

FATHER LEONARD VAN TICHEM SCHOOL

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MESSAGES & BLOGS

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. Jan 9th - Return to school

Tues. Jan 17th -

School council mtg. 7 p.m.

Jan 23-26 - Jr. High Exam Week

Fri. Jan 27th - No School PD Day

A PRAYER FOR GRATITUDE

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

— Rev. Marcy Sheremetta



2023
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Library news & updates

Library News from Ms. Pierson

Rocky Mountain Book Awards: The Rocky Mountain Book Awards is in full motion. The students are involved with reading the nominated books and reporting back to me on them. In order to vote, the students need to read a minimum of 5 RMBA books by the beginning of April. 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. There are a limited number of copies at our library therefore if your child would like to get through the books quicker, the public library currently offers free library cards and they have the RMBA books on hand (make sure they are from the 2023 nominee list).



Library Manners Jar: The Library Manners Jars were successful as the students used proper library behavior and filled up their jars quickly. The winners for this time period were 3K from Division 1 and 6W from Division 2. The jars will be emptied in preparation for the next challenge. The goal is for students to fill their classroom jar first by using great library manners, so they can win a classroom prize. The next race is on!

Monthly Library Winners: Students have the opportunity to win a library prize monthly by following HAWK values. I watch for respectful behavior and students receive a draw slip. The draw is made at the end of each month. Good luck!!

Volunteers: We appreciate our volunteers' time and help in the library. If you are interested in committing to volunteering in the library, please email me at piersond@holyspirit.ab.ca

Book Donations: The library accepts lightly used books. Please contact me at piersond@holyspirit.ab.ca prior to dropping off books. We are thankful to all families who have already made donations.

Bringing books to life: In the library we like to bring the books we read to life by being creative with them. Here are the grade 1's learning about non-fiction books, specifically the book "Actual Size" by Steven Jenkins. We measured how many grade ones it takes to be as tall as the Alaskan Brown Bear or as long as the Siberian Tiger from its nose to the end of its tail. We measured how big a giant squid eye is, how long a giant anteater's tongue is and how big great white shark's teeth are, among many other animals .

Bringing Books to Life...
"Actual Size"
By Steven Jenkins



Grade 9 Quebec Trip Deadline

January 29 is the last day to register for the Grade 9 F.S.L French Quebec/ Montreal trip.

Website to register:

<https://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/2454926SM>



Welcome an International Student into Your Home!

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is looking for Homestay Family to host an international student who will attend Father Van Tighem School from January-June 2023.

\$800/month is offered to reimburse families for the student's living costs.

Homestay Families willing to open their hearts and homes to international students are asked to provide the following amenities:

- Private bedroom
- Three wholesome meals a day and snacks as required
- Quiet, well-lit and heated study space
- Access to the common living areas of the house
- Hot water and facilities for bathing
- Laundry
- Emotional support
- Academic support
- Interaction with family members
- Participation in family activities
- Internet Connection



Please be aware that a Personal Identification Check (including a Vulnerable Sector Check) and a Child Intervention Check will need to be provided for all Home Family residents over the age of 18.

The Benefits of Becoming a Homestay Family

Becoming a Homestay Family for the Holy Spirit International Education Program offers a range of benefits:

- Learning about another culture's traditions and customs
- Having the opportunity to experience a cultural exchange in the comfort of your own home
- Seeing our own Canadian culture through the eyes of an International Student
- Making a difference in the life of a young citizen of the world
- Receiving a monthly stipend of \$800 to support groceries and quality of life activities
- Encouraging families to spend more time doing things together
- Developing a lasting friendship with the International Student and his or her family
- Acquiring an interest in a new culture that could lead to new travel and language learning opportunities for you and your children

If you would like more information about the Homestay Program or to refer a family, please contact us immediately.



For more information please contact:

Donna Faulkner

Holy Spirit International Student Program
Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate School Division
620 12B Street North Lethbridge, AB T1H 2L7

Phone: (403) 331-7454 Fax: (403) 327-9595 Email: homestay@holyspirit.ab.ca

VIRTUE VOUCHERS

When staff members notice a student displaying one of our Van Tighem Virtues, they can give that student a Virtue Voucher. The student fills it out and enters their name in the office for a monthly draw to receive a \$20 Indigo gift card. 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 \$50 Amazon gift card (one for each division).

CONGRATULATIONS

December Virtue Voucher winners

Division One - Sully L

Division Two - Mayah B

Division Three - Lola B

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Blessing Bags for Streets Alive!



