

CHRISTOPHER LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Home of the LAKERS

September 2021

Principal's Message

Dear CLPS Parents, Caregivers, and Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I trust that the summer break was a good one: filled with relaxation, happiness, and fun. Never before have I seen such hot stretches of weather during the summer. I was able to get in a lot of cycling (about 2,500 km worth), some fishing, and some time on the beaches and shore of Lake Huron. It was a great summer!

I am excited about this upcoming 2021-2022 school year for a couple of reasons. The first reason for the excitement is because of the new energy and dynamic that new staff members bring to a learning community. We are happy to have starting with us Mrs. Patricia Hazzard in Grade 2/3, Mrs. Shaunee Jansen in Grade 4, and Mr. David Bragg in Grade 6/7 (and Gr. 4-8 Physical Education)! The second reason for being excited about this school year has to do with the ability to connect our community to the school as it has been laid out in the 2021-2022 Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division's COVID Response Plan. Yes, there is still a masking requirement for all staff, students, and visitors, but we can now allow visitors into the school so long as they wear a face mask and sign in. And with the resumption of extracurricular sport, this means that we can once again enter schools to see our children engage in sport (i.e. volleyball and basketball) and meet with teachers (i.e. Meet the Teacher Night). These connections were sorely missed last year, and we are so glad to see them restored.

I am looking forward to seeing and speaking with many of you over the course of this year. Please know that I am always happy to meet with you or speak with you over the phone or in-person about ideas, questions, and concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dejan Letkeman - *Principal*

TIMETABLE



Arrival	8:10 – 8:15	Lunch	11:30 – 12:15
Period 1	8:15 – 9:00	Period 5	12:15 – 1:00
Period 2	9:00 – 9:45	Period 6	1:00 – 1:45
Recess	9:45 – 10:00	Recess	1:30 – 1:45
Period 3	10:00 – 10:45	Period 7	2:00 – 2:45
Period 4	10:45 – 11:30	Dismissal	2:45 – 2:50

STAFF 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

TEACHERS

Dejan Letkeman	Principal
Meagan Cook	Kindergarten
Shannon Schlamp	Grade 1/2
Patricia Hazzard	Grade 2/3
Shaunee Jansen	Grade 4
Ashley Kerley	Grade 5
Kristin Bates	Grade 6/7 & Phys. Ed.
David Bragg	Grade 6/7 & Phys. Ed.
Leah Liedtke	Grade 7/8
Jody Harkness	Educational Support Teacher & Grade 3 Math
Lauren Lohneis	Band



EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATES

John McDonald
 Tammy Lester
 Tera Gratias

ADDITIONAL STAFF

Angela Reinbrecht	School Based Social Worker
Nicole Baliski	Secretary / Library Assistant
Alan Lennox	Caretaker

CLPS Remind

We use Remind here at our school to communicate things that are happening within the school. Please sign up if you haven't already.



Christopher Lake Busing Remind

To receive timely updates and announcements regarding Christopher Lake busing routes, please subscribe to the SRPSD Transportation Department's Remind for Christopher Lake.

To: (902) 701-9279

Message: join clakebus

Cell Phones

At Christopher Lake Public School, we acknowledge that cell phones have the potential to be a great academic tool, as well as the potential to be a great distraction. We, therefore, seek to find a productive balance in the following cell phone protocol at our school. We expect that when students disembark from the buses at the beginning of the day, cell phones will be set to silent and stored. Cell phones should not be in use on the playground, hallways, or washrooms at CLPS. This will include having earbuds in and connected to the one's cell phone. We believe that recess times are an important part of social learning and interaction, and that using earbuds impedes this aspect of social development with one's peers.

Because cell phones can be a great classroom resource, students will be invited, at times, by their classroom teacher to use their cell phone in class. At the conclusion of the class, the classroom teacher will instruct students to again silence and store their cell phones. When it comes to ensuring that this important protocol is observed, the following steps will be taken when a student is found using their cell phone when they are not supposed to be:

- **First Time** – The staff member will be given the cell phone, and it will be returned to the student at the end of the day.
- **Second Time** – The staff member will be given the cell phone, and it will be kept in the Principal's office for the day. A call will be made to the student's parents. The phone will be returned to the student at the end of the day.
- **Third Time** – The staff member will be given the cell phone, and it will be kept in the Principal's office for the day. A call will be made to the student's parents for **them to retrieve the cell phone at their convenience.**

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Once again we are going to keep our school completely **NUT** free. This is to protect our students who have severe allergies. Please do not send any foods that contains even a trace amount of nuts to school in your child's lunch. If you would like more information please see the parent information page, safe schools tab, anaphylaxis information link. Thank you for your cooperation.



