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BLOGS

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT. 6 — Picture Day



Prayer for Students

Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love you surround us
with the mysteries of the universe.
Send your spirit upon these students and
fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may devote themselves
to their studies and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Library news & updates

Ms. Pierson's Library News

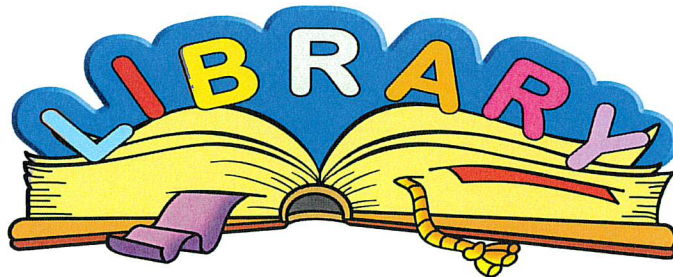
I am so happy to welcome the students back into the library. I have some exciting ideas for the year and hope to engage the students in new ways.

Parent Volunteers: I'm looking for parent volunteers who are willing to commit to a day a week. If you are interested please reach out to me through email at piersond@holyspirit.ab.ca

Library Manners Jar: We will be using the Library Manners Jars this year to encourage students, grade K-6, to engage in proper library behavior. The goal is for students to fill their classroom jar first by using great library manners, so they can win a classroom prize. We've been encouraging the students to leave the library better than how they found it, use proper noise level for the space they're in, use their time wisely to read and respect each other.

Prize Draw: Grades 7-9 will have a chance to win prizes for proper library manners as well by receiving a draw slip when HAWK virtues are shown. This library draw will be made monthly.

Rocky Mountain Book Awards: "The Rocky Mountain Book Award invites students and educators to participate in our readers' choice program. This program is designed to stimulate the reading interests of students in grades 4 – 7. The Rocky Mountain Book Award is an Alberta based program designed to connect young readers with exemplary Canadian literature."
We will be participating in the Rocky Mountain Book Awards this year. Students in Grades 4-7 have the option to participate. In order to vote, the students need to read a minimum of 5 RMBA books. The participating students will not only get to vote for their favorite book but at the FLVT library they will get a chance to win some prizes. More news on the start date will be provided to students. For more information, check out the RMBA website at <https://rmba.info/>



PLEASE WELCOME

Verna Mabin — Grade 1 Teacher

OKI FLVT staff and families!

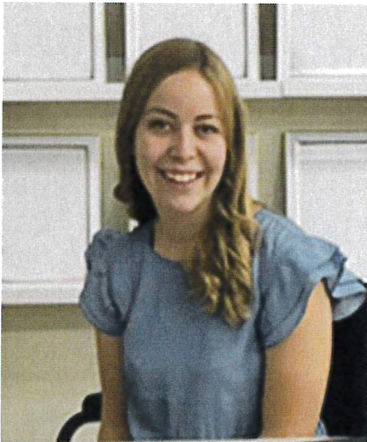
I am looking forward to being a part of your school community this fall. This will be my 19th year with the Holy Spirit School Division, eight of which were spent as an educational assistant; one of them at this very school in pre-k. The other ten were spent as a teacher at The Children of St. Martha's School. I have taught all grades from kindergarten to grade 6, and I am really excited to be teaching grade one next year.

I have a wonderful husband and 3 amazing children, a daughter and two sons. In addition to my human children, I also have 2 fur babies. I feel so blessed to have been welcomed into such an amazing school community, and I look forward to serving the students and families here at FLVT this fall.

Mrs. Verna Mabin ~ Siiksiaakaki



Dana Visser — Jr High/Music Teacher



Miss Visser was born and raised in Lethbridge, Alberta. She loves to travel, hike, read and play music. From a young age, she knew she wanted to be a music teacher, and began training and gaining experience around Lethbridge in her craft. She was able to work as a choral accompanist at St. Francis Junior High for several years, which further solidified for her that she was meant to teach music. After completing her music degree in piano performance at the University of Lethbridge, she began her After-Degree in Music Education. During this time, she was introduced to modern music education through her internship teaching guitar, rock and roll and electronic music at G.S. Lakie Middle School. Her passion for building a diverse and well-rounded music program ignited once again, and she graduated with her education degree, determined to share her love of music education with all of her future students.

