



# FATHER LEONARD VAN TIGHEN SCHOOL

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DECEMBER 2019

Check out our  
BLOGS

Chris Smeaton's Message

[http://  
wordpress.holyspirit.ab.ca  
/?p=2201](http://wordpress.holyspirit.ab.ca/?p=2201)

Greg Kostiuik, Principal  
<https://gregkostiuk.com>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### DEC. 12

⇒ P.M.—Elementary  
Christmas Activities

### DEC. 19

⇒ Jr. High Christmas  
Formal Dinner &  
Dance

### DEC. 23—JAN. 3

⇒ NO SCHOOL  
Christmas Holidays

### JANUARY 6

⇒ RETURN TO SCHOOL

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

[WWW.FLVT.CA](http://WWW.FLVT.CA)

⇒ -Calendars and Events

⇒ - Calendar -

Co-curricular events

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Advent is here; to me, Advent has many messages. One is building a community. Advent and Christmas allow us to get together with family and friends to strengthen our bonds. A second message is a buildup to the celebration of the birth of Christ, the call to “make ready the way of the Lord.” This message is the one many families tend to focus on the most—preparing for Christmas with decorations, presents, and a feast. Another message of Advent is that we do not have to wait. God is with us now, here in our lives. Every day I see God at work in our learning community among our students, parents, and staff.

Please take time out of your busy Christmas season to remember the blessing we have of having Christ in our lives every day:

We continue to be blessed with supportive parents and a robust School Council. Please feel free to join us at any School Council meeting to provide your insights;

Our school continues to be blessed with terrific staff;

We have an incredible student population. Daily I get compliments about our students;

Finally, we are blessed with our learning community of Father Leonard Van Tighem School. Every day we show how we are “many hands building a better world.” Our school is truly a special place.

This year’s faith plan focuses on being ‘Being Mindful...Being Prayerful.’ I do not think there is a better season to model this than Advent and Christmas time. I saw this pic about keeping Christ in Christmas on social media:



This quote truly encapsulates the message of ‘Keep Christ in Christmas.’ This Advent and Christmas season feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies, and do unto others as you would have done unto you.

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas season,

*Greg Kostiuik*

PS – If you see me after Christmas time greet me with a Ukrainian Christmas greeting. In the Ukrainian culture during the Christmas season, you say, “Khristos royvsvya!”

(Christ is born!) This is answered by “Slavite Yoho!” (Let Us Glorify Him!).

## GR. 6 PARENT CAMP MEETING

December 4, 2019

7 p.m. in the Library

Please plan to attend.



### Notes from the Library

Thank you to everyone who literally braved the winter storm to come and support our Arctic Adventure Book Fair! In this time of government cutbacks, we especially appreciate your purchases! The library gets a minimum of 50% of every dollar you spend at the fair in FREE books for all of our students to enjoy.

At the time of this newsletter printing, we sold \$3, 076.85 worth of merchandise, so the library will receive Just over \$1,500.00 in FREE books!

The 4-way tie winners of the “Guess How Many Jumbo Marshmallow Snowballs” contest were Maxis from 1T, Piers from 1B, Isabelle from Morning K, and Josh from 3A! They each got to choose \$15 worth of items from the fair, and we drew names and Piers got the jar of marshmallows. The winner of “Guess How Many Miniature Marshmallow Snowballs” was Lily from 5H. There were 56 Jumbo Marshmallows, and the 4 students each guessed 55. There were 939 Miniature Marshmallows, and Lily guessed 1000. Congratulations!

The winner of the draw for \$25 worth of books for themselves, and \$25 worth for their teacher is Isabella and Mrs. Campmans from 4C. Congratulations!

Literacy is vital for every child’s learning, so not only are you supporting our library, but you are investing in your child’s future. Again, many thanks!

So cuddle up, stay in from the cold, and remember...there is SNOW much to READ!

### SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

December 11

*Our FLVT elementary choir will be singing at the City hall as a part of the 'Sounds of the Season' noon hour concerts running through the month of December. The performance will be from 12:00—12:30 in the atrium of the City Hall.*

*Everyone Welcome*



### A CANDLE LIGHT CHRISTMAS

December 18

*The Gr. 2 & 3 classes will be singing in an evening of Christmas music at **St. Basil's Church** on December 18 at 7:00 p.m. This is a quiet reflective evening of Christmas music in conjunction with the All Saints Senior Choir.*

*There will be refreshments following this service and a goodwill offering will be taken for Santa's Anonymous.*

*Everyone Welcome*



The grade fours were visited by a team of archeologists from the University of Lethbridge! The volunteers left the students in awe of their field of study. Both the presentation and the hands-on experience were extraordinary! Ask a grade 4 the difference between an ecofact, an artifact and a feature!



