



Newsletter #4

November 20, 2019

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that November is almost gone. It has been a busy month, that has provided us many opportunities to pray, reflect and celebrate. We began the month with our Sword & Shield Academic Awards night which gave us the chance to recognize the gifts, talents, hard work and efforts of many of our students. We are very proud of our students who have worked hard to achieve academic excellence and it is also awesome to present our merit awards to those who have demonstrated commitment, determination and great effort in doing their best. A new addition to our awards night was the opportunity to recognize the completion of the French Immersion Program for many of our students. The acquisition of a second language and the perseverance of participating in a program for eight years is to be commended!

Our grade 3/4 French class presented a beautiful tribute at our Remembrance Day celebration, giving us the chance to reflect on the sacrifices of our veterans, the contributions of many and prayers for those who remain in service. Our local legion and the representation of the Colour Guard make this event real for our students and we truly appreciate their generosity!

In the wide world of sports, the end of November brings Volleyball zones and provincials - GO DRAGONS!! We are very proud and excited for our Senior Boys who are off to provincials and our Senior Girls who finished second in zones. It is awesome to go out and watch our teams and have the gym filled with students, families and the community who are all supporting our athletes.

November also means that we have reached the end of the first reporting period. It is hard to believe that we are one third of our way through the school year. With the end of the first reporting period, communication becomes a vital component and this is facilitated through our parent/teacher/student interviews which will be occurring next week. We look forward to seeing you soon to discuss your child's progress.

Tina Delinte - Principal

5 things we're smiling about this month:



1 Both our Senior Girls & Boys volleyball teams made it to Zones and the Boys are off to Provincials!



2 Our Academic Awards night was an awesome chance to recognize our gifted and talented students.



3 Our mini-volleyball team is off to their first tournament in Fort Macleod on Friday.



4 We're so proud of Ellie Stauffer on winning the National Public Speaking held earlier this month!!



5 Congratulations to Cadence and Dawn for their scholarship win at World of Choice in Lethbridge!



FAITH FOCUS:

3-Year Faith Plan – “Making Our Mark: Journey of an Intentional Disciple”

**2019-2020 Theme – Beginning the Journey
Calls to Action – Be mindful of God’s presence... Be prayerful...**



Our school proudly supported “**Extraordinary Mission Month**” in October with donation boxes that children filled with coins resulting in a total amount of **\$250.34** to be donated to **Holy Childhood Association**.



Wednesday November 20nd has been designated as a day of prayer for persecuted Christians around the world. **We are invited to wear red today.** Red Wednesday prayers and other resources can be found at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/redwednesday>
*To ‘Red Wednesday’ there will be Exposition at St. Michael’s Church at 7pm.

Important Dates

- Wednesday, Nov 20th- Red Wednesday
- Tuesday, Dec 3rd @ 9 am - St. Michael’s Advent Celebration (led by 1/2E)
- Sunday, Dec 15th @ 2pm- “Seeds of the Word” Mission @ St. Michael’s Catholic Church

BE STILL

A Joyful Toon by Mike Waters



“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” — PSALM 46:10 NIV

School Events:

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, November 27:
Elementary

Thursday,
November 28:
Junior & Senior
High



3:45 - 5:45 pm
Supper break
6:30 - 8:45 pm

Bake Sale!

Tuesday, November 26 at
Nutrition Break for all students
Cookies, cupcakes, muffins
(25¢ - \$2.00 items)

All proceeds will go towards the
Graduating Class of 2020!

Picture Re-take Day

Wednesday, November 27
Please bring your original proof
sheet to give to the
photographer (if you still have it).
Pictures will begin first thing
in the morning and the
photographers only stay until
they have all of the re-takes
done.

The Friends of St. Michael's

The Friends of St. Michael's are our school booster club. They support our school in many ways including: school activities, Dragon athletics, student awards, bussing, Scientists in the Classroom and much more.

The Friends meet on the First Monday of the month in the Den, all are welcome to attend!

Current Fundraiser: Cash Calendar >

Contact Janine Johnson or Margo Schmidt to purchase a ticket for \$25. Draws begin in January.

For more info: [Cash Calendar](#)

School Council

St. Michael's School Council

MISSION:

Families collaborating with school administration to maximize the success of St. Michael's students.

MOTTO:

To Inform and be informed. To respect and be respected. To include and be included.

Next Meeting: See you in January!

Please come out to the meetings and have your voice heard.

Le coin français - The French Corner

In **Kindergarten**, students are learning their colors, counting up to 20 already, naming body parts and following simple directions, all in French! They will be learning different songs, the alphabet and salutations in French shortly. They are also listening to French "story time".

Useful French Links:

1. Search "alain le lait youtube" for fun videos for reinforcing basic vocabulary for grades 1-4.
2. <https://www.francaisfacile.com/> for help with any aspect of French language learning! For beginner to advanced learners.
3. <https://www.lasouris-web.org/> for K-Gr.6

"En classe":

- *5/6e are preparing short plays to perform to their younger peers.
- *7/8e are preparing skits about saints on the occasion of "La toussaint"

October "J'aime le français!" merit: Recognition of a student who demonstrates interest and/or makes exemplary effort to speak French in class:
K~ TBA

1/2re~Olivia Holloway
3/4e~ Nora Denie
5/6e~TBA



Library Corner

St. Michael's School is participating in the Rocky Mountain Book Award! The Rocky Mountain Book Award is a reader's choice program, which invites students to choose the best book from a shortlist of 10 non-fiction and 10 fiction books. Students are encouraged to read and cast a vote on the book they enjoyed the most. So far the 20 books are flying off the shelf and students are really enjoying them!