Since graduating, Miss Visser has had the opportunity to teach several elementary home-room classes at both St. Teresa of Calcutta and Coalbanks Elementary School. Through this time, she has created safe spaces for her students to grow and learn and has developed strong relationships with her students, parents and colleagues. She is extremely excited to continue sharing her love of modern-music education with the Father Leonard Van Tighem school community.

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Carolyn Scott — Administrative Assistant



I'm looking forward to meeting the wonderful students at FLVT! I've been with Holy Spirit School Division since 2002 and have worked at three different schools. It has been a tremendous blessing to be surrounded by people who care deeply about society by helping form children with integrity, faith and creativity. My children received the highest quality of instruction at FLVT and have fond memories of this school.

I'm a local-yocal and look forward to meeting new families and welcoming new people to Lethbridge as I'm a bit of a Southern Alberta promoter. It's the best place to live!

In my spare time, I enjoy hiking, biking, running and music with my family.

Kennedy McKenzie — Administrative Assistant

My name is Kennedy McKenzie and I am thrilled to be joining the FLVT team!

Since 2006 I have been an administrative assistant and housing coordinator at the Good Samaritan Society assisting our seniors. Prior to that I was a teacher assistant at the Noble Central school in Nobleford, AB.

My husband, daughter and I love spending time with our family and friends. Whether we travel or spend time in the backyard, it doesn't matter, as long as we're together.

I am very grateful to be part of a school again especially here at FLVT. I am really looking forward to this new beginning and getting to know all the staff and students.



Tara Brown—Early Learning Program



My name is Tara Brown, I am excited to be working in the early learning program here at Father Leonard Van Tighem school supporting our youngest children. I myself was once a student here way back when the school was brand new for grades 8 and 9, so it shall be interesting coming back as a staff member.

My husband and I have two boys, Zachary and Aiden. As a family we enjoy getting outdoors, going camping, and doing some hiking. In my spare time I enjoy doing photography as a hobby and getting creative with my sewing machine.

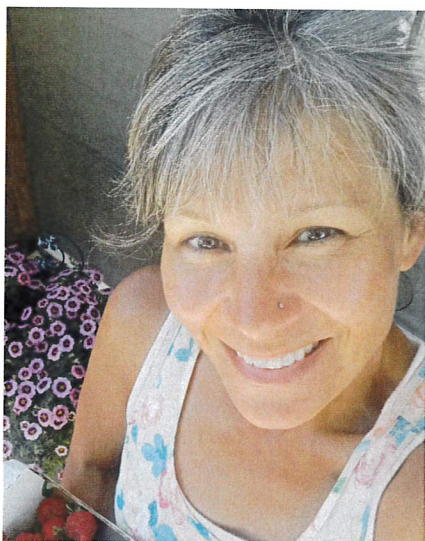
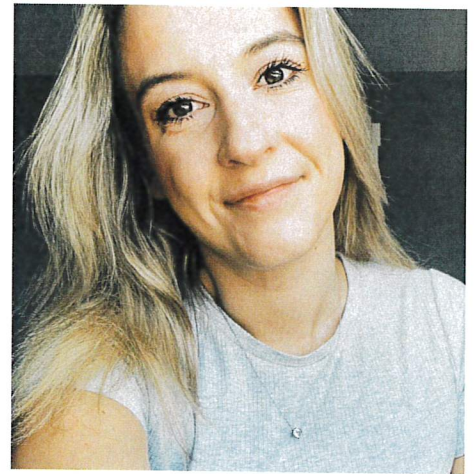
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Gemma Oxley - Jr High Teacher

Hello all,

My name is Gemma Oxley and I will be joining the FLVT team for the first part of the school year. I was born in England and moved to Canada with my parents and 2 sisters when I was 13 years old. I grew up in Okotoks but moved to Lethbridge about 7 years ago to attend university. I love to spend my summers hiking, camping and being outdoors. I am also president of my tenpin bowling league and bowl every Tuesday, often doing competitions on weekends!

