

FATHER LEONARD VAN TIGHEM SCHOOL

25 Stoney Cres. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 6V5 https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/ Principal: Shannon Collier Assoc. Principals: Laurie Campmans & Justin Molas

September 2023

Daily Bell Times
Monday-Thursday
8:45-3:50
Friday 8:45-11:23

Dates to Remember

Wed. Sept 13
Terry Fox Blast Off

Wed. Sept 20 LSAA Cross Country @ Nicolas Sheran

Monday, September 25
PD Day - No School

Tues. Sept 26 Opening Mass

Sat. Sept 30
National Day for Truth &
Reconciliaiton
(Orange Shirt day - Friday, Sept 29)

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new school year, we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds. that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.





Thursday, October 12th

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 8:55-9:25 am & 12:40-1:10 pm 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.

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.

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.

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.

BIKES & SCOOTERS

Please be sure to lock up your bikes at scooters at all times. Rack are provided.

CANTEEN

Lunch Credits will be available again this year.

The students can use this tab to purchase lunches.

Any money left on last year tab has been carried over to this year.

Payment options include:

SchoolCashOnline, cash, making Cheques payable to KAYLA CHAPMAN or pay by e-transfer to kkchapman15@gmail.com and "Debit tap" is now available.

REGULAR MENU ITEMS

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Hamburger \$4.00
Cheeseburger
Hot Dog \$2.00
Milk (chocolate)\$2.00
Muffins \$2.00
Yogurt Berry Parfait \$3.00
Pizza Sub
Pizza Sub
Chicken Wraps (Ranch, Caesar, Buffalo) \$4.50
Grilled Chicken Vermicelli Salad . \$7.00
Chicken Caesar Salad \$6.50
Nachos & Cheese



Watch monthly calendar for daily specials.

Elementary Nutrition Break 10:58 am Elementary Lunch Break 1:10 pm Junior High Breaks 11:34 am & 1:27 pm

Canteen will be open at both nutrition breaks for elementary and Junior High Monday to Thursday

FORKS AND/OR SPOONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE PLEASE BRING THEM FROM HOME

Subject: Online Payment for School Expenses Now Available



Dear Parents/Guardians of

We are very excited to announce that our school will now be offering School Cash Online, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. School Cash Online is a great way to pay without the need for cash or checks!

Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline. (Check off the box to receive email notifications).

To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below.

Register Online:

Step 1: Please go to the following website address: https://holyspirit.schoolcashonline.com

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Register" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

Please note that you will need following information for your child in order to add them to your account.:

Legal name: Birthdate: ASN:

If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the SUPPORT option in the top right hand area of the screen. You can also access support/FAQ info at https://schoolcashonline.com/home/support



Office of the Minister MLA, Calgary - Bow

Dear Parents,

Another school year has started and as Alberta's new Minister of Education, I want to introduce myself and give you a quick update about some of the things your government has been doing to ensure our students are set up for success.

A top priority for my parents was getting me a high-quality education, since I'm a second generation Calgarian. Having immigrated to Calgary in the 1970s their educational opportunities were limited, and they firmly believed that a strong education is the path to greater success and prosperity. I took their advice to heart and went on to earn my PhD in political science and conflict resolution. I'm passionate about education and will work hard to set our students up for success.

As the 2023/24 school year gets underway there are several important highlights I want to share with you.

I firmly believe that the upcoming school year will give students the tools and resources they need to succeed.

Here are some of the things that we are working on:

1) We are injecting new funding to start the school year off on the right foot.

For the current school year, Alberta's government has increased funding to many of our school divisions to make sure they have the financial resources they need to give our kids a world-class education. Funding has increased by seven per cent from last year increasing the total amount of taxpayer dollars going directly to our school divisions to \$7.4 billion. In addition, a new Classroom Complexity Grant will be implemented which provides \$126 million over three years in new funding to help school authorities hire more educational assistants to help our teachers manage classrooms that are increasingly more complex with more students with diverse learning needs. As well, our hardworking teachers will also receive a two per cent salary increase this September as part of a deal reached with teachers last year and finally, we are providing \$414 million in new funding, a 32 per cent increase, to help bus another 80,000 students to school.