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Dec 5th  
7:45-8:45am  
Pre-orders only**

*Proceeds to Streets Alive Mission*



**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

**Dec 12th  
During lunch time**

*Proceeds going to Santa's Anonymous*

**VIRTUE VOUCHERS**

When staff members notices a student displaying one of our Van Tighem Virtues, they can give that student a Virtue Voucher. The student can then fill it out and enter their name in the office for a monthly draw to receive a \$20 indigo gift certificate. There will be three draws; K-3, 4-6 and 7-9. All names collected throughout the year will also be eligible for an end of the year draw of a \$100 Amazon card (one for each division).

**October and November winners were:**

**Brooklyn T. (1B)**

**Colby P. (4L)**

**Conner B. (7T)**

***CONGRATULATIONS***

**Findley D. (3A)**

**Leah C. (4L)**

**Riley C. (9C)**



## CHRISTMAS SWEATER / HAT DAY

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Bring a toonie on this day to support Santa's Anonymous and families in need.



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### ICE SAFETY

As ice starts to form on the pond behind the school and on other bodies of water, children often think it is safe to walk on it. Please remind your children that although ice is forming and may look sturdy, it is not yet safe. For more information visit the following site:

<https://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/swimming-and-water-safety-tips-and-resources/swimming-boating-and->

## A B C

### A is for Attendance

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. Make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!!

# Emailing/Texting – Scheduled Blackouts



Last year our Superintendent implemented an informal policy with school administrators that he would not send emails, unless they were emergent, on weekends. That did not mean he or school administrators were not working on the weekend but it allowed us to turn off our communication with our boss. It has been welcomed and appreciated by both parties. Normal work communication was simply scheduled to be sent Monday morning. Given this success, our Superintendent has asked us to expand this policy amongst school divisional staff, school staff, and the school parent community.

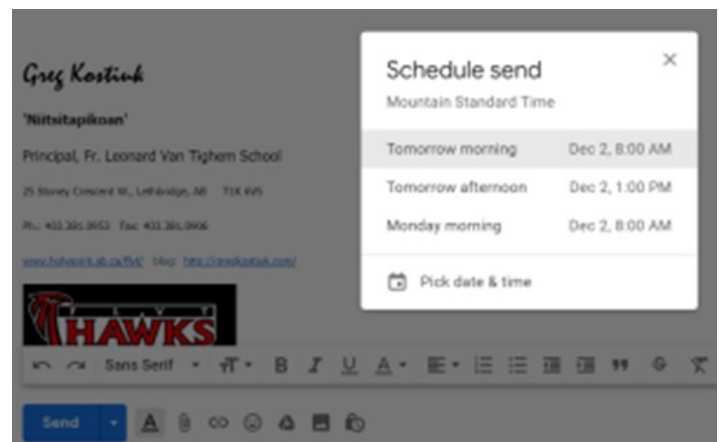
For the well being of all the members of our community, the staff of Father Leonard Van Tighem School will be following a soft email/texting policy of not sending or responding to work-related emails/texts, unless they are emergent, from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am during weekdays and from 5:00 pm Friday to 6:00 am Monday weekends.

I know I and others will continue to work in the evenings and weekends but I will simply be scheduling my email/text messages and responses to be sent the next morning (or Monday morning). Personally, I may struggle at first with this new policy as I have become quite dependent on my technology. Parts of me would rather chip away at the emails/texts at my leisure and I have a fear of beginning my Monday morning with a large number of messages. Another part of me welcomes this policy as I just may be able to turn off the technology and not worry I am missing something.

Please know that whether you are a staff member or a parent, your messages are important and will be received and responded to. The difference now is there will be no expectations of an instantaneous response from anyone. For everyone's well being, it is alright to disconnect for a period of time each and every day. Finally, I ask everyone's patience as we implement this soft policy as it might take some time for us do develop this new habit of having a scheduled blackout of emailing/texting.

Thank you for trying to follow this new policy.

