

DATES TO
REMEMBER

Monday, Jan 8
Classes Resume

Jan 8-17
Grade 6 Camp Bottle
Drive

Tuesday, Jan 16
School Council Meeting

Jan 29-Feb 1
Junior High Exam Week

Friday, Feb 2
No School

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

Dear God,

Thank you for all the exciting things this New Year will bring. Thank you for the chance to make changes and set goals. Please help me to make realistic resolutions, and remind me to keep trying even when I fail. Thank you that you give me a fresh start every day. I know you are beside me to cheer me on. It's good to share resolutions and encourage each other. Thank you for this New Year.

Amen



PLEASE WELCOME



“Hello! My name is Chloë Labrie. I am thrilled to be a first-grade teacher intern in Mr. Templin's class. I am currently in my final professional semester at the University of Lethbridge and ready to graduate in the spring. I grew up in Ponoka, Alberta, with my mom, dad, and two older brothers. In high school, I spent most of my time playing volleyball and softball. I've developed a love for travel and explored various European countries such as France, Italy, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland. During my spare time, I enjoy cooking, being in nature, listening to podcasts and spending time with my family and friends. I am excited about the opportunity to learn and grow in this role and looking forward to being a member of Father Leonard Van Tighem.”

Hello parents and guardians,

My name is Felicia Yoner and I am a sixth-year student attending the University of Lethbridge. I have been completing a combined degree in Art and Art Education with a minor in Social Studies. My passion for teaching comes from having a long line of teachers in my family and a deep admiration for children. I come from a large family of 8 and am the second eldest of 6 girls. Caring for and teaching my siblings as well as others, solidified my path as a teacher. I have hobbies consisting of reading, painting, sculpting, gardening, and baking. During my education, I have developed a working professional Portfolio disclosing a more in-depth view of my experience within my professional semesters and my personal life. If you would like to view my portfolio the link will be provided upon request.

I will begin at the school as an intern teacher beginning in January to April, as I am completing my third semester with Mrs. Clewes and her grade 4 students. I have completed two other professional semesters but am extremely excited to be in Lethbridge for my final professional semester. Throughout my time I hope to become part of the school community and partake in student's extracurricular activities. I hope to grow with and learn from your children to become the best teacher I can be for them.

I love working with students of all ages and hope to teach elementary school after I graduate. I have been blessed to receive this opportunity and cannot wait to get to know the students and the parents/guardians. Warmly, Felicia Yoner.





Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

Annual Education Assurance Report Summary 2022/2023

Fall 2023 Supplemental Measures Summary

Fiscal Stewardship

Our finances must always reflect our values. To support excellence in learning and ensure that all students receive the opportunities to become the persons God created them to be, financial allocations must support a maximum allotment of dollars to the classroom and equity in the distribution of these dollars.

The 2022/2023 actual operating expenditures for the school division were \$65,412,762. Of this total, nearly 77% was focused on ECS to Grade 12 instruction:

ECS	\$3,043,467
Grades 1-12 Instruction	\$47,218,941
Operations & Maintenance	\$10,055,664
Board & System Administration	\$2,455,496
Transportation	\$2,639,194
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$65,412,762

Measure	Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Sep			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
	Current Result	Prev. Year Result	Prev. 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev. Year Result	Prev. 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	17.8	n/a	60.4	3.5	n/a	56.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Drop Out Rate	1.5	1.2	1.4	2.5	2.3	2.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
In-Service Jurisdiction Needs	82.3	85.8	85.4	82.2	83.7	84.3	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Lifelong Learning	85.7	82.8	80.1	80.4	81.0	76.8	Very High	Improved Significantly	Excellent
Program of Studies	87.6	84.3	85.5	82.9	82.9	82.6	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Program of Studies - At Risk Students	83.7	81.8	84.6	81.2	81.9	83.4	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	86.5	86.8	82.1	71.9	70.2	68.3	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Safe and Caring	91.2	90.8	91.4	87.5	88.8	89.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Satisfaction with Program Access	77.6	75.9	77.2	72.9	72.6	73.9	High	Maintained	Good
School Improvement	80.6	78.0	82.1	75.2	74.2	77.9	Very High	Declined	Good
Transition Rate (6 Year)	70.8	73.7	73.2	59.7	60.3	60.2	High	Maintained	Good
Work Preparation	87.7	85.2	85.4	83.1	84.9	84.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

Division Profile

- 16 schools and 1 outreach centre
- 5,076 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12
- 225 children in Early Learning Programs
- 498.33 FTE staff members
- Proudly serving the communities of Bow Island, Coaldale, Lethbridge, Picture Butte, Pincher Creek, Taber and surrounding areas

For More Information

St. Basil Catholic Education Centre
620 12 B Street North, Lethbridge, AB T1H 2L7
Phone: 403-327-9555

Division Reports, Plan and Financial Information can be found on the division's website at: www.holyspirit.ab.ca

Follow us on social media: HolySpiritRCS



Priorities and Successes

Priority 1: Staff and students will grow in their faith and experience the richness of Catholic Education.

In 2022/2023, the division began a new Three Year Faith Plan, "Arise! Pilgrims of Hope."