STUDENT FEES

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 must pay a \$30.00 student fee. This fee will be used to purchase materials that support student learning in the classroom. Please note: The school will accept fees in monthly installments.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each child received a supply list before the beginning of the school year. If you have not had a chance to get all of the supplies on the list, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPIRIT DAYS

In order to encourage school spirit we will be having spirit days throughout the year. Please encourage your child to participate as much as possible. The spirit days will be indicated on the newsletter as they are planned.

CLASSROOM NEWS

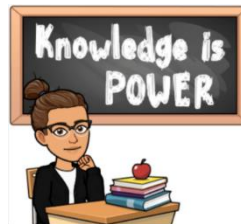
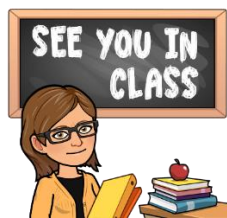
Kindergarten – Mrs. Cook

Welcome to School Kindertentens,

I hope your first day at school was as fun for you as it was for me. We are going to build math, literacy, science and social skills through play this year and it will be a blast. Not to mention learning how to properly wash our hands and keep our areas clean. Do not forget to sign up for SEESA W as this is our main communication piece.

For those who are new to the school my name is Meagan Cook and this is my 5th year teaching Kindergarten at Christopher Lake. I live in the community and have 5 wonderful children, Shaylyne 15, Olivia 13, James 10, Kendall 9, Jesse 7 and my husband Joe. Please feel free to stop me and introduce yourself. I may not teach your child but every child at this school is my student!!!

Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Schlamp



Hello Grade 1/2 Class!

We have been busy preparing for your arrival. We are very excited for the 2021-22 school year. Some of you have been in this class before as Grade 1s and are now Grade 2s, some of you are brand new to CLPS and some of you were in Kindergarten last year. The awesome news is we are excited to have each of you in our classroom!

“We” have another teacher in our class from now until Christmas. Ms. Reka Seesequasis is joining us as an intern from the University of Saskatchewan. Over the next four months, we will work together and Ms. Seesequasis will get an opportunity to do some teaching as it is her final year of university. I am excited and hope the students enjoy the experience.

Once again we will be wearing masks at school. We appreciate parents sending masks as possible, and we will have some disposable ones available as needed. We will continue to practice hand washing and

sanitizing, as well as encouraging students to respect personal space by social distancing. All guests to our school will be required to wear masks as well. Thank you for adhering to these safety measures.

We ask that students come to school with a FULL water bottle each day. We have two water filling stations when the students need a refill.

We will be using SEESAW as a method of communicating to parents and families. Please consider and complete the Seesaw permission forms and look for an invitation to sign up to our Seesaw classroom. We will also be using Edsby as our reporting system. Please follow the instructions and familiarize yourself with this home-school communication tool.

We firmly believe that a home/school "TEAM" approach best serves our learners. Please connect with us via Seesaw, email [_sschlamp@srsd119.ca](mailto:sschlamp@srsd119.ca) or by school telephone 306.982.2131 if you have any questions or concerns.

We wish all LAKERS –current, past and future- a year filled with excitement, laughter, kindness and learning.

In a world where you can be anything, be KIND!

Ms. Seesequasis and Mrs. Schlamp

Grade 2/3 - Mrs. Hazzard



Hello and welcome to a brand new school year! I hope everyone had a very enjoyable summer. My name is Mrs. Patricia Hazzard and I will be teaching in the grade 2/3 classroom this year. I have taught in Christopher Lake before, but have spent the last six years teaching grade 1 in Meath Park. I live at Emma Lake and am really looking forward to be teaching in Christopher Lake again! I am also looking forward to a fun filled year with the grade 2 and 3 students! We will be doing many wonderful things throughout the year! I will teach ELA, Science, Social Studies and Health for the grade 2/3 students as well as grade 3 Math. This is going to be a great year! I look forward to meeting everyone.

Grade 4 – Mrs. Jansen

Hello, Grade 4 Families!