I am excited to be a part of this amazing teaching team here at FLVT and see what the school year brings!!



Laura Hartmann - Educational Assistant

Hi!

I'm Miss Laura Hartmann. I've been an educational assistant since 2008. I love animals, plants and rocks. So being outside is the best. Even better when it's not windy or snowy. I kind of like it a bit rainy but like the sunshine the most.

Nicole Hoytos - Kindergarten Assistant

Hello Father Leonard Van Tighem families!! My name is Nicole Hoytos and I am thrilled to be joining FLVT, as an Education Assistant. I have been lucky enough to work as an education assistant at St. Teresa of Calcutta School for the last 2 years. I also have 15 years experience working as a Registered Massage Therapist!

Working with children is my passion, and having worked as an educational assistant I can't imagine a more rewarding experience. I always will do my best to contribute to your children's education, and make some memories along the way.

When I am not at the school, you will find me with my 2 children (10 & 8) and my husband of 14 years, camping, visiting family, having a bbq or hanging out with friends. I look forward to meeting everyone throughout the school year.



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Maria Baque - ESL

I have 3 beautiful daughters. I enjoy the outdoors, cooking, and music. I speak German, English, and Spanish. I am excited to be a part of the divisional ESL team and I look forward to supporting students this school year!



Andrea Kobbert - Family School

Hello!

My name is Andrea Kobbert and I feel blessed to be introducing myself to you all as Father Leonard Van Tighem's new Family School Liaison Counsellor (FSLC).

I come to you from St. Michael's school in Pincher Creek, where I have been working in the FSLC role for the last school year. I am excited to be joining the FLVT Team, as I am a proud alumni of this school and spent the majority of my childhood years building memories here. I am looking forward to the opportunity to create many more.



Professionally, I am a recently registered Social Worker with the Alberta College of Social Work. Additionally, I have an educational background in public health, and human resources. Recently I went back to school to broaden my skills and perspective in offering counselling support through a trauma-informed lens. Working within the school system has been a goal of mine, which led to a position in the Mental Health Capacity Building role prior to Family School Liaison Counselling.

On the weekends you can find me either curled up with a good book or outside hanging with my family, friends or my dog, Snoopy. I appreciate any opportunity to be active and social, through participating in activities such as slo-pitch, curling or volleyball. I also enjoy challenging myself through attempting do-it-yourself projects and trying new things.

I am looking forward to getting to know more members of the FLVT community. If you have any questions regarding the FSLC program, referral or my support, please feel free to reach out to me by contacting the school or speaking with a staff member. I can also be contacted at kobberta@holyspirit.ab.ca.

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Ainsley Sorenson - PS3 Jr High

Hello!

My name is Ainsley Sorensen, and I am a PSIII student at the University of Lethbridge. I am looking forward to spending the next few months working at FLVT and getting to know its staff and students. In my previous practicum, I taught grade 4/5 at Penbrooke Meadows School in Calgary. I loved the experience that I had there, and I am excited to continue to grow as a teacher during my time at FLVT.

This fall, I will be teaching grade 8 math and science, as well as grade 9 religion. I am currently working on a combined degree in general science and math education, so I am happy for the opportunity to teach in my subject area. Outside of teaching, some of my interests include playing the piano,



