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NOVEMBER 2019

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Chris Smeaton's Message

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOV. 3

⇒ Daylight Savings Ends
(fall back)

NOV. 11 & 12 —No School

⇒ Remembrance Day
⇒ P. D. Day for staff

NOV. 18—No School

⇒ P. D. Day for staff

NOV. 22

⇒ Elem. Report Cards

NOV. 28

⇒ Parent/Teacher Inter-
views
⇒ K—EYE Interviews

NOV. 29

⇒ K—EYE Interviews

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Sunday, November 2nd, we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday in Alberta. This year the theme of Catholic Education Sunday is *United in Prayer and Grateful for Catholic Education*. Here is a link to a video from The Archbishop of Edmonton provided a great video regarding Catholic Education Sunday. Also, here is an excerpt from the letter from the Bishops of Alberta and NWT:

Everyone has a role to play in Catholic education and this includes each of us. Keep our Catholic schools in your prayers that God may lead them in faithfulness, wisdom and charity; get informed about the issues; and commit to the work of advocacy to sustain their future. We invite you to become a positive voice in this conversation. Your involvement will support the many parents who see religion and the Catholic faith as an integral value in the education and formation of their children.

The future of Catholic education will be supported by your prayers, involvement, and advocacy. Just as St. Paul advised the Christian community at Colossae to, “devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful” (Colossians 4:2), we too, live in gratitude for our Catholic schools and are called to vigilance and prayer.

Let us work together, united in prayer and grateful for Catholic education, to continue to make Father Leonard Van Tighem School a Christ-centred learning community.

Our Alberta Education Accountability Report (see page 2) report was very positive. We received an ‘Excellent’ rating in the following categories of Safe and Caring, Program of Studies, Education Quality, Drop Out Rate, Citizenship, Parental Involvement, and School Improvement. We were slightly below in Work Preparation, but this was mainly due to the number of ‘don’t know’ responses. Our Provincial Achievement Tests ‘Acceptable’ rating was above the provincial average, and our ‘Excellence’ rating improved dramatically.

During the last School Council, we shared our Alberta Education Accountability Report Card with parents. Our school continues to be a very positive learning environment for our students. The table on the next page summarizes our results:



**Accountability Pillar Overall Summary
Annual Education Results Reports - Oct 2019
School: 6483 Father Leonard Van Tighem School**



Measure Category	Measure	Father Leonard Van Tighem Sch			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Safe and Caring Schools	Safe and Caring	92.2	92.1	91.0	89.0	89.0	89.3	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Student Learning Opportunities	Program of Studies	87.1	87.8	83.5	82.2	81.8	81.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Education Quality	92.2	91.7	88.6	90.2	90.0	90.1	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	Drop Out Rate	0.3	1.3	1.3	2.6	2.3	2.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	High School Completion Rate (3 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	79.1	78.0	77.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	PAT: Acceptable	78.5	79.5	77.7	73.8	73.6	73.6	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
	PAT: Excellence	21.5	12.3	15.5	20.6	19.9	19.6	High	Improved	Good
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.6	83.7	83.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.0	24.2	22.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	n/a	n/a	n/a	56.3	55.7	55.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	64.8	63.4	62.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	Transition Rate (6 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	59.0	58.7	58.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Work Preparation	79.5	84.5	80.0	83.0	82.4	82.6	High	Maintained	Good
	Citizenship	82.3	86.4	85.3	82.9	83.0	83.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Parental Involvement	Parental Involvement	83.5	80.2	78.6	81.3	81.2	81.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Continuous Improvement	School Improvement	81.3	86.1	81.2	81.0	80.3	81.0	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

BELL TIMES & SUPERVISION

BELL TIMES – Monday – Thursday 8:42—3:30
 Fridays – 8:42—1:15 P.M.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT OUR 1ST BELL OF THE DAY RINGS AT 8:42 AND CLASSES START AT 8:44.

SUPERVISION

Before school—Supervision by staff does not start until 8:25. Teachers will be in their classrooms at 8:40 immediately following our morning staff meeting.

