

# FATHER LEONARD VAN TIGHEM SCHOOL

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Check out our **BLOGS** 

Greg Kostiuk, Principal https://gregkostiuk.com

How Was Your Year?

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Happy New Year to all the parents, students and staff of our learning community! I hope everyone had a safe and restful Christmas break. I would like to thank you for all the Christmas and New Year's wishes. Also, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered to support the many activities throughout the busy month of December, including our weekly Advent celebrations, various social justice projects, Gr. 2 and 3 Choir Performance, elementary Christmas Fun Afternoon, and Jr. High Christmas Formal and Dance.

2020 offers many challenges, especially with looming budget cuts, and many opportunities. Through these challenges and opportunities, we can be thankful for our school. To me, Catholic Education is a gift. Every day we get to live our school motto of "Many Hands Building A Better World."

At a past New Year's Eve celebration, I was visiting with some family and friends. At one point, I asked someone how his year went and received a warm, pleasant response. I expected a generic question back, but instead, the gentleman asked, "At the end of each day, did you get closer to your life's dream?" Wow, what a question! Since then, I have often reflected on my past, and if I am getting closer to my dream. The answer is yes. I have a loving family, I am part of an active faith community, and every day I have the pleasure of working with the talented staff of Father Leonard Van Tighem School, the terrific students, and the supportive parents. Upon reflection, I realize that I continue to get closer to living my dream. The journey is often just as important as the destination.

Happy New Year to everyone and may 2020 be a blessed year for everyone at Father Leonard Van Tighem School.

Greg Kostiuk

# DATES TO REMEMBER

JAN. 6

CLASSES RETURN

<u>JAN. 14</u>

School Council Mtg 7pm

**JAN. 30** 

JR. HIGH Q-2 ENDS

**JAN. 31** 

NO SCHOOL P. D. DAY

# BASKETBALL SCHEDULE WWW.FLVT.CA

- Calendars and **Events**
- Calendar -Cocurricular events

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# PLEASE WELCOME

## ELYSE HAGLUND - PSIII

"My name is Elyse Haglund, and I am a University of Lethbridge student doing my final education practicum. I will be at Father Leonard Van Tighem as a student intern until April 9th, and I am going to be working with and learning from Randy Hauck as I teach Grade 5 Math and LA.

In terms of my educational background, I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree and have already completed two practicums where I've taught Kindergarten and High School. My hobbies include playing soccer, watching football, and reading. I absolutely love all things school, but I think it's equally important to stay active for your mental health.

I wanted to thank you all, and I am so excited for this opportunity to grow as a teacher in the Father Leonard Van Tighem community!"



#### ALEXANDRA LONG — PSIII

I am a University of Lethbridge education student in the final semester of my dual degree program. When I graduate in May of this year, I will receive my Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Studies as well as my Bachelor of Education. In past practicums, I have had the opportunity to teach kindergarten as well as grades 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12. I have also taught summer drama courses with New West Theatre, and have worked as an Educational Assistant for Lethbridge School District 51.

I am incredibly excited to be teaching in Laurie Campman's' Grade 4 Classroom until April 9th. I will be teaching Language Arts, Social Studies and Health, as well as assisting with the spring production of Aladdin Junior. Father Leonard Van Tighem is a wonderful school and I am eager to contribute to its learning community for the coming months. Best regards, Alexandra Long





On Thursday December 5, 2019 FLVT Me to We Club held their annual Pancake Breakfast with great success. It was their largest grossing fundraiser yet. Club members arrived at school ready to start making pancakes at 6:30am! This year, all of the money made was donated to Streets Alive. So, how much did we raise? A little over \$1450.00! Wow, what an achievement! We couldn't have done it without some fantastic help. We would like to thank:

The Heimbecker family for donating all the pancake mix, wow!

