



**Christ Our Model.
Children Our Focus.**

May 14, 2020

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We are blessed to witness excellence in Catholic education every day. During the week of May 18-May 22, we celebrate our annual Catholic Education Week in Alberta and in the Northwest Territories. This year the theme is: *United in prayer and grateful for Catholic schools*. This is a week specially set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and why the connection of home, parish and school is an important and integral part of Catholic education. As we think about the role of educators, the verse from Proverbs 22:6 comes to mind, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.” Our commitment to Lakeland Catholic staff, students, and families is unwavering. Our priority is to develop the values and beliefs of Christ-centred education to our entire community. We are committed to being active participants in the formation of our students. Our vision is clear: Christ is our Model, and Children our focus.

Our mission statement at Lakeland Catholic is: Opening hearts, minds and doors. As we reflect on the extraordinary circumstances that we are living right now, it may feel like we are disconnected; however, despite our social distance we have a relational connection that cannot be broken as parents, educators and our parishes continue to foster a unique partnership providing high quality learning experiences, and emotional and social support which empowers students who are well prepared to open the doors of their future with hope.

Thank you for creating a future for children that is rooted in faith and love. It continues to be our honour and privilege to serve Lakeland Catholic School Division.

Yours in Christ,

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