Results we are most proud of:

- 98.5% of staff felt the Faith Plan theme inspired and helped.



Indicator (OurSchool Survey)	Elem(4-6)		Jr./Sr. High	
	21/22	22/23	21/22	22/23
Their school is a Catholic community that helps them understand the Catholic Faith	94%	95%	88%	89%
They are encouraged & given the opportunity to live their faith in the school & community.	95%	95%	87%	87%

Priority 2: First Nations, Métis and Inuit education for all.

Our Graduation Coaches, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Facilitators, administrators and staff, continue to support and build strong relationships with our Indigenous students. In 2022-2023, we continued to engage in reconciliation practices within our schools and the community by renewing and fostering relationships with Indigenous Elders, parents, families and students, both on- and off-reserve to support this priority.

Measure	Holy Spirit	Province
3-Year High School Completion	73.6%	57.0%
6-Year Transition Rate to Post-Secondary	41.9%	35.5%
Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility	68.9%	43.9%

Priority 2: High quality instruction rooted in sound research and effective assessment practices to support growth for all learners.

Our staff continues to recognize the importance of foundational skills by providing multiple opportunities for real life learning. Our results show the success we've had through deep dives into the curriculum and engaging our students in relevant learning experiences.

Measure	Holy Spirit	Province
Education Quality	90.7%	88.1%
Welcoming, Caring, Respectful & Safe Learning Environment	89.3%	84.7%
Students engaged in their learning	86.9%	84.4%
Access to Supports & Services	82.3%	80.6%
3-Year High School Completion	90.4%	80.7%

Priority 4: Foster a culture of wellness that is foundational to support learning.



Fostering a holistic approach to support students' spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, and academic health, we work closely with a variety of provincial and local partners to devise targeted initiatives that build student capacity in this area.

Indicator (OurSchool Survey)	Elementary		Jr./Sr. High	
	21/22	22/23	21/22	22/23
Students with a positive sense of belonging	74%	71%	63%	65%
Students with positive relationships	81%	83%	79%	81%
Students that value school outcomes	91%	91%	65%	69%



Take the next step with...

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

2024/2025 REGISTRATION

Re-Registration Starts January 15, 2024

Families with students currently enrolled in our system should expect an email during the week of January 15-19, 2024 asking that the online "Registration Update Form" be completed for each child attending one of our schools in the 2024/2025 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, 2024

All Early Learning to Grade 12 students who are new to the division and wish to enroll for the 2024/2025 school year are invited to register online starting on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

- Through play, 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, 2024.
- **Grade 1** registrants must be 6 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2024.
- **French Immersion** is also available. Enrollment starts:
 - in Kindergarten/Grade 1 at École St. Mary in Lethbridge.
 - in Grade 1 at St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek.

For More Information

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

To inquire about Kindergarten, you can contact your local school.

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 children are cherished and achieve their potential.

FLVT Christmas Social Justice Project

Thank you to all for the generous donations to Streets Alive!!



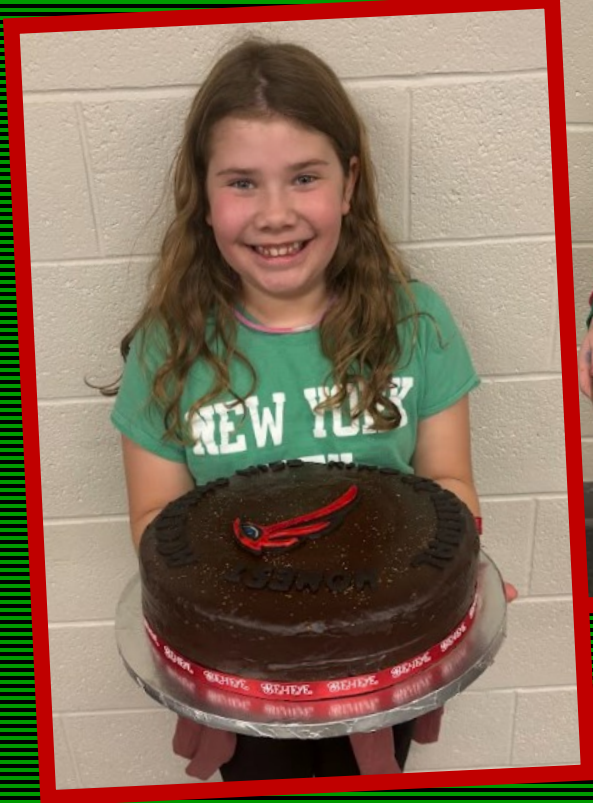
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Holy Spirit Catholic Division
Presents:

Resiliency & Self-Care

January 16th, 5:30 pm

Essie's Ballroom

Sandman Signature, 320
Scenic Drive S, Lethbridge Ab

Join us as Lethbridge Family Services will
present for a night of learning and good (free)
food!

Please RSVP at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7R9L8CC>



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Lethbridge Family Services

Lethbridge Family Services provides highly-accredited health and social services to over 9,000 individuals and families in more than 30 communities in southwestern Alberta. The Outreach and Education team works with individuals, caregivers and professional to facilitate insight, awareness and enhance skills.