Thanks to all of the FLVT families who generously supported the Blessing Bag Project initiated by our Grade Three and Four students. The combined effort of every classroom's donations allowed our students to stuff 100 Blessing Bags that Streets Alive distributed to our community.

Christmas Break

Last day of classes before Christmas Break

-Friday, Dec 23rd

Christmas Break (no School)

-December 24 - January 8

Classes Resume

-Monday, Jan 9th





Lethbridge Catholic Youth Ministry



Christmas Gingerbread and



Hot Chocolate



Come for some gingerbread making and hot chocolate, and hear Bill Ginther from the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen give a talk on homelessness and our call to serve and be Jesus to others in our community.

Wednesday, December 28 @

3:00pm @ Assumption Hall

For all junior and senior high youth

Sign up @



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Looking forward to a new year with ...

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

2023/2024 REGISTRATION



Re-Registration Starts January 16, 2023

Families with students currently enrolled in our system should expect an email during the week of January 16-20, 2023 asking that the online "Registration Update Form" be completed for each child attending one of our schools in the 2023/2024 school year.

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 that they re-register older students.



New Student Registration Starts February 1, 2023

All Early Learning to Grade 12 students who are new to the division and wish to enroll for the 2023/2024 school year are invited to register online starting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

- Our **Early Learning Program** is designed to stimulate the growing curiosity of children 3 and 4 years of age.
- **Kindergarten** is designed for children 5 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2023.
- **Grade 1** registrants must be 6 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2023.
- **French Immersion** is also available. Enrollment starts:
 - in Kindergarten/Grade 1 at École St. Mary School in Lethbridge.
 - in Grade 1 at St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek.



For More Information

Contact our Coordinator of Early Learning Coordinator to discuss Early Learning, Kindergarten, or your child's specialized programming requirements by phone (403-381-8495) or email (earlylearning@holyspirit.ab.ca).

Contact our French Language Consultant to discuss French Immersion programming by phone (403-331-4458) or email (urquhartw@holyspirit.ab.ca).

Contact your child's school, or visit the division's website (holyspirit.ab.ca), if you need assistance with the online registration process or have any questions.



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division
...where students are cherished and achieve their potential.

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 No School Christmas Vacation	3 No School Christmas Vacation	4 No School Christmas Vacation	5 No School Christmas Vacation	6 No School Christmas Vacation	7 Thursdays in December Jr High Communi-tea during lunch break 
8 HONEST ACCEPTING WISE KIND SPIRITUAL	9 Classes Resume	10	11 Pancakes & Hash Brown \$4.50	12 Chicken Burger \$4.50	13 Jr. Girls & Boys Bball - Hawks Classic Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	14 Jr. Girls & Boys Bball - Hawks Classic 
15 Registration Update forms go out this week	16 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	17 School Council Mtg. 7 p.m. Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	18 Career Dress up Day Elementary Gold Card Fundraiser Limo Ride Loaded Nachos \$4.50	19 Chicken Burger \$4.50	20 Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	21
22 Junior High Mid-term week	23 8:55am Jr. High Math Mid-Term Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	24 8:55am Jr. High Social Mid-Term Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	25 8:55am Jr. High LA Mid-Term Hawaii Day Taco in a Bag (by Pre-order) \$6.25	26 8:55am Jr. High Science Mid-Term Quarter 2 Ends Chicken Burger \$4.50	27 No School PD Day Sr. Boys & Girls Bball - Hawks Classic Tournament	28 Sr. Boys & Girls Bball - Hawks Classic Tournament 
29 Gr 9 Quebec Trip registration deadline.	30 Quarter 3 Begins Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	31 Jr. Boys & Girls BBall Quarterfinals  Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50				Most up to date online Calendar See: https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/calendar For the co curricular calendar please click 'co curricular'

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>New Registrations Accepted</i>	2	3	4 Thursdays in December Jr High Communi-tea during lunch break 
		Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	Loaded Nachos \$4.50	Chicken Burger \$4.50	Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	
5	6	7 School Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	8	9	10	11
	Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	Beef & Cheese Taco w Mexi Fries \$4.50	Chicken Burger \$4.50	Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	
12 Badminton try-outs this week - tentative 	13	14 Red/Pink for Valentines Day	15	16 Pink Shirt Day (Feb 22)	17 Pancake Day—Provided	18
	Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50	Taco in a Bag (by Pre-order) \$6.25	Chicken Burger \$4.50	Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50	
19	20 No School Family Day	21 No School Shrove Tuesday	22 No School Ash Wednesday	23 No School Teacher's Convention	24 No School Teacher's Convention	25
26	27 Elementary Science Sizzle Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50	28				