Miss Gabruck for the use of her classroom

Mrs. Henderson, Mr Cormican, Miss Barr, Mrs. Daniels, and Mrs. Demers for their help in the kitchen

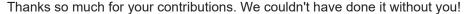
All staff and Me to We families who generously donated supplies

St. Martha's Church for the hot chocolate warmer

All Me to We teacher and student members

The Wever family for your generous monetary donation

Parents, staff and students who ordered pancakes



In addition to our Pancake breakfast, we also held a bake sale on Thursday, December 12th. We raised over \$400 for the Santa's Anonymous campaign. A special thank you to all Me to We members who stayed after school to bake cupcakes and cookies and to the families who donated cookies also. A special thank you to Mrs Dennis and The Wevers for their donations!

Lastly, thank you to all who purchased baked goods!! Please watch for our upcoming activities!

Me to We is a club that contributes to creating positive social change locally and internationally by many fundraisers and initiatives.



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# **WELCOME 2020**

Along with the new year, new things have come to Father Leonard Van Tighem School.

Have you checked out our **new website**?? <a href="https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/">https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/</a>

Faith



# Father Leonard Van Tighem School Many Hands Building a Better World

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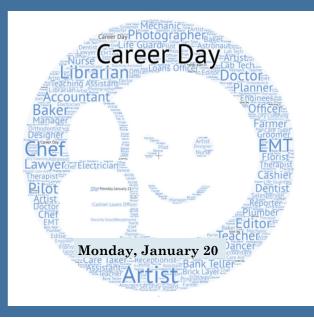
If you are looking for a Teacher's Page, It can now be found at

<u>https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/contact</u> then search or scroll through till you find the teacher you are looking for. Clicking on the web icon will direct you to the site. Alternatively, from the Home page you can go to the SCHOOL tab, then select CONTACT, then search or scroll to find the teacher. Please note all teachers do not have a web icon or have not set it up on our new website yet.

We have also started our 2020-2021 registration process going online for **Kindergarten**, **Early Learning Program and new students to the Holy Spirit Division**.

(Re-registration for students currently attending FLVT K-Grade 9 will be sent out in February.)

As both of these things are new to you and to us, there may be a few delays, hick ups and growing pains. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we go through these transitions. We look forward to the possibilities these systems bring to us.



# **Career Day**

Monday January 20th

What do you want be?
Dress up for the Occasion!

# How important is attendance?

The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a

large number of students are frequently absent. In addition to falling behind in academics, students who are not in school on a regular basis are more likely to get into trouble with the law and cause problems in their communities.

A 2008 study conducted by the Rodel Community Scholars at Arizona State University that tracked students from kindergarten through high school found that dropout patterns were linked with poor attendance, beginning in kindergarten. Gregory Hickman, director of the Rodel



School success starts with attendance

Community Scholars program and former director of the Arizona Dropout Initiative, notes they discovered that as early as kindergarten, behavioral differences are apparent between those who go on to graduate and those who drop out, with dropouts missing an average of 124 days by eighth grade.

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Gruca Girls Tournament:

<u>U13 Girls T2 Gold:</u> <u>U12 Girls T2 Gold:</u>

Sydney L. Jayda S.

Addison P. Alyssa P.

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Boys December Cup Tournament:

U15 Boys T2 Gold U11 Boys T3 Gold U15 Boys T3 Silver

Abraham E. Sola P. Owen L. Ife P. Dante D.

U13 Boys T2 Bronze:

Noah Y.

Xander M.

Jeter M.

Kingston F.

Blake R.

#### **Qualified for Alberta Winter Games**

Volleyball— Julia D. & Hadlee F.

Figure Skating—Kyra P. (Star 8), Elizabeth D. (Star 8), Acacia S. (Juvenile), & Brynley G. (Pre-Novice) Hockey—Dominic G.