2) We are hiring more teachers and staff in our classrooms.

As students head back to class, they may start to see new friendly faces in their school. Budget 2023 provided funding to hire up to 3,000 new educational staff over three years, including teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers and other school support staff such as speech language pathologists and psychologists. Ensuring students have the supports they need to succeed in and out of the classroom is a top priority of mine.

3) We are focused on improving student mental health.

Alberta's government is supporting almost 80 mental health pilot projects across the province, with an investment of \$50 million. These projects will encourage student well-being through new and innovative approaches to providing supports and services like counselling, social and emotional learning, student assessment and training for school staff. For more information, please click here.

4) We will continue to lead the country in early literacy and numeracy assessments.

As a father of two, I want to know how my girls are progressing in their academic journey and I know many of you want the same. In September of 2022, Alberta's government implemented new mandatory literacy and numeracy screening assessments for all students in Grades 1-3. These assessments will help identify students who are struggling with literacy and numeracy skill development and inform teacher intervention lesson plans and techniques to improve student skills. Based on school reporting, these interventions are working. I am very proud of the work that is being done here. Please know Alberta is leading the country with this type of early assessment and screening and will continue to foster new and improved ways to improve the education system. For more information, please click here.

In closing, I want to thank and acknowledge all our hardworking teachers, educational assistants, principals, and other school support staff. The work that you do is deeply acknowledged and appreciated by Alberta's government and I want to express my personal appreciation for your work. I look forward to serving as our province's Minister of Education for our great province and am confident we can continue to provide every student with a world-class education.

Best,

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD

Minister of Education



NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF RELIGIOUS PERMEATION

Section 58.1 of the *Education Act* requires a school board to give notice to a parent or guardian when courses of study, education programs, institutional materials, instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion. All of the schools in this division are Catholic Separate Schools, the essential purpose of which is to fully permeate Catholic theology, philosophy, practices and beliefs, the principles of the Gospel and teachings of the Catholic Church, in all aspects of school life, including in the curriculum of every subject taught, both in and outside of formal religion classes, celebrations and exercises. Every course of study and educational program, all institutional materials, instruction and exercises will at all times include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.



FAIR NOTICE LETTER

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to help a student take responsibility for their actions, change their behavior and learn from their mistakes.

When students' behaviors pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, the Southwest Alberta Regional Violence Risk Threat Assessment Protocol (VTRA) helps principals take further steps to protect the well-being of students and staff. The protocol helps schools respond quickly to threatening incidents such as: possession of a weapon or a replica weapon, bomb threats or plans, verbal, written or electronic (internet, text) threats to kill or injure oneself or others or other threats of violence, fire setting.

The Southwest Alberta Regional VTRA Protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening behavior. Principals may first bring together a School Threat Assessment Team, which ideally includes the principal / associate principal, a school based counsellor / jurisdictional lead and police of jurisdiction. If the situation is serious the principal may also consult the Superintendent of Schools and call in members of the Community Threat Assessment Team. This community team may include representatives of community agencies who work with us to keep our schools safer such as, but not limited to, local police, children's mental health organizations or Child and Family Services. Parents / guardians will be notified as soon as possible in the Stage I - VTRA Process. If parents / guardians cannot be reached, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behavior, the threat assessment may still proceed. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

This letter complies with procedure 2 of Administrative Procedure 322: Violence Threat / Risk Assessment (V-TRA) Protocol, which states that parents / guardians will be provided with "fair notice" that each threat will be taken seriously. Should you wish to further review this Administrative Procedure, please visit our website at www.holyspirit.ab.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's use of the Southwest Alberta Regional V-TRA Protocol, please contact the Director of Support Services at the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre. We appreciate your support in ensuring our schools are safe environments for our students, staff and community partners.

