

MESSAGES & BLOGS

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Dates to Remember

Monday, May 8

- School Council Meeting

Sunday, May 14th

- Mother's Day

Monday, May 22

No School - Victoria Day

Tuesday, May 23

No School - School PD Day



**WALKING
TOGETHER**
in
**CATHOLIC
EDUCATION**

**CELEBRATING
CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WEEK**

MAY 15-19, 2023

"...but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever."

Micah 4:5





Library news & updates

Library News from Ms. Pierson



Rocky Mountain Book Awards: The Rocky Mountain Book Awards have ended. The vote for the best author took place in April, however, at FLVT we will continue to read the books until the end of May in order to get more prizes. The students are involved with reading the nominated books and reporting back to me on them. Stay tuned for the RMBA author winner.

Library Manners Jar: The goal is for students to fill their classroom jar first by using great library manners so they can win a classroom prize. Congratulations to 2TJ and 5R for winning this round!! Starting again...let's see who wins next.

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.

Scholastic Reading Club: Due to Scholastic changes in shipping cost, it is no longer possible for us to continue with the Scholastic reading club flyers. We will, however, continue with the Scholastic book fair in the Fall. Thank you for your continued support.

Please note: There have been damaged and lost books fees added to school cash accounts. Please take care of library books by keeping them in safe, dry places where pets and small children can't reach them. Thank you for settling your accounts in order for the library to replace the lost/damaged books.

FLVT



Quebec trip meeting May 3rd at St Francis in room 212 at 6:30pm All students and parents must attend .

Quebec Trip: bus leaves 11:45pm Thursday May 18 Bus drops off students back at school at approximately 2:30am on Wed, May 24.

Grade 9 Farewell

Thursday, June 8 @ 7:00pm

More details to come!



FATHER LEONARD VAN TIGHEM
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

INTENTIONAL with TECH

with speaker KAYLEE LOW_{RN}

Join us as we explore ideas for healthier tech habits & meaningful connection within our families.

7:00 - 8:00 pm Tuesday, May 30

(30 Minute Q & A to follow presentation)

FLVT Atrium - 25 Stoney Crescent W, Lethbridge

For ALL PARENTS (of children any age)
And YOUTH (12 yrs & up)

*This presentation will include sensitive topics with research material about the possible risks & effects of social media, pornography, sextortion, video game addiction, online predators, suicide, & sexting.

Junior High Exams

Now that spring is here, junior high final exams are right around the corner. During the week of May 15th, grade 6 and 9 students will write part A of the Language Arts Final during scheduled class times. **Please note, this will be a full day with regular classes.** Part B of Language Arts will be written during year end exam week (June 19-27). Full schedule can be found on our online school Calendar on our website.

This year there will be no exemptions in any subject. All students will write their exams at the start of the day, and be expected to stay in the exam room until 10:00. There are no regularly scheduled classes during the week of June 19-27 for Junior High. Students are allowed to leave school after their exams, provided they have parental permission. More information will be coming out in June.

MATH EXAMS AND CALCULATORS

We are nearing the end of our school year, and beginning to prepare for Final Exams. At this time, we remind students and parents that **EVERY Junior High student who is writing the Math final in his or her grade MUST have a calculator to use.** The school owns very few extra calculators, and students must not count on borrowing a calculator on that day.



Any technological devices such as cell phones or smart watches as calculators ARE NOT permitted while writing exams.

“The following calculator materials, properties, and/or configurations are NOT permitted in the test room:

- ⇒ Programmed memory content
- ⇒ Built-in notes, libraries, or formulae (e.g. definitions or explanations in alpha notation)
- ⇒ Upgraded or downloaded programs
- ⇒ Remote communication capability”

Thank you for your support.


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 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 \$50 Amazon card (one for each division).

CONGRATULATIONS

Division One - Maria-Alexandra M - 2TJ
 Division Two - Corson V - 5R
 Division Three - Charlie L - 7J

**HONEST
 ACCEPTING
 WISE
 KIND
 SPIRITUAL**



Education is an Important Issue

PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2023

As we move out of the COVID Pandemic era, serious work needs to be undertaken to support student mental health and to provide academic support so all children can achieve their potential as active citizens.

The 2023 Provincial Election is a great time to bring issues facing education in general, and Catholic Education in particular, to the forefront.

