigenous and international artists; while learning about the societal significance of many different forms of art.

COMMUNICATION ARTS AND MEDIA RELATIONS 8

Course Fee - \$11.00

This course allows students to discover and explore the impact of media and film on their daily lives and society. Students may explore the common forms in which information is relayed to the public (text, pictures, symbols, video and sound), as well as the science and technology behind creating various forms of media and film. Students may plan, create, and present messages or products that incorporate the concepts learned throughout the challenges. Areas of exploration and challenges may include journalism, social media, marketing and advertising, photography, film studies, Television, and media studies.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES 8

(Formally Known as Construction)

Course Fee - \$57.75

Construction Technologies will help students to develop skills and attitudes related to the design and production process using a variety of materials and techniques. Through a series of building challenges, students will use problem solving skills and collaboration to explore different production methods and applications. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: safety procedures and processes, material evaluation and selection, sustainable building practices, design and drafting, hazard identification control and worksite organization and project management.

CREATIVE DESIGN AND PRODUCTION 8

(Formally Known as Pottery)

Course Fee - \$52.50

Through the Makerspace concept with a focus on pottery, students will create, innovate, and evaluate as they explore, create new products, or improve ones that already exist. The Creative Design and Production classroom will expose students to a variety of tools, materials, and concepts allowing them to bring their ideas to life. This course will also consider sustainability and reducing environmental impact through the re-purpose and re-use of materials where possible. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: composition, materials options in physical art such as sculpture, principles of visual marketing, creative crafting principles and technologies, production waste reduction and sustainable building practices.

DESIGN STUDIES 8

(Formally Known as Creative Crafts)

Course Fee - \$26.25

Design studies will focus on design practices that can be used to influence the people and environment around them. In this course students will develop an understanding of the design thinking process through researching and designing a product or prototype from start to finish. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: paper crafts, textile art, design styles, 2D & 3D crafting, and design revision.

DRAMA 8

Course Fee - \$5.25

Field Trip - \$22.00

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.

FOODS 8

Course Fee - \$58.75

Students will learn, understand, and experience kitchen basics such as safety, measurement, mixing, cutting, and recipe planning and preparation. This course concentrates on nutrition and preparation of simple recipes allowing students to develop basic skills in safe food handling, safe kitchen practices, and recipe planning and execution. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: safe work practices and environments, hygiene and sanitation, safe handling of kitchen tools and equipment, working knowledge of a food preparation area, planning and preparing of basic foods and baking, execution of basic baking recipes (cookies, muffins, cakes, breads, etc.), using different methods to prepare meals, creation and presentation of recipes, the food industry and entrepreneurship.

FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE 8 - Full Year Course

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

Course Fee - No Cost

Field Trip - \$37.25

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.

GRAPHIC ARTS 8

(Formally Known as Digital Design)

Course Fee - \$26.25

Students will focus on the field of graphic arts in a variety of mediums and the idea of using their art for the purpose of communicating a thought, concept or message to an audience. Students will have the opportunity to create a portfolio showcasing their original creations and designs. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: digital art, film creation, animation, photography and digital image manipulation, 2D & 3D design, cartooning, comic art and illustration.

LEADERSHIP 8

Course Fee - \$16.75

Students will plan for both personal and group leadership development and demonstrate effective teambuilding skills while participating as a member of a school-based leadership team. Students will develop a plan for their own personal growth as a member of a leadership team and examine the various behaviors, skills, and roles of team members that contribute to team effectiveness and a positive school culture. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: interpersonal skill development, advocacy for change, mentorship, leading and supporting school activities, school pride and culture.

LEARNING STRATEGIES 8

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 8

Course Fee - \$11.00

Field Trip - \$33.00

Camping - \$173.25

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.

PERFORMANCE ARTS PRODUCTION 8

Course Fee - \$5.25

Field Trip - \$22.00*mandatory fee

This course focuses on all aspects of theatre production and the careers that support it. Students will work through the processes of theatrical design, technical elements and performance throughout the creation of a production. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: technical – lighting and sound, set design and props, costuming and make-up, choreography and stage blocking, production, finance, promotion and performing.

RECREATIONAL FITNESS 8

Course Fee - \$16.75

Field Trip - \$121.25*mandatory fee

Recreational Fitness is a course designed to expose students to the benefits of being “fit for life,” and potential professions to help keep students engaged in the sport and wellness industry. The course content includes basic fitness and training principles, sports safety, and lifetime leisure activities such as swimming, bowling, biking, running, racket sports and various outdoor pursuits. Recreational Fitness will encourage a healthy attitude combined with fair play and sportsmanship in recreational activities. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: athletic leadership initiatives – team dynamics, volunteering, sports medicine – athletic injury prevention and management, game creation and participation, and careers related to the recreation industry. 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.

SPORTS ACCELERATION 8

Course Fee - \$17.25

Field Trip - \$14.00

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.

STEM CHALLENGE 8

Course Fee - \$11.00

Through STEM based challenges, students will use the scientific method and scientific principles to generate and evaluate ideas to solve problems. Students will apply theories, skills and techniques to create creative solutions to solve problems. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: design, build, and test a prototype, engineer a product to improve quality of life, environment, increase efficiency, etc. and participate in challenges to stretch creativity and innovation.

TEXTILE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGIES 8

(Formally Known as Fashion Studies)

Course Fee - \$15.75

Students will explore the textile industry and how it applies to their everyday life through a series of activities and challenges. Students will be exposed to multiple textile mediums, as well as how to use these textiles to create unique, attractive, and useable products. Students will also develop an awareness of the eco-footprint associated with production. Areas of exploration and challenges may include: creating and marketing a product, fashion design and creation, sewing, crocheting, knitting textiles a part of culture and history, textile trends (macrame, 3D printed fabric), costuming and sustainable fashion (vintage, second-hand, repurposing garments, etc.).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITY

LLR WOLVES THEATRE PRODUCTION

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

Lakeland Wolves Production Extra-Curricular

Fee - \$137.50

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.