

# FATHER LEONARD VAN TICHEM SCHOOL

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JANUARY 2021

## MESSAGES & BLOGS

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

Ken Sampson, Superintendent  
<https://blog.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

JAN. 4—8

⇒ LEARNING AT HOME

JAN. 11

⇒ IN SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME

JAN. 29

⇒ NO SCHOOL P. D. DAY

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Heavenly Father,

Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth.

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion, to offer support, loving comfort, and care.

Give us the courage to do what is needed, the wisdom to choose what is right and most fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.

Give us the faith that will help pave the way for a present that's hopeful, a future that's peaceful.

Give us the heart to bring joy to each day.

Amen



# ***PLEASE WELCOME***

## **SHELBY JOHNSON – JUNIOR HIGH TEACHER**

Hi everyone! My name is Shelby Johnson and I was born and raised in windy Lethbridge, Alberta. I am a proud graduate of the University of Lethbridge, where I was able to receive my Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education in English, with two disciplinary streams of Native American Studies and Philosophy. I have a great passion for writing and exploring new literatures, as well as learning more about Indigenous cultures and practices, specifically those native to southern Alberta.

I am an avid golfer and love to be outdoors enjoying our fresh mountain air! I am obsessed with cats, Harry Potter, Edgar Allan Poe and puzzles! I am so excited to join your FLVT community and I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you!



## **BRYCE SHAKOTKO – HEAD CARETAKER**

Hello! My name is Bryce Shakotko, and I am the new head caretaker at Father Leonard Van Tighem. After 15 plus years in the construction industry as a certified journeyman welder I am excited for this new challenge.

My wife and I have two children that keep us busy and active. As a family we enjoy many outdoor activities such as golfing, hiking, fishing and camping. We also enjoy travelling to find new adventures!

In my spare time I enjoy watching football, hockey and golf.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I am looking forward to the new year ahead and keeping our school safe and clean!



## **AMALIA ALVARADO TORRES – PSIII WITH MS. CAMPMANS**

Hello! Bonjour! Hola! My name is Amalia Alvarado Torres. I'm a PS III Intern Teacher from the University of Lethbridge, where I majored in Modern Languages: Spanish and French.

I was born in Nicaragua, a Spanish speaking country and moved to Canada when I started grade 5. I enjoy making art, doing physical activity (specially dancing) and spending time with my border collie, Molly. I can't wait to be a part of your school community, we're going to have a lot of fun!



## **AMANDA SCHAFER – PSIII WITH MRS. CLEWES**

I am originally from Calgary, Alberta born and raised. This will be my fourth year here in Lethbridge and I am in my final year at the University of Lethbridge where I will graduate with a Bachelor of Education as well as a Bachelor of Science degree with streams in biology, kinesiology, and geography. I also have a diploma from SAIT in Baking and Pastry Arts.

I love being outdoors, hiking, camping, taking my dog to the park and enjoy learning through hands on activities. I look forward to being a part of the team at Father Leonard Van Tighem as a student intern for my final practicum and I look forward to meeting, educating and learning alongside all the staff, students, and parents/guardians. Thank you for welcoming me into your school!





## 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:      Sienna C. (3A)      Timo D. (4LC)      Taylah G. (8K)



## **Government of Alberta Enhanced Public Health Measures** (announcement made Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

### **Grades 7-12 students**

Move to at-home learning Nov. 30 to Jan. 8  
 Scheduled to resume in-person classes Jan. 11

### **Grade K-6 students**

Continue in-person learning until scheduled winter break Dec. 18  
 (Dec 17<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten)  
 Grade K-6 move to learning at home after the winter break, Jan 4 to 8, 2021  
 Scheduled to resume in-person classes Jan. 11

### **Early Learning Program**

Continue in-person learning until Dec. 17.  
 Scheduled to resume in-person classes Jan 11.

### **Christmas Break**

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – Jan 4<sup>th</sup>



**LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR WITH ...**

# **HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION 2021/2022 REGISTRATION**

## **RE-REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

Families who already have students in our system should expect an email on February 1, 2021 asking you to complete the online "Registration Update Form" for all of your children.

This update allows us to make sure the information on file is accurate and that any legal declarations, preferences and consents are renewed. It also allows our schools to plan for the upcoming school year.

Parents/guardians who are hoping to register younger siblings new to the division will also have the opportunity to do this at the same time as they re-register older students.

## **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

Students new to the division who wish to enroll for the 2021/2022 school year are invited to register online starting on February 22, 2021.

- Our **Early Learning Program** is designed to stimulate the growing curiosity of children 3 and 4 years of age.
- Our **Kindergarten** is designed for children 5 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2021.

For information about our Early Learning and Kindergarten Programs, or to discuss your child's specialized programming requirements, contact our Early Learning Coordinator, Lynn Saler, at 403-381-8495 or [salerl@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:salerl@holyspirit.ab.ca).

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you need assistance with the online registration process, or have any questions, contact your child's school or visit the school division's website at [www.holyspirit.ab.ca](http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca).



**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION**  
...where students are cherished and achieve their potential.



Transformed by the Journey

# JANUARY

See, I am making all things new.

Revelations 21:5

## Special Days to Remember Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- 2 Feast of St. Basil the Great
- 3 Epiphany of the Lord
- 10 Baptism of the Lord



golepress.com/2019/pray-for-responsibility/

Click [here](#) for a printable version of this prayer.

