

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



#8


10 March, 2023



“  
Rise  
Above.  
Inspire  
Greatness.  
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## Principal Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Today my beautiful mother  is celebrating her birthday in heaven. Here, on earth, I can't help but think about her, and how March would be the time she'd be purchasing her garden seeds, starting to plan camping adventures, and spring cleaning! March is a great time for all of us to be doing our own planning, preparing, and wrapping up winter in preparation for Easter and springtime ahead.

We are nearly into the third week of Lent (Sunday officially) and here at the school we're preparing our hearts for Easter in Religion classes. Our school community 'adopt a family' project is off to a great start. Thank you for the generous donations of household items and furniture- please keep them coming! Our family requires everything from bedding to table lamps and everything in between. Please contact the school office if you're interested in donating.

In other areas of our school, March madness is well underway! Our Dragon athletes are flying high on a basketball frenzy of postseason and zone accomplishments, and All Star athletes awarded in Senior High. We cannot be more proud of our students, volunteer coaches and amazing support from our parent community. Our school is buzzing with 'Fun Friday' activities in elementary school today involving coding with 'Makey-Makey' machines, snowshoeing outside, and tons of fun! We had an amazing Retro Day Spirit Day yesterday, and today is Frybread Friday! So much going on, as always, and just amazing memories being made along the way.

Last week, part of our staff retreat involved a Lenten focus on prayer. One activity we linked to prayer was the planting of a little seed. This was to serve as a reminder to pray, a reminder that everything doesn't happen all at once- so it's important to slow down and enjoy the little things, just like the seeds in the cup. Just as the opportunity to pray is always there for all of us, so is the reminder that God is listening to, and waiting for us to pause, and pray. All of us! So, as the staff waters our plants and watches them grow, it too is a reminder to nurture our prayer life just as we nurture the plant and each other.

We are all awaiting new life, in the spring, and in the Easter blessing of Christ's resurrection. So, I pray that you enjoy your own March month in whatever ways nurture your life; whether it is pausing to pray, plan, and prepare, remember to slow down, and smell the flowers that will be here soon enough! As for me, the little flower that will bloom in this cup is a marigold, one of my mom's favourites!

Happy spring ahead everyone! May God continue to bless St. Michael's School!

 Ms Schmidt





# PAST MONTH PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS!



## JR/SR HIGH VALENTINE BANQUET!







**Jersey Day!**



**PINK SHIRT DAY!**





# FAITH FOCUS



## Feel the Pulse - Our K-9 Retreat Day

On Monday, March 6th we were blessed to have Masson Normand from Feel the Pulse Ministries come and lead our kindergarten to grade 9 retreat. It was a fun day full of song and stories, where students and staff were able to sing together about the joy in the house of the Lord and learn more about the Holy Spirit. I thought I would take this month to share some of the takeaways from Masson's teaching!

1) Masson posed the question "wouldn't it be easier for people to believe if Jesus walked the Earth today?" Masson raised a good point, in Jesus' ministry he only saw a small percentage of all the people in the world, and those who saw him might have only had the chance to see him once. Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit is available to all people at all times, so Masson encouraged us all to reach out to the Holy Spirit to help us and be with us in our lives. Jesus emphasized the importance of the role of the Holy Spirit in John 16 when his disciples were filled with grief at his proclamation that he would leave them, he encouraged them and us all that he must leave so the Holy Spirit could come, and the Holy Spirit will turn grief into joy!

2) Masson spoke to us about what the Holy Spirit does in our lives. He told us three things: The Holy Spirit helps us get to know God, the Holy Spirit helps us become more like Jesus, and the Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts to serve others. He spoke to us about the fruits of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) and the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord).

3) Masson also spoke to us about the power of sharing our stories of faith, and how the Holy Spirit will often use our stories to spark other peoples faith. He shared a story with us of when he was preparing for confirmation he was told a story about a person who had a bad leg injury due to a car accident where the muscles of the person's leg had contracted. As a result the person had to walk with a special shoe due to one leg being much shorter than the other. One day the person attended a healing mass and was prayed for in front of the whole Church and God healed the leg in front of the whole congregation! Later that week Masson watched Spiderman in theatres and made the remark to a friend "wouldn't it be cool if people could be changed like Peter Parker was when he got bit by the radioactive spider". On his walk home from the theatre that night God reminded him of the story of the healed leg and was touched by the power of God!