New to the library titles include:



If you are interested in volunteering contact Mrs. Young in the office for the appropriate paperwork.

*Books give a soul to the universe,
Wings to the mind,
Flight to the imagination and life to everything.
- Plato*

Be In The Know!

School Messenger

Improving our Schools' Communication with Home!

Click here for information: [School Messenger](#)

St. Michael's School Webpage: [SMPC](#)

For information on: school calendar, time tables, school fees, school supplies, staff contact info., bell schedule, school council notices and so much more!

"Like Us" on Facebook: St. Michael's School, Pincher Creek

Follow us on Instagram: stmichaelspc

Holy Spirit Board Meetings:

To see the Holy Spirit Board meeting dates and meeting briefs click the link below:

[Meeting Dates and Meeting Briefs](#)

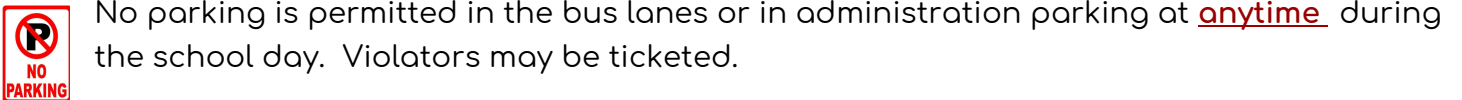
Alberta Health Services

For more information:

[Healthy Children November](#)

[Healthy Teens November](#)

[Take Action Survey - Protect Alberta Kids](#)



No parking is permitted in the bus lanes or in administration parking at anytime during the school day. Violators may be ticketed.

Have you signed up for School Cash Online?

It's easy to see what fees are owed and to quickly pay them. When a new fee is added you will receive an email. School Cash Online does not have a mobile app yet, but by adding the website to your home screen, it will look like one. Currently 60% of our students have their fees paid online. Let's try to increase that. If you need help, please stop by the office and Tracey or Penny will be happy to help you.

For iPhone Users

1. Open Safari. Other browsers, such as Chrome, won't work for this
2. Navigate to website
3. Tap the Share button at the bottom of the page
4. On the bottom row of icons, scroll over until you see Add to Home Screen and then tap

For Android Users

1. Open Chrome
2. Navigate to the website.
3. Tap the Menu button on the top right corner (3 vertical dots)
4. Tap "Add to Home screen".

OFF-CAMPUS NEWS

University of Lethbridge Admission Scholarship

Apply for admission to the U of L before **December 15** to automatically be considered for up to \$1,000 in



student awards! Apply online at:

ulethbridge.ca/future-student

If students have any questions about the U of L and don't know who to contact email or phone Mrs. Gurr at gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca or 403-327-4596, Ext 312, for help.

RAP and Work Experience students please remember to hand in your **October** time sheets or pay stubs.

College Open House

This past month these students had the chance to tour the Lethbridge College and talk to instructors about the programs offered there. Thank you to Mr. Wynder and Mrs. Ettenhofer for bringing the students on this trip.



World of Choices Career Forum

Congratulations to Cadence Yellowhorn and Dawn Many Gunns who won scholarships to the Lethbridge College and One Beauty Academy at this conference.

Applying for post-secondary programs in Alberta

ApplyAlberta is an online application and transcript transfer system that everyone can use when applying to Alberta's public post-secondary institutions.

Go to: www.applyalberta.ca

Create: a MyAlberta Digital ID

Choose: your post-secondary institution from the list.

Fill out: the specific information required by the post-secondary institution.

Submit: your application and pay the application fees using a credit card.

Use: your profile every time you want apply to a public post-secondary institution in Alberta. Also authorize the transfer of your Alberta high school transcripts at no cost.



Green Certificate Agricultural Training

The next testing will be held in February 2020 on February 5 & 6.

All testing will be done at the Royal Canadian Legion, 324 Mayor Magrath Drive South, in Lethbridge.

Contact Mr. Boschee to register for these testing dates or for more information on the Green Certificate Program





Your Off-Campus Team



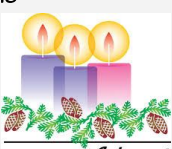
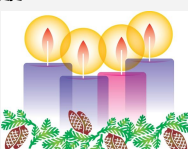


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November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17	18 Divisional Collaboration Day No classes for students School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	19	20 Reffing Clinic (basketball) 3:45-5:45 for grades 9-12. 	21	22 Mini volleyball tournament in Fort Macleod Tues/Thurs ECS to KBPV tree decorating	23
24	25	26 Grad Bake Sale!	27 Picture Retake Day Parent/teacher interviews for Elementary Board Meeting 6:00 pm in Lethbridge	28 Parent/teacher Interviews for Junior/Senior High	29 Mon/Wed ECS to KBPV tree decorating 	30

December 2019

1  FIRST SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	2 Friends of St Michael's Meeting	3	4	5	6 PD Day No classes for students	7
8  SECOND SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	9	10 Earth Rangers presentation for elementary classes 2:00 pm	11	12 Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00 pm (pre-k to grade 6)	13	14
15  THIRD SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	16	17	18	19 Christmas Banquet for students (gr 7-12) 6:00 pm Pincher Creek Hall	20	21
22  FOURTH SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	23 Christmas Holidays	24 December 21 through 	25 to January 05 	26 See you back on	27 January 6th!	28