A few facts about Catholic Education:

- ◆ Catholic education is a constitutional right that many parents and students chose to exercise in Alberta.
- ◆ Catholic schools receive the same public funding as that found in the Public School System.
- ◆ Catholic schools support the development of the whole child; academically, physically, and spiritually.
- ◆ Catholic schools welcome children of all faiths.
- ◆ Catholic School Divisions in Alberta serve over 175,000 children.
- ◆ Holy Spirit Catholic School Division serves over 5000 children from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in and around the communities of Bow Island, Coaldale, Lethbridge, Picture Butte, Pincher Creek, and Taber.

When meeting with candidates seeking election, ask them...

- ◆ What is your party's position on the continuation of full funding for Catholic Education?
- ◆ How will your party implement the curriculum this coming school year and into the future?
- ◆ In what ways will your party achieve stability in education beyond four-year election cycles?
- ◆ What do you see as the biggest issues facing Public and Catholic Education in Alberta?
- ◆ If your party forms government, what will your party do about these issues?



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION



First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education For All

FACILITATE RECONCILIATION

» Supporting Trade and Reconciliation:

- Walking Together and Events
- Division Family Gathering

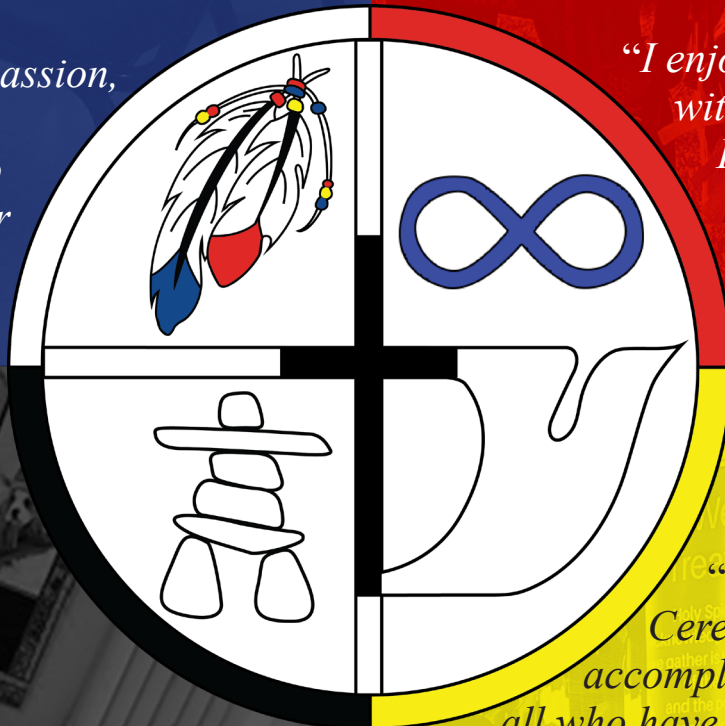
» Indigenizing Assessment and Pedagogy:

- Resources
- Videos and Presentations

» Blackfoot Language (Revitalizing):

- Mioohpokoiiksi
- Aikamotsiipohtoo'pa

“Indigenizing classrooms instills passion, agency, empowerment, creativity, innovation and enables students to set goals for the future. Not just for indigenous students but for all students.” (Dr. Dustin Louie)



APPLYING FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE: BENEFIT FOR ALL

» Learn, Build and Go Learning:

- STEM Edition
- Sharing Circle; Art and Wellness, and more

» Accessing Historical Perspective:

- Treaties
- Residential Schools

» Accessing Exhibits and Professional Learning:

- Legacy of Hope
- Workshops

“I enjoyed the storytelling session with Sheldon — the Circle of Life. It was very engaging and meaningful.”

ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING (KNOW, BE, DO)

» Knowing:

- Padlet
- Cultural Supports

» Doing:

- Language Kits
- Resource Kits

» Being:

- Storytelling
- Land Acknowledgements; Land-Based Learning

“A reminder of the importance of respecting and learning about other cultures. The spirit dot in Métis dot art; a gentle reminder that imperfection is part of life.”

EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

“The Feather Blessing Ceremony honours the student’s accomplishments and gives thanks to all who have supported them in their journey.”

» Accessing Supports:

- Grad Coach Program
- Transition Gatherings

» Recognizing Achievement:

- Student Awards
- Feather Blessing

» Understanding the Context:

- Busing
- Data Collection

For detailed information on the resources listed, as well as additional tools to support you in living truth and reconciliation, scan the QR code below.