### About Us

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Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs  
8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday  
8:00am - 2:00pm



# Dates to remember



## Good Friday - No School

April 7, 2023 is Good Friday, and there will be no school on this day.



## Easter Break - No School

April 10-14, 2023 is our Easter Break, there will be no school this week.



Please click the calendar to the left to view the full year school calendar!



## Leaving Early?!

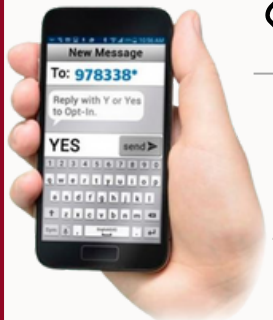
If your child needs to leave school early, please notify the office at 403-627-3488 as early as possible. Please also make sure you sign your child out in the office when they are leaving early!



## Arriving Late?!

Please stop in the office to sign in if you arrive to school late! Elementary school students are considered late after 8:30am, and Junior/Senior High students are considered late after 8:40am.

## School Communication



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division uses SchoolMessenger to improve our schools' communication with parents and guardians. This service does not replace other school communication methods. It is simply intended to extend beyond what we've traditionally used to ensure timely communications and reduce the amount of papers being sent home.

**If you would like to receive text messages for school closures please click here for instructions and more information!**



# DRAGON ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS!



## Sr. Girls Win The Banner!

Our Sr. Girls brought home the banner from Post Season!

## Sr. Boys place 1st!

Our Sr. boys placed 1st at the Mathew Halton Tournament!



## Jr. A Girls

Our Jr. A Girls improved a ton throughout their season and have represented our school well!

## Jr. A Boys win silver!

Our Jr. A Boys brought home silver at 2J Zones in Coaldale!



## Jr. B Boys win the Banner!

Our Jr. B Boys won 1st bringing home the banner!

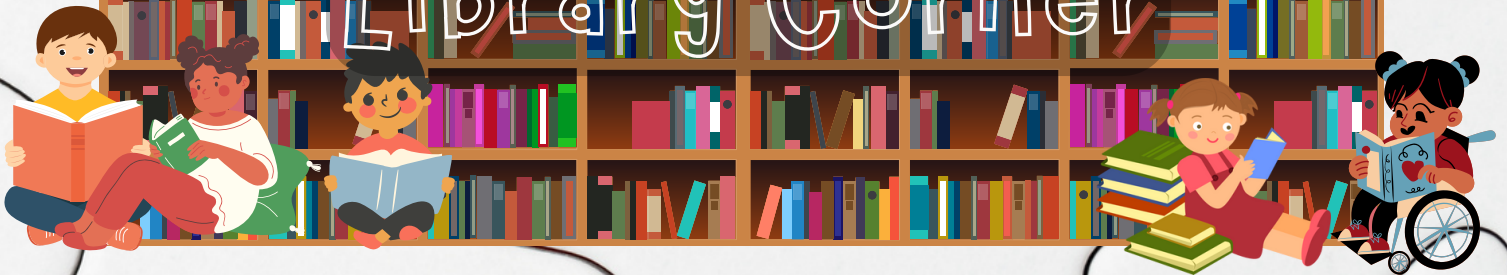




Winter weather is still here!  
Please send your child to school with  
appropriate winter gear as we still go  
outside for recess!



## Library Corner



Our One Book, Five Schools read along was a great success. Thank you to all the families that read along, we hope you enjoyed the book!

The students are having fun with the puzzle and lego table in the Library. More new books are arriving soon from the book fair money, Thank you again to everyone who purchased books at our book fair!

Keep Reading!

-Ms. Kathryn





Looking forward to a new year with ...

# Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

## 2023/2024 REGISTRATION



### Re-Registration Starts January 16, 2023

Families with students currently enrolled in our system should expect an email during the week of January 16-20, 2023 asking that the online "Registration Update Form" be completed for each child attending one of our schools in the 2023/2024 school year.

This update allows us to make sure the information on file is accurate and that any legal declarations, preferences, and consents are renewed. It also allows our schools to plan for the upcoming 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, 2023

All Early Learning to Grade 12 students who are new to the division and wish to enroll for the 2023/2024 school year are invited to register online starting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

- 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, 2023.
- **Grade 1** registrants must be 6 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2023.
- **French Immersion** is also available. Enrollment starts:
  - in Kindergarten/Grade 1 at École St. Mary School in Lethbridge.
  - in Grade 1 at St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek.