Alexie Beaulac - PS3 Jr High



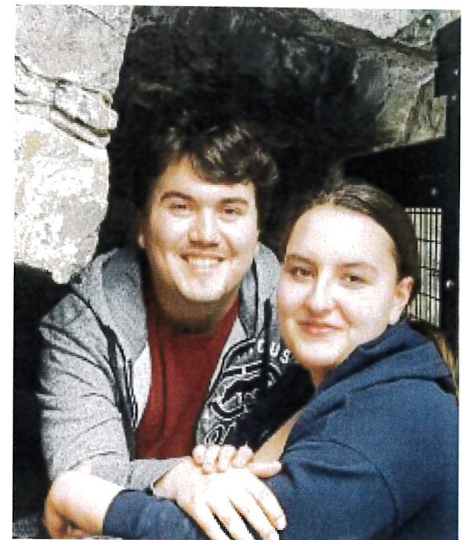
Ms. Beaulac is one of the three Student Teachers from the University of Lethbridge, and she is very excited to be teaching at FLVT this fall. She is originally from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan but has made a lovely home here in Lethbridge with her two roommates and her extremely spoiled cat. She is very excited to be interning under Mrs. Hammel and happy to be using her Drama Education major to teach Q1 and Q2 Drama, as well as help out with the musical production this year.

Ainsley Sorenson - PS3 Jr High

Hello Parents and Students

My name is Nathan Glatt, and I am so excited and honored to be given the opportunity to join your school community. I am incredibly happy to have the opportunity to learn with and teach the students of FLVT. I know that regardless of what classes I end up teaching I will be able to make a difference and I find that very exciting. As for my hobbies, they include movies, games of all kinds, and reading. For music I enjoy rock, metal, heavy metal and the occasional pop song, but that depends on the vocals and rhythm.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to receive hands-on experience to polish my personal teaching strategies and I know that the memories I will make from the time I spend with you all will stick with me forever.





Thursday, October 6th

All students and grades will be accommodated on this day.

If you are in Early Learning and do not attend on this day, please stop into the school in between 8:45-9:15 am, 12:30-1:00 pm & 2:45-3:15pm for your child's photo to be taken.

Photos this year will be taken by LifeTouch

Just a few reminders of school bus regulations:

- Parents/Guardians must be at their child's bus stop if they are in Kindergarten – Grade 1 for both drop off and pick up unless they are with an older sibling. If a parent/guardian is not at the Bus Stop, the child will be taken back to the school and it will be the school's responsibility to contact the parent.
- Students must be at their designated Bus Stop at least five minutes before their pick time. We are unable to stop and wait for students due to the timing and the amount of students transported, if students are not at a bus stop and visible to the school bus operator they will continue on to the next designated Bus Stop.
- Friends may not take the bus for play dates, to daycare, to grandparents, etc.
- Please do not to park in the School Bus Parking Zones.



BELL TIMES AND SCHEDULES

BELL TIMES – Warning Bell 8:45 am Start time 8:55 am

MONDAY—THURSDAY — Elementary End time 3:40 pm / Junior High: 3:35 pm

FRIDAY – EARLY DISMISSAL — Elementary 1:20 pm / Junior High 1:15 pm

NUTRITION & RECESS BREAKS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Grades 1 – 6 – 10:47-11:17 & 1:08-1:46

Grades 7 – 9 - 12:45-1:32

FRIDAYS

Grades 1 – 6 — 10:55-11:20. Because this is a very short break, please **do not send items needing a microwave.**

Grades 7 – 9 — 11:38-11:54 (nutritional break)

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

All entrance doors will be locked. Teachers will meet students at their designated entrance points at 8:45 and take students to the classroom. There will be no staff supervision before 8:45 or after dismissal times at the end of the day. Students are expected to head straight home.

DRESS CODE

Dress in accordance with the following guidelines. Good social judgement includes knowing what is appropriate to wear (clean, neat, modest clothing free of offensive language, advertising or slogans). No underwear should be showing.

CANTEEN

Clip cards will be available again through cash online for \$20.00 each. The students can use these cards to purchase lunches or if requested, they can use them for milk only. Any money left on cards from last year has been carried over to this year.

NO FORKS OR SPOONS AVAILABLE—BRING FROM HOME

Please pay through cash-on-line, cash, making Cheques payable to **KAYLA CHAPMAN** or pay by e-transfer to kkchapman15@gmail.com. "Debit tap" is now available.