The **Catholic Bishops**
of **Alberta** and the
Northwest Territories

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de **l'Alberta** et des
Territoires du Nord-Ouest

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Catholic Education Week 2023

As for us, we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever. Micah 4:5

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this month of May, we celebrate Catholic Education Week in the province of Alberta. This occasion affords us the welcome opportunity to reflect on the crucial role Catholic schools play in educating our children and young people, by creating formative communities of love and care that witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Alberta's Catholic schools are beacons of hope for families across the province seeking faith-based education for their children.

The provincial theme this year reminds us of the call to “walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever” (Micah 4:5). Catholic Education Week also provides a special opportunity to thank each one of you for your extraordinary service on behalf of Catholic education.

We offer our deep appreciation to the educators in our Catholic schools who stayed the course throughout these past difficult years with extraordinary commitment. To the teachers, administrators and support staff of our schools, please know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Your tireless dedication on behalf of Alberta's children and families has been holy work. As Scripture states, “Well done good and faithful servants”.

Parents, you have our prayers and our support. Raising a family is both a joy and challenge. Our increasingly secularized society makes your task even more demanding. We honour the role you exercise as your child's first and most important teacher. When you choose Catholic education, you are making a choice to have your child in a community of learning where faith in God is permeated in all of the activities of the school every day.

To the community that surrounds Catholic education, - clergy, grandparents and parishes – we want to affirm your commitment to supporting and enriching Alberta’s Catholic schools as essential. Please continue to pray and advocate for this precious gift of publicly funded Catholic education.


We, the Bishops of Alberta and Northwest Territories, in unity with the Alberta Catholic School Trustees’ Association (ACSTA), the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta (CCSSA) and Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (GrACE), invite you all to unite with us in the promotion and strengthening of Catholic Education, as we walk in the name of the Lord along the pathway of faith and hope.

Yours in Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT



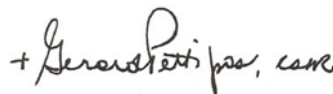
Most Reverend Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton



Most Reverend William McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary



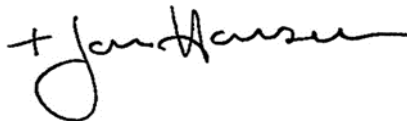
Most Reverend Gary Franken
Bishop of St. Paul



Most Reverend Gerard Pettipas CSsR
Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan



Most Reverend David Motiuk
Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of
Edmonton



Most Reverend Jon Hansen, CSsR
Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

...where children are cherished and achieve their potential

April 25, 2023

Dear Holy Spirit Catholic School Division families attending Lethbridge schools,

As many of you know, the Government of Alberta has announced significant changes to school transportation eligibility, distances, and funding, effective **September 1, 2024**. While the Government has indicated that school authorities may start using the new guidelines for the upcoming school year, we know that our transportation system will **NOT** be ready to incorporate these changes for September 2023. Be assured that Southland Transportation is already making plans to purchase more buses and hire/train new drivers so that we will be in a good position to effectively address the increase in ridership and widespread route changes anticipated for the 2024/2025 school year.

In the meantime, the school division will not be charging transportation fees for 2023/2024 for the following riders:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 students within the school division's boundaries who reside 1.2 km or more from their designated school.
- Grade 7 to 12 students within the school division's boundaries who reside 2.4 km or more from their designated school.
- Junior high students living north of Crowsnest Trail and between 1.2 and 2.39 km from St. Francis Junior High School.
- Students accessing a Fine Arts Program of Choice under the following circumstances:
 - Kindergarten to Grade 6 students living inside the boundary of The Children of St. Martha School or Father Leonard Van Tighem School who requires transportation to St. Patrick Fine Arts School
 - Grade 7 to 9 students living in the Father Leonard Van Tighem Junior High School attendance zone, who attended Grade 6 at St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary in the prior school year, and wish to continue with a Fine Arts Program of Choice by attending St. Francis Junior High School

Fees will still continue to be charged to Kindergarten to Grade 6 students attending Father Leonard Van Tighem School who require after-school child care at Children of St. Martha School, providing space is available on existing routes. The fee for this service is \$25.00/month/student to a maximum of \$75.00/month/family.

Administrative Procedure 350: Transportation, will be thoroughly reviewed and amended next year, and implemented in the 2024/2025 school year.

As in past years, an email detailing the process for eligible students to register for transportation services can be expected in the coming weeks. Please be aware that, **ONLY REGISTERED RIDERS WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**. This is essential to ensure that we have sufficient resources for the upcoming school year.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,
Lisa Palmarin, CPA, CGA, CSBO, SFO
Secretary-Treasurer

Hats On!