## Be Gracious

You do your best each day to teach your children about responsibility. It's very healthy to let your children experience what happens naturally if they are not responsible (as long as their safety is not in jeopardy of course). If they forget things they are supposed to take to school for example, let them discover how to deal with the consequences of their forgetfulness. Give them continual age-appropriate opportunities for responsibility at home like making their bed, putting away toys, helping to prepare dinner, or taking care of pets.

Knowing that they are expected to be responsible at home and at school is a very important life lesson for our children. If they grumble about little inconveniences like wearing a mask, help them understand that thinking about the needs of others and not only of ourselves is a truly gracious way to live. And when your child makes a mistake, the "OWN UP" strategy is a beautiful faithful way to help them learn to be accountable for their actions.

## Faith & Family

Parents are the primary educator of their children. Did you realize that when you teach your sons and daughters about their responsibilities at home and in their community, you are helping them learn about an important Catholic Social Teaching? Learn more about rights and responsibilities by watching this [video](#). Consider hanging this poster on your fridge or in your child's room and have conversations about the Catholic Social Teachings often. Here is a [child's version](#) and here is one for your [teens](#). Home + School + Parish = Partners in Catholic Education!



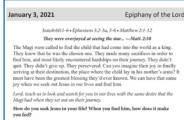
"...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18



## Catholic Education

God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life. This means we all have to accept our responsibilities that come from living in communion with others. One of the most important lessons we teach in our Catholic schools is that the dignity of the human person must be foundational to all of the decisions we make in relation to how we live in our community. Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP explains that responsibility is an attitude of accepting that we are all called to participate and respond to the common good. It's an important lesson for children to learn - that life is not all about them and their needs. Pope Francis said it beautifully during his homily at his installation in 2013, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!" What a beautiful reminder for our families as we enter this new year!



We hope you are enjoying the Mass Transit Cards to discuss the Sunday Gospel with your family. To access the January cards, click [here](#).

Resources: *Teaching Kids to Care* by Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP  
*Faith Perspectives on the Covid-19 Pandemic*, [Waterloo Catholics](#)



"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

(1 Corinthians 12:12)



# 2021 VIRTUAL CLUBS



## ARCONIC STEM CLUB

Grades 6-9

Each topic of the **Arconic STEM Club** explores the exciting world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through activities and discussions. Students will engage with mentors who are role models within their fields of expertise and discover career connections related to their interests in STEM. 2021 also comes with aweSTEM goodies for everyone who participates. Each club session includes a material box with a few big specialty items needed to further explore the world of science and technology while at home

### Civil & Mechanical Engineering

*Sphero Mini*

### Chemistry & Biology

*Lab coat, safety glasses & unique materials*

### Technology & Computer Science

*micro:bit & alligator clips*

### Electrical Engineering & Applied Math

*Arduino Uno, breadboard & wire kit*

————— *Box pick-up in Lethbridge & Pincher Creek* —————

**Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm**

*\$30 per 3 week topic*



Grades 4-7

The **InnovateHER Club** will virtually provide you with a safe space to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math), meet like-minded girls who also enjoy science and technology, and encourage your abilities and interest in the STEM fields. Pick your favourite topic or join us for all three, but know you'll want to keep exploring the amazing achievements of women in STEM long after we sign off

### BuildHERs

### Up, Up and Away

### Environment Explorers

**Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm**

*\$50 per 3 week topic*

ALL VIRTUAL!  JOIN FROM ANYWHERE



Grades 4-7

The **FriYAY Club Series** offers your growing scientist and engineer an opportunity to explore all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) packaged in 3-week blocks because we know you've got things going on! Depending on the topic you will be exploring science experiments, learning online technology, and of course, building fantastic structures and systems that will go down in history!

### Big Bang!

### Building Crew

### Bonkers Robotics

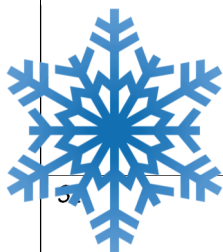
**Fridays from 2:00-3:30pm**

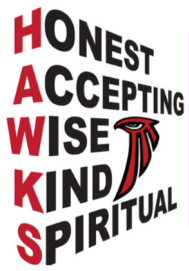
*\$50 per 3 week topic*

# January 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>No School Christmas Vacation</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Learning At Home this week</b>						
10	11 <b>In School Classes Resume</b>  Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	12 School Council Meeting 7 p.m. (Virtual)  Mini Pizza \$4	13 <b>Hawaii Day</b>  Chicken Nuggets \$4	14  Chicken Burger \$4	15  Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothie \$3	16
17	18  Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	19  Mini Pizza \$4	20 <b>Career Dress up Day</b>  Baked Pasta \$4	21  Chicken Burger \$4	22  Kraft Dinner \$2.50 Smoothie \$3	23
24	25  Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4	26  Mini Pizza \$4	27 <b>Dress Backwards Day</b>  Pre-order Taco in a Bag \$5.25	28  Chicken Burger \$4	29  <b>No School School PD Day</b>	30
31						





# February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 AM Kindergarten	6
7	8	9	10	11 Quarter 2 Ends	12 PM Kindergarten	13
14	15 <i>No School Family Day</i>	16 Shrove Tuesday <i>No School DIL Teachers</i>	17 Ash Wednesday <i>No School DIL Teachers</i>	18 <i>No School SWATCA</i>	19 <i>No School SWATCA</i>	20
21 First Sunday of Lent	22 Quarter 3 Begins  Lenten Celebration	23	24	25	26	27
28 Second Sunday of Lent						