Sincerely,

Ken Sampson, Superintendent of Schools

Elementary Parent "Spaces" Informational Evening Thursday, September 21

We are pleased to have Mrs. Carmen Larsen, Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's Director of Learning, on Thursday, September 21st from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. to introduce the platform of SpacesEDU which will be used to share our elementary student assessment starting this school year. We would like to welcome all grade 1-6 parents on this evening.



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

Engaging in student learning with SpacesEDU

Dear Families.

Father Leonard Van Tighem's elementary classrooms will be using SpacesEDU for 2023-24!

SpacesEDU is an interactive engagement, portfolio, and assessment platform that allows students to capture their learning and reflect on growth, anytime and anywhere. SpacesEDU will give you a window into your child's classroom and into your child's learning journey. You will receive an invite from your child's teacher in late Fall 2023. We are so excited to share this new platform with you and invite you to engage with your child's posts.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about SpacesEDU. With your help, we will continue to build our community of lifelong learners!

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

Family Getting Started Guide:

https://spacesedu.com/wpcontent/uploads/2021/10/SpacesEDU Family GettingStartedGuide en.pdf

Family Privacy Kit:

https://spacesedu.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Family Privacy Kit en.pdf

Welcome Back!

HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

The Holy Spirit School Division has created a new mental health and wellness initiative for the school communities. This team is comprised of Billy Woitte and Emily Williston, and is called the (I)SWAG - (Indigenous) Student Wellness Access Guides - our focus is on helping our students and their families find the right supports for them in the community, providing further education and knowledge gaining for parents on mental health concerns the child may be experiencing and how they can help them work through these issues, as well as initiating an Artist in Residency program that will place emphasis on the benefits of art on healing within the schools.

Please stay tuned for further information on the parent presentation topics and benefits of attending these presentations (...prizes and food!...), dates and times will be released in the October newsletter!

We look forward to meeting you all and working together to create a year full of learning, connecting, and community!

Best wishes,
Your local (I)SWAG, Billy Woitte and Emily Williston
#StrongerTogether



FLVT School Council Meeting

"Many hands building a better world"
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meeting Date - Tuesday September 12th - 7:00 pm

2023-2024 Meeting Dates



Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 7:00 p.m. - Initial Meeting & AGM Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 7:00 p.m.
*Dates subject to change. Please confirm with online FLVT Calendar

Contact your school council representatives at: flvtschoolcouncil@gmail.com

LETHBRIDGECOUGARS.CA



2023 LCBC IGNITE!

Lethbridge Cougars Basketball Club FALL PROGRAM SIGNUP

- IF YOU ARE IN GRADE 4 OR 5, ENROLLED AT A HOLY SPIRIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, YOU ARE INVITED TO BE APART OF "LCBC Ignite!"
- LCBC'S NEW FALL DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM
- LOCATION: Ecole St. Mary's: 422-20th Street South

CO-ED PROGRAM

WEEKLY ON MONDAYS 5:00-6:15 OR 6:15-7:30

PROGRAM RUNS

September 11- October 23 (not including October 9th)

Program Includes

Skill Development & Exhibition Games

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR "LCBC Ignite!" PROGRAM:

- PLEASE ARRIVE 5 MINUTES EARLY
- BRING PROPER COURT SHOES, SHORTS, & WATER BOTTLE.
- "LCBC Ignite!" T-shirt (included in \$100 program fee)
- EVERYONE IN GRADE 4 OR 5 FROM HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOLS ARE WELCOME
- ONLY 40 SPOTS AVAILABLE! REGISTER FAST→ lethbridgecougars.ca or Scan Qr Code
- CONTACT <u>lethhbridgecougarsbasketball@gmail.com</u> for more information
- Deadline to Register: Saturday September 9th







Welcome to All Saints Parish Registration for First Reconciliation Grade 2 and up

Registration forms will be distributed from the schools.
Registration weekends will be held on the following dates:
September 9th and 10th from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm AND
September 16th and 17th from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm
At Assumption Church Hall.

Registration forms available on line at: www.allsaintslethbridge.org

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

Matthew 6:14

Has your child missed a sacrament?