FOR MENTAL HEALTH



can we talk?

W E D N E S D A Y

MAY 3
2023

Wear a special hat to school, to raise awareness
of the importance of good mental health.

canwetalk.ca



The Alberta
Teachers' Association



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Alberta



READY TO CREATE. READY TO EXPLORE. READY TO DISCOVER.



DO YOU HAVE A YOUNG ATHLETE, DANCER,
SCIENTIST, MOUNTAIN BIKER, CHEF, BUILDER
OR GAMER IN YOUR HOME?

**Now's the time to register them for the hands-on and fun-focused
summer camps for children and teens at Lethbridge College.**

From Claymation Creators to Forensic Explorers to Kodiaks Camps
and more, your kids will make new friends and make it a memorable
summer with a week or more at Lethbridge College's challenging,
creative and confidence-building summer camps.

GET ALL THE DETAILS AND REGISTER TODAY AT:

lethbridgecollege.ca/summercamps





**Digital Portfolios are coming to
Father Leonard Van Tighem's
Elementary Classrooms for 2023/2024!**

What are Digital Portfolios?

Digital portfolios are a digital collection of artifacts that document a student's learning journey over time. Digital Portfolios allow teachers and students to capture, communicate, and reflect on what is happening in real time in the classroom.

To learn more about our Digital Portfolio tool, SpacesEDU, please check out the links below:

Family Getting Started Guide:

https://spacesedu.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SpacesEDU_Family_GettingStartedGuide_en.pdf

Family Privacy Kit:

https://spacesedu.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Family_Privacy_Kit_en.pdf

Holy Spirit Parent Information Session

Link to the recording (Feb. 2023):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgZka1e4sEY>

FAMILY FUN

LEARNING CENTRES

CRAFTS & GAMES

SCAVENGER HUNT



ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURE

AUGUST 19 • 11 AM - 3 PM

BBQ Lunch \$5

Register for a Crop Tour
11:00 am or 1:30 pm






Visit Learning Centres



FARMING SMARTER





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50</p>	<p>3 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>Hats on for Mental Health</p> <p>Loaded Nachos \$4.50</p>	<p>4 STAR WARS DAY MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU</p> <p>Star Wars Day</p> <p>Jr High Communi-tea </p> <p>Chicken Burger \$4.50</p>	<p>5 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club 'Donut Dash' </p> <p>Gr.6 City Hall</p> <p>Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>School Council Mtg. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50</p>	<p>9 Gr.3 Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Show</p> <p>Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50</p>	<p>10 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets \$4.50</p>	<p>11 Slipper Day </p> <p>Jr High Communi-tea </p> <p>Chicken Burger \$4.50</p>	<p>12 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>Gr. 6-9 City Track Meet</p> <p>Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50</p>	<p>13</p> 
<p>14 Mother's Day</p>  <p>Catholic Education Week</p>	<p>15 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>ELA 9 PAT Part A</p> <p>Gr. 3-Yates for Ukrainian Dance</p> <p>Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50</p>	<p>17 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>ELA 6 PAT Part A</p> <p>Taco & Mexi Fries \$4.50</p>	<p>18 LSAA Gr. 9 City Track Meet</p> <p>Jr High Communi-tea </p> <p>World Catholic Day—wear blue</p> <p>Chicken Burger \$4.50</p>	<p>19  Marathon Colour Run 1:30</p> <p>Quebec Trip</p> <p>Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50</p> 	<p>20 Quebec Trip</p> 
<p>21 Quebec Trip</p> 	<p>22 No School</p> <p>Victoria Day</p> <p>Quebec Trip</p> 	<p>23 No School</p> <p>School PD Day</p> <p>Quebec Trip</p> 	<p>24 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>LSAA City Track Meet - Gr 6-8</p> <p>CEC Board Meeting-Public 6:00-9:00pm</p> <p>Mini Cheese Pizza \$4.50</p>	<p>25 Jr High Communi-tea </p> <p>Chicken Burger \$4.50</p>	<p>26 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>Spring All Ages School Dance \$10/ family 5:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50</p>	<p>27</p> 
<p>28</p>	<p>29 8:05am Elementary Marathon Club</p> <p>Provincial Election - Voting Station @ FLVT</p> <p>Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50</p>	<p>31 Little Soul's Marathon @ Chinook High School 6:30 start time </p> <p>Taco in a Bag (Pre-order) \$6.25</p>			