Welcome to a new and exciting school year! I hope you all had a safe, relaxing and fun-filled summer. I am excited to be teaching at CLPS and to get to know everyone. I hope we can connect in person (and inside my classroom!) at our upcoming Meet the Teacher event on September 8th. I reside in the townsite of Waskesiu Lake and have been commuting to teach in Prince Albert for the last 4 years. Now, I am very

thankful for a shorter commute to CLPS! My family is currently growing and I am expected to be going on maternity leave at the beginning of January. The teacher that will be taking my maternity leave is Miss Zoe Carrier. We will make the transition as smooth as possible for your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (306)982-2131 or email at sjansen@srsd119.ca. September will be a month full of relationship building, establishing routines and making your child's safety/well-being my top priority. Thank you for your continued trust through these unprecedented times. I am looking forward to a great year full of learning, laughter and fun together!

Take care! Mrs. Shaunee Jansen

Grade 5 – Mrs. Kerley

Hello everyone and welcome back to another school year! I hope you all had a nice summer and that you got to enjoy the beautiful weather we got. I am excited to meet all of my students and for the learning and connections that we will make! I will be setting up Class Dojo as our communication tool and will communicate about our upcoming units on their as well. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you to ensure your child's success this school year!

Grade 6/7 – Mrs. Bates & Mr. Bragg

Helllooo Lakers! We are so happy to be back for the 2021-2022 school year and are looking forward to all the wonderful learning experiences we will be embarking on! We hope you had a restful and relaxing summer and were able to enjoy some of the fabulous weather Saskatchewan bestowed upon us!



Mrs. Bates spent most of her summer completing her Master's Degree but also made sure to squeeze in some time to read, run, and enjoy the outdoors with her husband and two daughters.

Mr. Bragg is excited to be joining the family at CLPS after teaching mostly Gr. 5-7 at Osborne School for two years and Gr. 7 at King George for one year. In the summer, he and his wife traveled to visit family and friends in Ontario and Quebec and also spent time at home with their two cats, Darla and Smokey.



This upcoming year, Grade 6/7 will be taught by both Mrs. Bates (Math, ELA, Career Ed.) and Mr. Bragg (Social, Science, Health, Art). Both Mr. Bragg and Mrs. Bates will also be teaching Intermediate and Primary Physical Education to our Lakers this year. Communication will largely occur via Seesaw, so please

ensure you read the parent letter and sign the permission form. Please don't hesitate to contact us at the school or via email if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy School Year!

Kristin Bates (kbates@srsd119.ca)

David Bragg (dbragg@srsd119.ca)

Grade 7/8 – Mrs. Liedtke



Happy New Year! This is the time of year that marks the 'REAL' New Year for me. I know the calendar tells me that we are part way through the year but for me, as a teacher, this is it! It is a time where everything is new and fresh. Great hopes and goals have been set. It is a time where reflection can take place and eagerness of moving forward with my new group of students makes this an exhilarating time. I am eager to see all the familiar CLPS faces from our learning community and would like to welcome new students and families to one of the best schools. It is always positive to add new perspective and energy to an already healthy community.



I would like to wish all the students a successful year. Make it your BEST one yet! I would like to wish the parents luck in making school lunches so early in the morning. ☺ I would also like to thank you for being a part of OUR CLPS team. We all are a part of "our" children's education. I would like to wish my fellow colleagues a "fun" and engaging year. I am happy I get to work with you all!

Happy New Year! Happy September!



Band – Mrs. Lohneis

Welcome back to CLPS! It is an exciting start-up in the world of Band this year, as we have been given the go-ahead to resume wind band instruction. After a full year of ukulele, your regular instruments are back in action! I am feeling cautiously optimistic about the return to Band, and we all know that the Covid-19 pandemic is not over. Rest assured for parents and students alike that we will be resuming regular Band activities with continued focus on Covid-19 safety. Stay tuned

(pun totally intended!) for Band updates as we get rolling this year. I can't wait to finally hear the sounds of your instruments again in the music program! Welcome back and WOOHOO!

Ed. Support – Ms. Harkness

Hello!

I hope everyone had a healthy summer break! I am so excited to be back to school and see all the smiling faces! In case you do not know me, my name is Ms. Harkness. This is my tenth year at Christopher Lake Public School. I am the Student Support Service teacher and this year I get the pleasure of teaching grade 3 math. I am super excited to be able to work with such a great group of students! I hope everyone has a great school year!



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Important School Bus Information

We are making every effort to recruit and train new drivers so as to avoid a shortage, but we need your help. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about becoming a school bus driver, please contact Ryan Bruce, Manager of Transportation Services at (306) 763-2323. You can also apply online at www.srsd119.ca. Look for the “Now Hiring School Bus Drivers” button at the bottom of the page.

Training can be done at your pace and can fit around almost any other schedule (work or home) you have to keep. Your community is in great need of bus drivers and any calls would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Ryan Bruce