After school—there is staff supervision until 3:40 only. Students are expected to head home when dismissed unless they have a school activity directly after the bell rings.

Halloween

We want to give a big thank you to all the parents who came out to the Costume Parade and another big thank you to the parents who organized the classroom parties. The student costumes were great.



**PICTURE RETAKES
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**



If you would like retakes, please bring your proof portrait sheet and form to the photographer on this day. Order after you see your new portrait; no payment is required on retake-day

PARENT/STUDENT **TEACHER INTERVIEWS******

Gr. 1—9

Thursday, November 28

5:00—8:00 p.m.



Now that we are well into the school year, marks are getting established. If you have concerns about your child's mark(s), please book an interview with the subject teacher.

Elementary Report cards will be sent home November 22.

Junior High will not receive report cards. Marks are most up to date on PowerSchool.

Book your interview online @ <https://vantighem-leth.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf> starting November 22.

We encourage you to bring your child as Interviews are more beneficial when the child attends as well.

KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS

NOVEMBER 28 & 29

Please remember to book an interview as there will not be a written report card given out at this time. At your interview the teacher will discuss the results from the Early Years Evaluation—Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA.) This is a checklist to evaluate the learning of our Kindergarten students that our School Division has implemented. A written report card will be given for the March and June reporting periods.

Interviews can be booked online at <https://vantighem-leth.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf> starting November 22nd.

THE SCHOLASTIC ARCTIC ADVENTURE BOOK FAIR is coming from November 25th-29th in the FLVT Library!

The fair will run Monday-Wednesday from 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:00, Thursday from 8:30-noon and 1:00-8:00pm for Parent/Teacher Interviews, and Friday from 8:30-1:30.

A flier will be sent home closer to the fair dates. Remember to cut out the entry ballot on the flier, fill it out, and bring it to the fair for your chance to win \$25 of free books for yourself from the fair for yourself and \$25 of free books for your teacher!

The Scholastic Book Fairs are our major fundraisers for the library. We receive a MINIMUM of 50% of the sales in FREE books for our FLVT Library for all to enjoy. For example, if we sell \$2,000 worth of books and merchandise, the library gets \$1,000 worth of FREE books! **And that SNOW joke!**

Thank you in advance for encouraging literacy, and supporting our library!

Mrs. Hawker



All Saints' Day – November 1st

The Feast of All Saints is a holy day of the Church honouring all saints, known and unknown. While we have knowledge of many saints, and we honour them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honoured. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these saints of the Lord and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The whole idea of All Saints Day is tied in with the concept of the Communion of Saints. This is the belief that all of God's people, on heaven and earth, are connected in a communion. In other words, we believe that the saints of God are just as alive as you and I, and are always interceding on our behalf. Remember, our connection with the saints in heaven is one grounded in a tight-knit *communion*. The saints are not divine. However, because of our shared communion with and through Jesus Christ, our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians.

All Soul's Day – November 2nd

All Soul's Day is a Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. All Soul's Day pays respect and remembers the souls of all friends and loved ones who have died and gone to heaven.

Remembrance Day

On November 11th, 1918, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the First World War came to an end. Much of the war was fought in dug-out trenches across Belgium and France. It is thought that about 9 million soldiers lost their lives, and approximately 27 million were wounded. During the First World War, the soldiers in their dug-outs could see red poppies growing in the fields of Flanders.

As you wear your poppy this year, please remember the countless soldiers that have given their lives for us, whether in the First World War, Second World War, Korean Conflict, the many peacekeeping missions, or the current conflict in the Middle East. We must honour and thank them for our safe and peaceful country.

Please also remember the horrors of war. The horrible destruction it brings to all the civilians. It may sound simple, but if we could only follow Jesus Christ and his model of love and forgiveness, war would not exist. Please remember and thank all those who gave so much for us to live in the best country in the world. But more importantly, please pray for peace. Peace in our learning community of Father Leonard Van Tighem, peace in our country, and yes, world peace.

On November 11th wear your poppy, honour our fallen, but please pray for peace.