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

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Where:

Where:

#### **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).

#### CONGRATULATIONS

December winners were: Treina S. (2J) Ryan N. (5G) Mikaela E. (8K)

## ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

### **CELEBRATION TO FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Session #4 Parent & Candidate

When: Thursday, January 9, 2020 or Saturday, January 11, 2020

6:30—8:00 p.m. 9:30—11:00 a.m. St. Martha's Parish St. Martha's Parish

**Celebration of First Reconciliation** 

When: Thursday, January 25, 2020

10:00 a.m.—noon

Where: St. Martha's Parish



# FIRST EUCHARIST

#### **Session #1 Parent & Candidate**

When: Thursday, January 30, 2020 or Saturday, February 1, 2020

6:30—8:00 p.m. 9:30—11:00 a.m. St. Martha's Parish St. Martha's Parish

Please provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if the Parish does not have a copy. We must have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate in order for your child to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Please bring a wallet size photo of your child. This will be put on the First Eucharist Banner during our First Eucharist Celebration.

# SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

When: Thursday, January 16, 2020 or Saturday, January 18, 2020

6:30—8:00 p.m. 9:30—11:00 a.m.

Where: St. Martha'a Parish St. Martha'a Parish

When: Thursday, February 6, 2020 or Saturday, February 8, 2020

6:30—8:00 p.m. 9:30—11:00 a.m.

Where: St. Martha'a Parish St. Martha'a Parish

Confirmation candidate participation in Pulse Youth Group Meetings: Five sessions in all Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. @ St. Martha's Parish



# Free Drop-In Playtime

Parents/Caregivers with children (6 years of age and under) are invited to the Holy Spirit Early Learning Centre to play together! This is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to play with their child(ren) in our unique indoor and outdoor space (dress for the weather!). Our space is filled with loose parts and props perfect for imaginative, creative and sometimes messy play.



## Holy Spirit Early Learning Centre 1014 – 12B Street North, Lethbridge

Tuesday, January 14	1:00 - 2:30
Wednesday, January 22	9:30 – 11:00
Tuesday, January 28	1:00 – 2: 30
Wednesday, February 5	9:30 – 11:00
Tuesday, February 11	1:00 – 2:30
Wednesday, February 19	9:30 – 11:00
Tuesday, February 25	1:00 - 2:30



Please note that it is come and go as it works for you and your family. You are not required to arrive at the start time and stay to the end.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Tuesday Crochet Club 12:25 in Room 42	No School Christmas Vacation Wednesday Elementary Choir 12:30 Crocheting club 12:25 in Room 42	No School Christmas Vacation Thursday Gr. 3 & 4 Bookclub 12:25 Library	No School Christmas Vacation	4
5	6 Classes Resume Jr. High Book Club	7	8	9 After School Skating 3:45— 4:30	Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	11
12	13 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	Gr. 2 - Retreat (Reconciliation) School Council Mtg. 7 p.m.  Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4	Hawaii Day  Taco & Mexi Fries \$4	After School Skating 3:45— 4:30  Chicken Burger \$4	AM Kindergraten Class—SIS  Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	18
19	20 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	21 Scrapbooking Club—3:30—5:15  Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4	Board Mtg. @ CEC 6:00—8:30  Chicken Nuggets & Veggies \$4	23 Gr 2 Galt Museum After School Skating 3:45— 4:30 Chicken Burger \$4	PM Kindergarten class in morning SIS  Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothies \$3	25
26	27 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	28 Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4	Taco in a Bag (pre-order)	30 Quarter 2 Ends After School Skating 3:45— 4:30 Chicken Burger \$4	No School School PD Day	





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2	3 Quarter 3 Begins Jr. High Book Club	4	5 Gr. 9 Immunizations (a.m.)	After School Skating 3:45— 4:30	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	Happy Valentines Day	15
16	No School Family Day	No School DIL Teachers	No School DIL Teachers	No School SWATCA	No School SWATCA	22
23	24 Quarter 2 Marks Due	25 Shrove Tuesday Scrapbooking Club	26 Ash Wednesday Liturgy at FLVT 1:30  Board Mtg. @ CEC 6:00—8:30	27	28	29