



Newsletter #2

October 15th, 2021

Principal's Message

Dear families,

We're midway through month two and it's hard to believe with the changing of the seasons how fast time flies! I'd like to highlight some exciting technological happenings and evolving platforms at our school that deserve a little showcase:

1. We now have a **St. Michael's School YouTube Channel** which is an awesome place for you to watch live streamed sports games, and special events happening at our school. To join, log into www.youtube.com and search for St. Michael's School Pincher Creek. When you find our channel click on 'subscribe' and you'll be able to follow our events throughout the year!
2. We have two wonderful candidates running in the **October 18th election for Holy Spirit District Trustee position**. To view the recorded forum from October 13th click on this [link](#). A worthy vote is an informed vote as they say!
3. Some of our Elementary teachers are piloting a new portfolio based reporting system this year called **"SPACES"**. We know that with our current report card platform of 'Eluminate' in its last year before expiry, and with a new curriculum on the horizon for next year that now is the time to explore different reporting means. Our division has offered teachers an opportunity to try **SPACES** for this school year, or to remain with the current platform of Eluminate. For those **classes connected to the pilot (Gr 1/2E, 1/2F, 3/4E, 3/4F, 5/6F)** parents should look for an email and more upcoming information soon from your homeroom teacher. We are excited for this new way to communicate learning, showcase curricular tasks and make learning come alive in a new form of assessing and reporting to parents, It'll be a year of growth, trial, and adjusting, but we're in it together, and we'll do our best to ensure our reporting responsibilities with this exciting platform throughout the year. For those classes not piloting the program please be aware that this is the final year for the current reporting platform of Eluminate Report Cards.

This month we are focusing on St. Francis and the many ways his life and teachings here on earth can be applied to our own current situations. We used the song 'Prayer of St. Francis' in our Thanksgiving prayer service as a wonderful reminder for us to stay focused, kind and share our talents and treasures during these challenging pandemic times. I encourage you to take a minute to listen and reflect by clicking [LINK](#) Through all of our days ahead, toward Halloween and into November, let's all remain steadfast in our commitment to bring our best selves to the students we all serve and support.

May God continue to bless St. Michael's School!

♥ Ms. Schmidt



FAITH FOCUS:

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

2021-2022 Theme – *Transformed by the Journey*
Calls to Action – *Be Committed... Be Accountable...*

Care for God’s Creation

On October 4th we celebrated the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. This is the saint Pope Francis took his name in honor of when he became pope.

In May of 2015, Pope Francis released the papal encyclical entitled *Laudato Si: Care for God’s Creation*. *Laudato Si* is Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment. Did you know? “Encyclical” means “circular letter.” They are formal letters written by the popes, meant for teaching. Here are seven key points from *Laudato Si*:

1) Response to the Cry of the Earth

Laudato Si was issued in 2015 to encourage us to be “protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.”

2) Response to the Cry of the Poor

As protectors of one another, Pope Francis calls us to also defend life, from conception to natural death, as well as all forms of life on Earth. We should take special care of vulnerable and marginalized groups.

3) Ecological Economics

All of our activities have an impact on the world around us. We have to consider prayerfully how we balance satisfying our needs with protecting our environment.

4) Adoption of Simple Lifestyles

Pope Francis is concerned about our level of consumerism. We need to be aware of how we use energy and resources.

5) Ecological Education

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis calls us to talk about and address the environment. We need to promote ecological vocations among our youth.

6) Ecological Spirituality

Laudato Si comes from the first line of St. Francis’ *Canticle of the Sun*, which praises God for the beauty of creation. We should encounter the natural world with wonder, praise, joy and gratitude.

7) Community Engagement and Participatory Action

We must “realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received” and protect it together for future generations by living sustainably, in our community and in our world.

Important Upcoming Faith Dates:

- October 24th - World Mission Sunday
- November 1st - All Saints Day
- November 2nd - All Souls Day

Words from St. Michael Parish:

- ★ Please visit the Parish website at:
www.catholicdirectory.com/canada/pincher-creek/church/st-michaels-parish



School Events:

Student Holidays:

Monday, October 25: PD Day
No School for Students



Thursday, November 11: Remembrance Day
Friday, November 12: School is Closed



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, busing, Scientists in the Classroom, and much more.