**Please join us for our Remembrance Day Service on Friday, Nov. 8, at 10:45 am.
Special thanks to Mr. Hauck's grade 5 class for organizing the service.**

History KS1 Remembrance Day Poem





Poppy, Poppy what do you see?
Poppies in the battlefields, as red as can be.

Poppy, Poppy what do you hear?
Silence, for the men who died, so full of courage, yet so full of fear.

Poppy, Poppy what do you feel?
Proud and respectful, soldiers fought for their country, the battles were real.

Poppy, Poppy what do you say?
Remember them on the 11th November, they fought for peace on earth, let's show respect for Remembrance Day.




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ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING

Father Leonard Van Tighem celebrated our annual awards night on October 24, 2019. Students, staff and guests gathered in the school gym to honor students for their achievements of the 2018-2019 school year.

Awards were given in the areas of academics, athletics, fine arts and Christian living. Grade tens returned from their respective high schools to join in the celebration.

**Congratulations to all the award winners and
thank you to our school community for the continued support.**

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to this valuable program and those who came forward to present the awards.

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@ pilsnerp@holyspirit.ab.ca or 403-381-0953.*

Elementary Choir Update

A big thanks goes out to all of the families that helped with the Popcorn and Bake Sale at our Interviews earlier this month. We were very busy with customers and we raised \$588.00 for our music program. The money will be used for special musical events, busing and paying for our accompanist. **One such event is that we will be singing at City Hall for the "Sounds of the Season" lunch hour concert on Thursday, December 12. Please mark your calendars!**



CONGRATULATIONS

Tristan H. - Tristan received the **Gor Laurie Junior Golf Scholarship** which is a \$500 educational scholarship awarded to junior golfers who show advanced dedication to the sport of golf. Focusing not only on a competitive golf skillset but in other areas of the game, such as leadership, sportsmanship and setting an example to others.

SHARE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH US SO WE CAN CELEBRATE THEM TOO!

Visit Lethbridge Public Library, Main or The Crossings Branch to borrow a Digital Play Pack today!

Digital Play Packs include:

- Digital and Active Play ideas
- Active Play supplies
- Suggested links for Digital Play
- Story Books
- Parent Guide

5 Themes available: Nature Play, Science Magic, Physical Literacy, Hide & Seek and Superhero Magic

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Junior High BASKETBALL TRYOUTS Starting NOVEMBER 7

CHECK for grades & times

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-Calendars and Events
(Hawks Co-curricular)



PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Lord,

Join with us in celebration of our Catholic schools. Be with us as we walk through the halls of our schools today and praise you for blessing us with the gift of being able to learn in an environment that reflects our Sacramental values and the life of Jesus Christ at every step of the way. We are truly fortunate to be a part of Alberta and the Northwest Territories Catholic school traditions.

We give thanks in your name,
Amen

ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

First Reconciliation

SESSION #3 PARENT & CANDIDATE

Dates: Thursday, November 14 or Saturday, November 16
Time: 6:30—8:00 p.m. 9:30—11:00 a.m.
Place: St. Martha's Parish St. Martha's Parish

Confirmation

SESSION #3 PARENT & CANDIDATE

Dates: Thursday, November 21 or Saturday, November 23
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.



Holy Spirit Catholic Schools

PRESS RELEASE

Friday, November 1, 2019

Holy Spirit Launches New Program Focused on Mental Health

Promotion and prevention are the focus of a new program that Holy Spirit Catholic School Division has launched this school year to support mental health for all division students and the people they love.



Shelly Kruger, Family First Mental Health Capacity Building Program Manager, helps Thorton Red Crow, a Grade 4 student at St. Paul School, complete a survey that will help determine what students already know about mental health and available resources.

“We want to make sure that our students are aware of what mental health is,” remarks Michelle MacKinnon, Director of Support Services for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division. “We all know to go see a health professional for regular checkups for our physical health, but we need to teach that mental health checkups are just as important. This program will give our students quality resources to really dig into what it means to be mentally healthy. More importantly, it will stress how important it is to seek help when needed - something that the stigmas around mental health and illness in our society make really difficult.”