REGULAR MENU ITEMS

Hamburger	\$4.00
Cheeseburger	\$4.25
Hot Dog	\$2.00
Milk (chocolate)	\$2.00
Orange Juice	\$2.00
Pizza Sub	\$4.50
Chicken Wraps (Ranch, Caesar, Buffalo)	\$4.50

HEALTHY CHOICES

Muffins	\$2.00
Yogurt Berry Parfait	\$3.00
Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Veggies	\$2.00
Grilled Chicken Vermicelli Salad	\$6.50

GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS

(Must be pre-ordered by 11 a.m. of that day
- call or text Kayla at 403-360-9046)

Hot Dog	\$4
Hamburgers	\$6.50



TEXTBOOK POLICY

Junior High Students have received their textbooks for the year. The average cost of a textbook is \$80.00, and they must last for many years. Please encourage your student to take good care of their texts. Should they lose a textbook, they will have to pay to replace it. Full cost will be charged for a new text and a portion for an older one, depending on the age of the book. Also, any damage they do to a textbook will be assessed a fee on an individual basis.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Within the next few weeks we will be holding fire drills and practicing our lockdown and evacuation procedures. Sometime in September, the fire department will be working with us to ensure that our emergency plans function well for us. You can help us out a great deal by making sure that your children understand the importance of always having shoes on their feet. There is no time during an evacuation of any kind to be hunting for footwear.

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Most up to date online Calendar See: https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/calendar		31 First Day of School for Students	1 Kindergarten Intake Interviews	2	3
4 Jr High Vball Tryouts ... see google calendar for exact tryout times	5 No School Labour Day	6 Kindergarten Intake Interviews Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	7 Kindergarten Intake Interviews Little Mermaid Information Meeting @ Lunch Taco & Mexi Fries \$4.50	8 Kindergarten Intake Interviews Radical Red Day Chicken Burger \$4.50	9 Smoothies \$3.00 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	10
11	12 1st Day for Kindergarten and Early Learning Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	13 Open House & Welcome Back Blessing & Social Followed by School Council Meeting 7 pm Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	14 Chicken Nuggets \$4.50	15 Great Green Day Chicken Burger \$4.50	16 Blast Off Run Smoothies \$3.00 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	17
18 Jr High The Little Mermaid Auditions this week - See google calendar for exact times	19 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	20 Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	21 X Country City Champ (Gr 6-9) Loaded Nachos \$4.50	22 Yummy Yellow Day Chicken Burger \$4.50	23 Jr. Hawks Classic Volleyball Tourney Smoothies \$3.00 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	24 Jr. Hawks Classic Volleyball Tourney
25	26 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	27 Pre-Order Taco in a Bag \$4.50	28 Kinder Field Trips to Helen Schuler Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	29  No School Orange shirt day Gr 4 Field Trip Chicken Burger \$4.50	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	School Picture Day is Thursday, October 6

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	3 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	4 School Council Mtg. 7 p.m. Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	5 X Country Zone Championships Bouncing Brown Day Baked Spaghetti \$4.50	6 School Picture Day All Student Chicken Burger \$4.50	7 Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	8
9	10 <i>No School</i> Thanksgiving Day	11 <i>No School</i> School PD Day	12 French Toast & Hashbrown \$4.50	13 <i>Perfect Pink Day</i> Chicken Burger \$4.50	14 Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	15
16	17 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	18 Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	19 Arise and Shine: A Celebration of Art and Song in Holy Spirit Loaded Nachos \$4.50	20 Powerful Purple Day Arise and Shine: A Celebration of Art and Song in Holy Spirit Chicken Burger \$4.50	21 Sr. Boys/Girls Volleyball - Hawks Classic Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	22 Sr. Boys/Girls Volleyball - Hawks Classic
23	24 <i>No School</i> Divisional PD Day	25 Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	26 Pre-order Taco in a Bag \$5.25	27 Outrageous Orange Day Chicken Burger \$4.50	28 Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	29
30	31 Halloween Dress-up Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50					