

Newsletter #2

October 17, 2022

Principal Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

What glorious autumn days we are experiencing as we are all settling into regular school weeks, routines and goal setting for the term. Our students maintain a strong energy within the building and that strong energy is resulting in wonderfully creative projects, student endeavours, sportsmanship and relationship building. Our children are off to a great start to the year for sure. Look for things such as the Grade 1/2F Fall Harvest Fundraiser, the Grade 12 Graduation Bottle Drive, and our Dragon Athletes excelling on the volleyball and cross country front!

Now it's time to bring our parent group to the forefront! One of the most significant parts of having your child(ren) attend a Catholic school is that you as parent's are welcomed and supported as the primary educator of your child. Working with you, teachers, administrators and staff will maintain to support whatever it is you bring forward regarding your child's learning, accommodations, supports and goals. We truly need you to commit to the partnership responsibilities as outlined in the School Act ([link here](#)), to be that voice for your child. We are finding that one of the areas we need to rebuild following the pandemic restrictions is that strong connection between parent and school. As such, we are passionate about hosting events (such as the BBQ) to bring parents together; to make connections.

Other ways you can get involved in our school are:

- Volunteer in your child's classroom. All you need to do is connect with your child's teacher to arrange a time to come in! Upon arrival, sign in at the office and receive a 'visitor tag' and enjoy time within the building and classroom environment.
- Check out our School Council Meetings! These are held the first Tuesday of every month in the school. All parents are welcome to attend! This year we've even arranged babysitting within the school for your little ones! Each meeting is from 7-8 pm and the next one falls on Tuesday, November 1st!
- Current Career Opportunity for Educational Assistants: We currently have openings for Educational Assistants for this school year. Perhaps you, or someone you know is interested in working within the school? All you need is a valid Alberta Diploma Certificate to apply. Find more information at ([click here](#)).
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Did you know that it was a group of 7 parents that got together to form a committee for our Outdoor court? Together they raised (through grants & fundraisers) over \$120,000.00 in less than 2 years and our court is underway!

In whatever ways possible, my focus this month is to find ways to continue to promote parent involvement. You matter as much as your child. In the words of Charles Edwards, "Parents are equal to teachers and the principal." Let's all work together this month to commit to new and consistent ways to support children through that parent lens. Either just for your own child(ren), or in a larger group, please know your input matters, and we want you to feel as much of the St. Michael's School family as your child is. Have a great rest of the month, and continue to feel God's grace through the warmth of this glorious sunshine!

♥ Ms. Schmidt

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

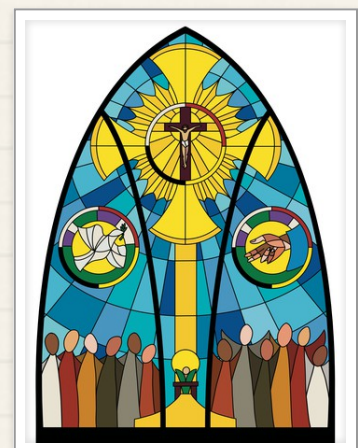


Faith Focus

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is just around the corner. It comes every year on November 1. Why do we celebrate All Saints Day?

There are more saints in Heaven than we can count. Many saints are well known. We celebrate them on their own feast days. However, there are also saints who lived quieter holy lives. There are not enough days in the year for us to celebrate a feast day for each saint. This is why we celebrate All Saints' Day on November 1, to honour the lives of all the saints.



A Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did.

Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors.

Amen.



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PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER!



Leaving Early??

If your child needs to leave school early, please notify the office at 403-627-3488 as early as possible.

Please keep in mind that during recess it can be challenging to find students when they are outside.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday's
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Are you late??

Remember to stop in the office to sign in if you arrive late... otherwise the dialer will be calling you!

Elementary students are considered late after 8:30 and junior/senior high students are considered late after 8:40.

Thank you!

HEALTHY KIDS NEWSLETTER – CLICK THE PICTURE



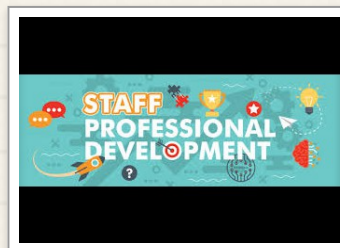
DATES TO REMEMBER



School Picture Day

Tuesday, October 18th.

Retakes will be on Monday, November 14th. Our Monday-Wednesday Kinders will have their pics taken on re-take day.



Remember...

Monday, October 24th is a PD day - no school for students.



Remembrance Day Celebration

There will be a Remembrance Day Celebration in the gym at 9:30 am on **Wednesday, November 2.**

CLICK THE PICTURE FOR OUR SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



AHS MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS: CLICK THE IMAGE BELOW



The Library Corner

Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming up!

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from November 21st to November 25th. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their regular scheduled library class time. The book fair will also be open the evening of Thursday November 24th during parent teacher interviews!

Hope to see you there!



OUR NEW OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT IS UNDERWAY!!



St. Michael's School

BOTTLE DRIVE

Graduating Class of 2023

On **Saturday, October 29th** the grade 12 class will be having a bottle drive to fundraise for grad. We will come to you; **leave your bottles outside on your front porch** and we will swing by and pick them up! Leave your **name, address, and phone number on one of the bottle drive sheets** so we know where to stop. Bottle drive sheets are located in the office, and the grad bulletin board. You can also can go talk to Mrs. Smith to arrange the pick up.

Saturday,
October 29

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**DONATE
YOUR
EMPTYES**



Thank You
For your
Support

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

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 children!

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: [Link up for a different school board?](#)

School Name:

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.

October- November 2022

16	17	18 Picture Day 	19	20	21 Friday 2	22
23	24 PD Day 	25 Leadership Class: field trip to Airdrie	26 1/2F field trip to Beauvais Lake	27 Fall Harvest Lunch	28 Friday 1	29 Grad Class Bottle Drive 
30	31  Happy Halloween!	1 	2 Remembrance Day Celebration 	3	4 Friday 2	5
6	7	8	9 PD Day 	10 PD Day 	11 	12
13	14 Retake  DAY	15	16	17	18 JH/SH Report Cards go out today	19