How can we help your family on your faith journey.

If you are looking for answers please call

All Saints Parish Office at 403-327-8931 and ask for Cyndi

Welcome to All Saints Parish Registration for First Eucharist Grade 2 and up

Registration forms will be distributed from the schools.
Registration weekends will be held on the following dates:
September 9th and 10th from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm AND
September 16th and 17th from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm
At Assumption Church Hall.

Registration forms available on line at: www.allsaintslethbridge.org

Then Jesus declared," I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever be thirsty"

John 6:35

Welcome To All Saints Parish Registration for Confirmation Grade 6 and up

Registration forms will be distributed from the schools.
Registration weekends will be held on the following dates:
September 9th and 10th from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm AND
September 16th and 17th from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm
At Assumption Church Hall.

Registration forms available on line at: www.allsaintslethbridge.org

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."



Welcome to All Saints Parish Registration for Baptism

Does your child need Baptism? We can help you. Baptism preparation classes are held once a month at Assumption Parish Hall. Please call the office for more details.

Registration forms available on line at: www.allsaintslethbridge.org

"Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved....."

Mark 16:16





Welcome To All Saints Parish Registration for Confirmation Grade 6 and up



Registration packages will be distributed from the schools and completed forms can be dropped off at the schools. Fees will be collected at the first workshop or may be dropped off at All Saints Parish Office.

Registration forms available on line at: www.allsaintslethbridge.org

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."





Interested in hockey but don't want the significant time or financial commitment that often comes with this great sport?

We offer an organized non-checking recreational hockey league for all genders aged 5-17. All skill levels are welcome.

One hour, once a week. Season runs from October to March.
Registration closes on September 17, 2023 - spots fill quickly so don't delay!

www.lethbridgerechockey.com



OUR SOUTHLAND RIDERS CAN USE...

MyBusStop



REAL-TIME SCHOOL BUS TRACKING FOR:

- ROUTE STOPS
- ROUTE SCHEDULES
- TRAFFIC

- . BUS LOCATION
- BUS PROGRESS
- POSSIBLE DELAYS

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For more information, visit: www.holyspirit.ab.ca/transportation/mybusstopapp



Hosted by Lethbridge Fire & EMS

Calling all current and future EMS providers!

Join us on September 20th and 21st, 2023 for two days of clinical presentations and skill stations led by experts in the field.





Location:

Lethbridge Fire Department Station #4 2825 5 Ave N Lethbridge, AB T1H 0P2

Dates: Wednesday, September 20 and

Thursday, September 21

Time: 0900-1600

REGISTER

ZOLL.







CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION

ACTOR

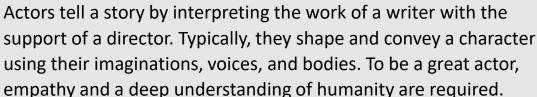
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Acting is both a talent and a skill. It demands business savvy – you need to learn financial management and self-promotion to make a living.

Join Judith to find out more about this creative career and her career path.

Register now for this FREE virtual session!

Once registered, you will receive an email with the link, plus additional information regarding the event.

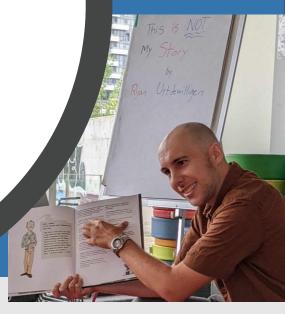




CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION

AUTHOR

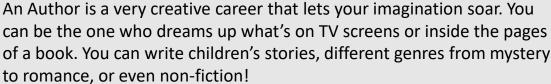
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 4:00pm











The sky is the limit! From advertisements to news stories, podcasts to comics – everything we read or sometimes even watch and listen to starts in the mind of an author.

Join Ryan to find out more about one of the most unique careers from sniffing out opportunities to developing your own voice.



Register now for this FREE virtual session!

Once registered, you will receive an email with the link, plus additional information regarding the event.