Greg Kostiuk



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Lethbridge Junior Cougar Football**— The team won the 2019 Southern Alberta Division 'A' Championship. Members on the team from our school are:

<b>Solomon E.</b>	<b>Kingston F.</b>	<b>Pablo H.</b>	<b>Parker J.</b>	<b>Kyler J.</b>
<b>Cole J.</b>	<b>Kenny K.</b>	<b>Keaton K.</b>	<b>Kade W.</b>	

**Tempest Football Club U15 - Girls** won Bronze in Edmonton at the Caledonia Cup on remembrance day weekend. FLVT students include

<b>Kirsten D.</b>	<b>Emery D.</b>	<b>Jadyn H.</b>	<b>Kiana J.</b>	<b>Sydney M.</b>
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A special shout out to **Kirsten D.** who won the golden boot award for leading the tournament in scoring with 5 goals

**Templest Football Club U13 - Girls** won Gold in Red Deer tournament Nov. 29-Dec. 1

<b>Kiana J.</b>	<b>Isla R.</b>
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*SHARE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH US SO WE CAN CELEBRATE THEM TOO!*



## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES & MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tuesday, Dec. 24 – 7 p.m., 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 25 – 10 a.m.

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, Dec. 28 – 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29 – 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

### NEW YEAR'S: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, Dec. 31 – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 1 – 1 a.m.

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, Jan. 4 — 5 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5 — 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

## ***ST. MARTHA'S PARISH***

### **PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST**

#### **SESSION #4 PARENT & CANDIDATE**

Dates:	Thursday, January 9	or	Saturday, January 11
Time:	6:30—8:00 p.m.		9:30—11:00 a.m.
Place:	St. Martha's Parish		St. Martha's Parish

*Parents if for some reason you must miss a session, please contact the parish as we are very willing to assist you in supporting your child's learning. You are encouraged and welcome to contact the parish office or parish priest.*

## **ADVENT CELEBRATIONS**

Yes, advent time is almost here. The school year is flying by, and the time to celebrate Christ's birthday is fast approaching. **Advent** (from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus. The first Sunday of Advent is December 1.

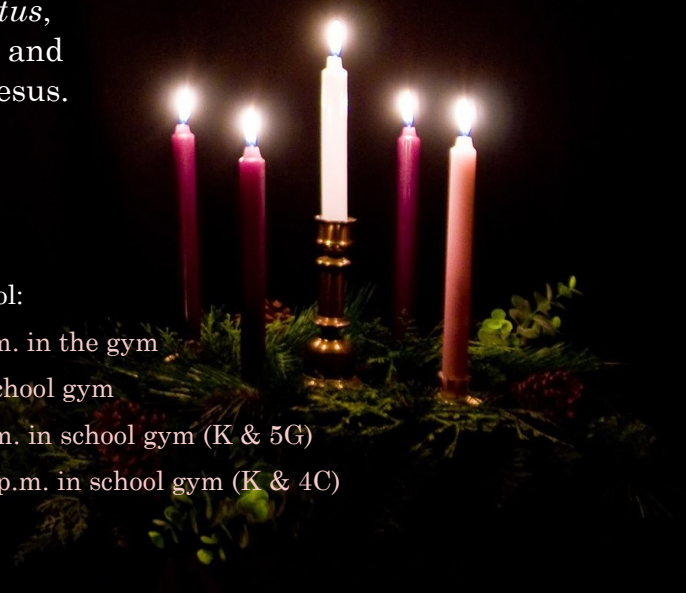
Here is a listing of our Advent Celebrations and Mass at school:

Week one — Monday, Dec. 2, Advent **Celebration** — 9:30 a.m. in the gym

Thursday, Dec. 5, Advent **Mass** — 1:30 p.m. in school gym

Week two—Monday, Dec. 9, Advent **Celebration** — 11:00 a.m. in school gym (K & 5G)

Week three— Monday, Dec. 16, Advent **Celebration** — 1:45 p.m. in school gym (K & 4C)



# JR. HIGH

## "CHRISTMAS FORMAL" DINNER & DANCE

*FEATURING*  
*A Catered Chinese Meal*  
*And Music by . . .*



**"Hi-Way Productions"**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019**  
**DINNER @ 5:45 P.M.**  
**DANCE 6:30 – 9:30 P.M**

**TICKETS**  
**\$20 (Dinner & Dance)**  
**\$5 (Dance only)**  
**Purchase tickets on-line at**  
**holyspirit.schoolcashionline.com**  
**from**

