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Thanks to a grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage's [Indigenous Languages and Cultures program](#), our Niitsitapi Facilitator team is hosting a series of language events for families in the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division. We welcome our families to join our team and our Elders throughout the year at various schools. Language discovery night focused on *aoówahsin*, food, place Niitsípowahsin can ground us, and they played Ohkotokiooyis (the Stone House Game), other hand games,

BINGO and *Áákohkanaokamo'tohkomiyo'pa* - the hoop and arrow game. They brainstormed the beautiful words and concepts that are integral to the game. The families each worked with an Elder to record a story, teaching, or lesson.

Please contact Kendrick Fox foxk@holyspirit.ab.ca or Shelley Kirkvold at 403 327-9555 kirkvolds@holyspirit.ab.ca for more information.

"Good news! Billy Woitte our Indigenous Student Wellness Access Guide (ISWAG) may be able to offer transportation if funding allows. To ensure anyone who has NO access to transportation can benefit, we just need a firm commitment from the family. If a commitment isn't made, we may need to reassess your eligibility for this service. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to providing this support!" Please contact Billy at the following email woitteb@holyspirit.ab.ca Please use the subject line as TRANSPORTATION.

2nd Thursday of month [Google form to register](#)

Start time 5:00 pm dinner with the learning to follow.

Dates / Schools for our upcoming Blackfoot Family Nights are as follows;

Thursday, September 12, 2024 FLVT

Father Leonard Van Tighem 25 Stoney Cres. West

Thursday, October 10, 2024 SFJH

St. Francis 333-18 St South

Thursday, November 14, 2024 CSM

Children of St. Martha 206 McMaster Blvd.

Thursday, December 12, 2024 ESM (tbc)

Ecole St. Mary 422-20 St. South

Thursday, January 9, 2025 - St. Paul School

St. Paul 1212-12 Ave. North

Thursday, February 13, 2025 - CCH School

Catholic Central 405 18 St. South

Thursday, March 13, 2025 (TBA)

Aikamotsiipohtoo'pa



Artwork by Kestonakli

Niitsipowahsin at Home

A Blackfoot Language Learning Guide for Families

- **Thursday, March 13, 2025 (TBA)**
N

Transportation required **circle Y or**

Please RSVP no later than the Thursday, the week prior to the Blackfoot Language Night
Family name _____

Contact information

Email address _____

Phone _____

How many do you predict will attend?

Do you need assistance with transportation? If so contact Billy Woitte at woitteb@holyspirit.ab.ca *subject line transportation* Please record the address of pick up and the number of family members. Please know that transportation will be offered if funds are available. Families must commit or will be removed from the offer to transport.

Address _____ (any special instructions
Ex at the side door) Phone number _____ # people _____

Please check on the dates that your family would like to attend.

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