Next meeting: Mon. Nov. 1 via Zoom

[Friends of St. Michael's Information Page](#)

School Council

St. Michael's School Council

School Council Advisory:

Chair - Christie Gustavison

Vice Chair - Roxane Baalim

Secretary - Leah Oyortey

Next Meeting: Tues. Nov. 2 @ 7:00 pm via Zoom

[School Council Info](#)

As always, school council can be reached at stmikesschoolcouncil@gmail.com, or the chair directly at stmikesschoolcouncil.chair@gmail.com.

*Don't Forget...
cold weather is coming*



What you Need to Know!

St. Michael's Website:

Click here: [St Michael's Website](#)

Check out our school website for information such as: calendars, fees, staff contact information, our school handbook, bell times and so much more!

St. Michael's Live Calendars:

[School Events Calendar](#)

[2021-22 School Year Calendar](#)

Holy Spirit Board Meetings:

To view the Holy Spirit Board meeting dates and meeting briefs:

[Board Meetings and Briefs](#)

Off Campus News:

[October Off Campus Newsletter](#)

Registration Updates: Registration updates are required for all of our currently enrolled students. If you have not done yours yet, please complete it.

[For help completing the Registration Update Form: Click here](#)



Formal Friday: Dress up in your formal clothes on Friday, November 5th in support of Mental Health.



School Cash Online: Parents, here are instructions to pay for school fees, sports fees, hot lunches etc. through School Cash Online. You only need to register one time for your child.

SchoolCashOnline Available Now

For safety and efficiency reasons, Holy Spirit Catholic School District would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Checks coming into our school. School Cash Online is our school's preferred method of payment. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://holyspirit.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.




Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Enter Your Child's ASN (available from your school)
- Select *Continue*
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the *Agree* box and select *Continue*
- Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? 

School Name: Eagle High School 

Student Information

Do you have the student number?

Student Number: 

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date: 
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

LIBRARY CORNER

St. Michael's School is hosting a BOOK FAIR!!!
November 22nd - 26th 2021

Our School has not had a book fair in a lot of years, we are excited to be able to host one this year! We will be following all Public Health recommendations to make sure all students and staff are safe. The fair will run the week of Parent Teacher interviews, when you come by appointment for your parent teacher interview stop by the library! There will also be an online link to support our fair. Can't wait to see you there!

Mrs. Marsh



Pincher Creek Adult Learning Course Dates *Online & Onsite options*



Potential Best

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 for 5 workshops. Begins October 19
- Registration Deadline: October 14
 - Soothing the Nervous System: Creating Space to Learn
 - Getting Unstuck: Ignite Your Potential
 - Power of Being Organized: create, own and put your provided toolkit into action
 - Growing Confidence: What does it look like, feel like, how do we build on it?
 - Goal Setting: Setting SMART goals and an action plan to follow through to meet short term and long term goals
 - Age 15 and up
 - Program subsidized by Advanced Education, fees waived as needed.

Blackfoot Language

- Tues, Oct 19, -Tues, Nov. 23, 6-7pm, \$25
- Class will begin with virtual smudging and prayer
- Day 1: Introductions of facilitator and participants, outline information and questions/comments
- Day 2: Truth & Reconciliation presentation: Education and Language & Culture
- Day 3 & 4: Blackfoot words and phrases
- Day 5: Beading demonstration
- Guest: Robert Provost University of Lethbridge - Stories/History

Adult Math Prep

- Begins Oct. 20, every Wednesday, 9:30-11:30
- Grade 5-9 Math tutoring in preparation for GED or highschool completion
- Includes 30 hours of tutoring
- Friendly and kind support and learning at the right pace for each student
- Funding options are available

TUTORING LITERACY PROGRAM

FREE - NO CHARGE!

PIIKANI STUDENTS WELCOME

GRADES 3 -12

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (Coaching)

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **MATH, READING SKILLS**
- **CULTURE, LANGUAGE, COMMUNITY**
- **HISTORY, TRADITION**
- **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
- **LEARNING STYLES**
- **STUDY SKILLS**
- **PERSONAL AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**
- **SELF-ESTEEM & INTERPERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- **TIME MANAGEMENT**



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TUTORING LITERACY PROGRAM

October 2021

17	18	19	20 Pre-K Picture Day 	21	22 Crashin the Cave Volleyball Tournament 	23 Crashin the Cave Volleyball Tournament 
24	25 Divisional PD No school for students 	26	27	28 <u>Board Meeting</u>	29	30
31 Happy Halloween 	1 November Friends Meeting via Zoom	2 School Council Meeting via Zoom	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 No School 	12 No School	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22  Picture Retake Day (K-12) 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27