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Absolutely no dinner tickets available after December 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**This is a popular event – get your tickets early! (No admissions sold at the door.)**

### **JUNIOR HIGH DANCE INFORMATION**

Dances are for Father Leonard van Tighem School Grades 7 – 9 students only.  
Doors open fifteen minutes before the event begins, and close one-half hour after it begins.  
Students will not be admitted late unless a prior request has been made, by way of a note from home to Mr. Kostiuk, Mr. Craddock, or Mrs. Rogers.  
Students are not permitted to leave the dance early without permission from home.  
Students who leave the dance will not be re-admitted.  
The canteen is often open for cold drinks and snacks during dances. Watch event posters to know for sure.

### **JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS – CHAPERONES NEEDED**

*Would you consider volunteering 90 minutes of your time to chaperone at the Christmas Formal? Chaperone shifts are from 6:30 to 8:00, and 8:00 to 9:30. If you are interested, please leave a message at the school for Mr. Craddock or Mrs. Rogers, or contact us directly:*

*[craddockt@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:craddockt@holyspirit.ab.ca). or [rogersj@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:rogersj@holyspirit.ab.ca).*

*Thank you!*



# The best Christmas gift...

# **SPONSOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**



**Students at Catholic Central High School are creating 96 hampers for families within our Holy Spirit district this Christmas season. Please sponsor a hamper (\$300) or donate any amount.**

**Please donate prior to  
DECEMBER 18th**



**Visit: <https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/cch/>**

- 1) Click on "Santa's Anonymous" icon in the bottom left corner**
- 2) Under the Gift Information Heading, choose 'Catholic Central High School - Santa's Anonymous' from the drop down menu**
- 3) Fill out the necessary information (tax receipts will be emailed immediately)**
- 4) For those donors not able to use the online system, cheques made payable to "Holy Spirit Catholic Schools" are greatly appreciated, dropped off at CCH campus east.**

# DECEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>Tuesday</b> Crochet Club 12:25 in Room 42	<b>Wednesday</b> Elementary Choir 12:30 every Crocheting club 12:25 in Room 42	<b>Thursday</b> Gr. 3 & 4 Bookclub 12:25 Library		
1 First Sunday of Advent	2 9:30 a.m. Advent Celebration  Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	3	4 Gr. 6 Parent Camp Meeting 7 p.m. in the Library  Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4	5  <b>Super Silver Day</b> Me to We Pancake breakfast (pre-orders only)  Advent Mass @ FLVT 1:30 After School Skating 3:45—4:30 Chicken Burger \$4	6 K (both classes attend a.m.) —Galt Museum  Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	7
8 Second Sunday of Advent	9 11:00 a.m. Advent Celebration  Jr. High Book Club 3:30-5:00 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	10	11 Elem Choir-City Hall 12p.m.  Taco & Mexi	12  <b>Glittering Gold Day</b> Lunch Bake Sale <b>Elem. Christmas Fun Afternoon</b>  Chicken Burgers \$4	13 Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	14
15 Third Sunday of Advent	16 1:45 p.m. Advent Celebration  Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	17	18  Christmas Hat/Sweater Day (bring a toonie)  Board Mtg. @ CEC 6:00—8:30  7 pm Candle Light Christmas concert St. Basil Church Taco in a Bag \$5 (pre-order)	19 <b>Red and Green Day</b> After School Skating 3:45—4:30  <b>JH CHRISTMAS FORMAL dinner &amp; dance</b>  Chicken Burgers \$4	20 Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	23 No School Christmas Vacation	24 No School Christmas Vacation	25 No School Christmas Day	26 No School Boxing Day	27 No School Christmas Vacation	28
29	30 No School Christmas Vacation	31 No School Christmas Vacation				



2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i>  <i>No School Christmas Vacation</i>	<i>2</i>  <i>No School Christmas Vacation</i>	<i>3</i>  <i>No School Christmas Vacation</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>  Classes Resume  Jr. High Book Club	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>  Gr. 2 - Retreat (Reconciliation)	<i>15</i>   <b>Hawaii Day</b>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>  AM Kindergraten Class—SIS	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>  Scrapbooking Club—3:30—5:15	<i>22</i>  <b>Board Mtg. @ CEC 6:00—8:30</b>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>  PM Kindergarten class in morning SIS	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>  Quarter 2 Ends	<i>31</i>  <i>No School School PD Day</i>	