The current implementation of the program is largely the result of a generous Mental Health Capacity Building Grant that has been organized by Alberta Health Services.

“Holy Spirit’s was one of the five successful projects that Alberta Health Services accepted to support Mental Health Capacity Building,” explains Coordinator of Counselling and Wellness Anita Lethbridge Gross. “I believe that we were primed to receive this grant because we are already so focused on the importance of brain-informed practice and collecting data that helps improve our service to students.”

As a result of these funds, Manager Shelly Kruger has been hired to get the division off to a great start. “Our first step,” notes Kruger, “is to survey our students to establish a baseline for what they already know about mental health and where to go for help. Then the really exciting work begins.”

Superintendent Chris Smeaton agrees that the benefits of this program are clear and long-lasting. “The work that has already been done to bring this program to Holy Spirit is nothing short of amazing. We know that we need to do better to ensure the future health of our students in every way possible – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. This will bring to the forefront the importance of introducing mental health literacy to our students early in their lives, setting them up for success.”

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division looks forward to hosting a number of evening events that will support families in supporting their children and learning more about mental health. More information will be posted on division media channels as soon as it is available.

For further information regarding this release please contact:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Elementary Choir 12:30 every Wednesday	Gr. 3 & 4 Bookclub 12:25 in Library Every Thursday	1	2
3 Daylight Savings Ends 	4 Jr. Achievement Gr. 9—a.m. Gr. 1—Fire Safety Presentation Gr. 1-6 9:30 am Alberta Opera (Sleeping Beauty) 3:30—5:00 Jr. High Book Club Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	5 School Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	6 Take Your Kid to Work Day Gr. 6 Immunizations Soft Taco & Mexi Fries \$4	7 Bold Black Day After School Skating 3:45— 4:30 Chicken Burger \$4	8 Quarter 1 Ends Remembrance Day Celebration 10:45 a.m. Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	9
10	11 No School Remembrance Day	12 No School Divisional PD Day	13 Quarter 2 Begins Groovy Grey Day Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	14 Picture Retake Day K—SAAG After School Skating 3:45— 4:30 Chicken Burger \$4	15 Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	16
17	18 No School Collaborative PD Day	19 Scrapbooking Club 3:30-5:15	20 Baked Pizza Sub \$4	21 Beautiful Blue Day After School Skating 3:45— 4:30 Chicken Burger \$4	22 Elementary Report Cards Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	23
24  All week	25 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	26 Scrapbooking Club 3:30—5:15	27 <i>Father William Visit</i> <i>Board Mtg. @ CEC 6:00—8:30</i> Taco in a Bag \$5 (pre-order)	28 Wintry White Day Parent Teacher Interviews 5:00—8:00 ECS Eye Interviews Chicken Burger \$4	29 ECS Eye Interviews Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			Elementary Choir 12:30 every Wednesday	Gr. 3 & 4 Bookclub 12:25 Library Every Thursday			
1 First Sunday of Advent	2 9:30 a.m. Advent Celebration Jr. High Book Club 3:30—5:00	3	4	5 Super Silver Day  Advent Mass @ FLVT 1:30 After School Skating 3:45—	6 K (both classes attend a.m.) —Galt Museum	7	
8 Second Sunday of Advent	9 11:00 a.m. Advent Celebration	10	11	12 Glittering Gold Day  Christmas Family Night 	13	14	
15 Third Sunday of Advent	16 1:45 p.m. Advent Celebration	17	18 Christmas Hat Day Board Mtg. @ CEC 6:00—8:30	19 Red and Green Day After School Skating 3:45— 4:30 CHRISTMAS FORMAL 	20	21	
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	23 <i>No School Christmas Vacation</i>	24 <i>No School Christmas Vacation</i>	25 <i>No School Christmas Day</i>	26 <i>No School Boxing Day</i>	27 <i>No School Christmas Vacation</i>	28	
29	30 <i>No School Christmas Vacation</i>	31 <i>No School Christmas Vacation</i>	