Questions? Email office@careersteps.ca



CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION

LIFEGUARD

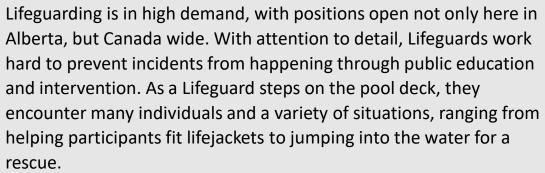
OCTOBER 11, 2023 4:00pm











Jill, from the Lethbridge YMCA, will tell you more and answer your questions.

Register now for this FREE virtual session!

Once registered, you will receive an email with the link, plus additional information regarding the event.













Students, parents, teachers – Come and talk with representatives from local, provincial and out of province institutions at this fair. Registered institutions can be found at <a href="https://https:

Immanuel Christian Secondary School (802 6 Ave N, Lethbridge)











PRESENTATIONS

5:00 – Finance and Scholarships
5:45 – Transitioning to Post-Secondary
6:30 – Finance and Scholarships
7:15 – Transitioning to Post-Secondary

Finance and Scholarship Presentations

Learn how to finance your post-secondary education. Student finance representatives from University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge College will be on hand to answer specific questions.

Transitioning to Post-Secondary

The transition from high school to Post-Secondary can be daunting. Learn what to expect, plus tips and tricks to navigate the switch.



SWIM SESSIONS

Starts Sept 11, 2023

at Fritz Sick Pool

420 11 St S

Our club offers children an opportunity to swim at a variety of levels: from competitive, to swimming as a cross training opportunity or to swimming as a life skill.

SPARTANSAOUATIC.COM

Ages 6+

DATES

Our fall session starts Sept 11 and runs for 13 weeks.

FLEXIBLE

Our club offers a variety of times and days of the week as well as make-up classes.

SKILL LEVEL

Our beginner group is for kids who can swim a length of the pool independently.

Cost

The fall session fees start at \$260 for the session.

ADULTS

Our club offers a Masters program for adults.



Lethbridge & District 4-H Clubs are looking for new members to join their clubs this fall!!



4-H IS A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITH A LONG, RICH HISTORY IN ALBERTA AND AROUND THE WORLD.

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS 9 – 20 YEARS OF AGE SOME CLUBS OFFER THE CLEAVER KIDS PROGRAM - 6 - 8 YEARS OF AGE NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

4-H is a dynamic program whose projects encompass everything from <u>active living</u>, <u>arts</u>, <u>science and technology</u>, <u>crafts</u>, <u>cooking</u>, <u>agriculture</u> and <u>so much more!</u>

The 4-H program gives **URBAN** and **RURAL** youth and adults life-long skills such as co-operation, leadership, interpersonal relations, critical thinking, decision making, organization, public speaking and community service.

Check out the 4-H website for more information – www.4hab.com

Contact one of the clubs in the Lethbridge District

Green Acres Dairy 4-H Club – <u>greenacresdairy4h@gmail.com</u> – Toby Kleinsasser Project: dairy

Lethbridge Coaldale 4-H Beef – <u>1daniels@telus.net</u> or call/text 403-308-7191 – Kim Daniels Project: beef

Lethbridge Northern 4-H Beef - <u>treenavh@gmx.com</u> – Treena Van Hierden Project: beef

Readymade 4-H Multi Club - readymade4hclub@gmail.com — David Hodge Projects: beef, sheep, arts, crafts, cats, shooting sports

TNT 4-H Multi Club – <u>melanie.daniels84@gmail.com</u> or 403-635-0564 – Melanie Daniels Projects: pheasants, crafts, foods, wood turning, shooting sports, fishing & more

Turin 4-H Club – <u>turinalberta4H@gmail.com</u> or 403-360-4808 – Chelsea Nieboer Projects: sheep, beef, sewing

Wild n Wooly 4-H – wnw.sheep@gmail.com or 403-634-7297 – Marina Grant Project: sheep



Learn To Do By Doing