This is a FREE event.

Intended audience: parents, guardians, caregivers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, childcare providers, all school staff, bus drivers, parishioner's

Please RSVP at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7R9L8CC>

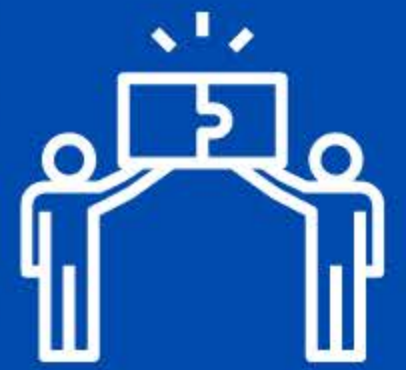


School Council

Highlights

December 2023

Did you know a school board Trustee attends the School Council meetings? The council can provide them advice on the development of the school's policies, education plan, budget, and several other items. Council is able to work with the trustee to support and enhance student learning.



If you missed the latest order for HAWKS Virtue Coffee through Cuppers, you can also purchase in store. There will be another opportunity to order through School Cash in the new year.

School Council has received several asks for funding for different school initiatives. These include, but are not limited to: musical instruments, sports jerseys, a pop up tent, an outdoor classroom, student recognition prizes, books for the library, etc.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of the School Council fundraisers that go directly towards supporting these initiatives.

If you would like to further help support / donate to these initiatives, please connect with School Council at the email shown below.



Please join us January 16
for the next council meeting.

flytschoolcouncil@gmail.com

New sessions starting in January

Join **LETHBRIDGE SPEEDSKATING**



Youth ages 5 - 18
 Recreational to Competitive Levels
 Season runs September to March
 Affordable Equipment Rental available
 Contact us lssa.sk8r@gmail.com

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Join us
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 Night!**



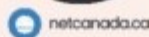
Info:

Grades 6-8:
 Every Wednesday,
 7:00-8:30 pm
 St. Martha's Parish,
 355 Columbia Blvd W

Grades 9-12:
 Every Sunday,
 7:00-9:00pm
 Assumption Church Hall,
 2405 12 Ave S

Questions? Get in touch!
lethbridge@netcanada.ca

**All are
 Welcome!**
 Join us for fun games
 and snacks!
 Each week we'll discuss a
 new theme related to our
 Catholic faith



**Lethbridge Catholic
 Youth Ministry**

Wednesdays Grades 6-9

7:00pm-8:30pm

St. Martha's Parish
355 Columbia Blvd W

**Lethbridge Catholic
 Youth Ministry**

Sundays Grades 9-12

7:00pm-9:00pm

**Assumption Hall
 2405 12 Ave S**



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

TAKE THE NEXT STEP
AND REGISTER SOON!

2024/2025 REGISTRATION

- Re-registration for **CURRENT** students starts **January 15, 2024**
- Registration for **NEW** students starts **February 1, 2024**

We invite you to come and take your next step in education with the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division where children are cherished and achieve their potential.



EARLY
LEARNING



FRENCH
IMMERSION



FINE
ARTS



www.holyspirit.ab.ca

No School

Christmas Break
Dec 23 - Jan 7

Classes resume
Monday, Jan 8th





January 2024

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
	1 	2 Christmas Break	3 Christmas Break	4 Christmas Break	5 Christmas Break	6
7 Grade 6 Camp Bottle Drive - 	8  Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$5	9 Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$5	10 Taco & Mexi Fries \$5	11 Jr High Communithea Chicken Burger \$5	12 Jr. Hawks BBALL Tournament Elementary Choir Gr 4-6 Jr High Games Club	13 Jr. Hawks BBALL Tournament 
14 Grade 6 Camp Bottle Drive - bring your bottles	15 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$5	16 School Council 7pm Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$5	17 Grade 6 Bottle Drive Ends  Kraft Dinner \$3 add pulled pork \$2	18 Jr High Communithea Chicken Burger \$5	19 Elementary Choir Gr 4-6 Jr High Games Club	20
21	22 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$5	23 Taco in a bag (pre-order) \$6.25	24 CEC Board Meeting 6-9pm Loaded Nachos \$5	25 Jr High Communithea Chicken Burger \$5	26 Jr High Q2 Ends Sr. Hawks BBALL Tournament Elementary Choir Gr 4-6 Jr High Games Club	27 Sr. Hawks BBALL Tournament 
28 No Regular classes for Jr High this week 	29 Junior High Mid-Term Exams Math Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$5	30 Junior High Mid-Term Exams LA Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$5	31 Junior High Mid-Term Exams Social Chicken Nuggets w/fries \$5	1 Junior High Mid-Term Exams Science Chicken Burger \$5		3

February 2024

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
				1	2 No School PD Day 	3
4	5	6 School Council 7pm	7	8	9 Elementary Choir Gr 4-6	10
11	12	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancakes	14 Ash Wednesday Mass 9am 	15	16 Elementary Choir Gr 4-6	17
18 	19 No School Family Day	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24
25	26	27	28 CEC Board Meeting 6-9pm	29 2nd Week of Lent 9am 		