### For More Information

Contact our Coordinator of Early Learning Coordinator to discuss Early Learning, Kindergarten, or your child's specialized programming requirements by phone (403-381-8495) or email ([earlylearning@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:earlylearning@holyspirit.ab.ca)).

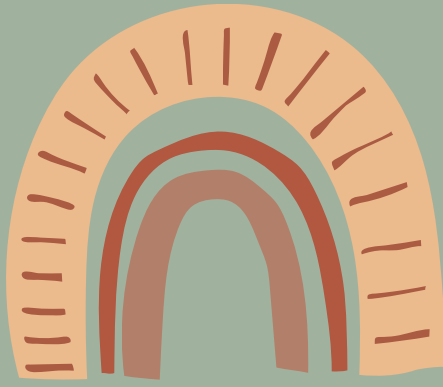
Contact our French Language Consultant to discuss French Immersion programming by phone (403-331-4458) or email ([urquhartw@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:urquhartw@holyspirit.ab.ca)).

Contact your child's school, or visit the division's website ([holyspirit.ab.ca](http://holyspirit.ab.ca)), if you need assistance with the online registration process or have any questions.



**Holy Spirit Catholic School Division**  
...where students are cherished and achieve their potential.





# From Your School Counsellor!



## February 2023



### RESOURCES

There are lots of great resources in our community, as well as surrounding communities and online.

If you have a specific resource that you are looking for, I can help with that!

#### Sensory Backpack Lending Program

Sensory Backpack Lending Program  
Looking for a fun way to learn with your young child?  
Please contact me to borrow a backpack of learning fun!

### INTRODUCTION

Hello St. Michael's families! My name is Shaylen, the children call me Miss Shay. I am so pleased to be working with your children and the amazing staff here!

Please feel free to reach out to me via text/call at 403-634-2151  
I am here Monday to Friday

### CHECK THESE OUT!

**Parent Creek Family Centre** - Check out their Facebook page for some amazing Winter Program activities!  
<https://www.facebook.com/PCfamilycentre>

**For the Adults**- Check out Pincher Creek Adult Learning for some great classes! They are also affiliated with several colleges! 403-627-4478  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100065156544297>

### FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

<https://instituteofchildpsychology.com/resources/>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QZax1DKUCLzgukL147PdhVkk2RJQFrZ0/edit>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18xRdNaiF6GnMOiH2LI8PtJ5qDy7ywhtd/edit>











**Friends of St. Michael's  
'Flowers From Friends'  
Spring 2023 Fundraiser**



*The Blue Mouse*  
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Item # 1 \$ 45		Item # 2 \$ 45		Item # 3 \$ 65		Item # 4 \$ 30		Item # 5 \$ 35		Item # 6 \$ 30	
<b>12" Hanging Basket</b>		<b>12" Patio Planter</b>		<b>15" Patio Pot</b>		<b>12" Hanging Tomato Tumbler</b>		<b>12" Hanging Strawberry Basket</b>		<b>Six Pack Assorted Herbs</b>	
Beautiful hanging basket filled with a variety of sun loving annuals. Ready to hang on the deck to enjoy for the entire summer!		Bright and beautiful filled with sun loving annuals. A great way to dress up your front step or deck!		This large square pot is full of sun loving annuals. A lovely addition for any sunny spot!		These produce hundreds of red cherry tomatoes. Hang in a sunny spot & enjoy all summer!		Enjoy delicious fresh strawberries from this hanging basket in your favourite sunny spot!		Variety pack of fresh herbs—great for cooking! Plant in your favourite sunny spot!	
											
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- Enclosed Cash
- Enclosed Cheque To Friends Of St. Michael's
- E-Transfer To [FOSM@xplornet.ca](mailto:FOSM@xplornet.ca) [Preferred]

**PLEASE INCLUDE ORDER DETAILS ON E-TRANSFER!**

**GST Already Included In Price Above**

**Order Deadline Is Friday, March 31st**

**Order Pickup: St. Michael's School Thursday, May 25th Between 3:00—7:00 PM**

**Thanks For Your Support! Proceeds Fund Student Activities!**

**School Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM here at the school. Feel free to join us and give your input!**

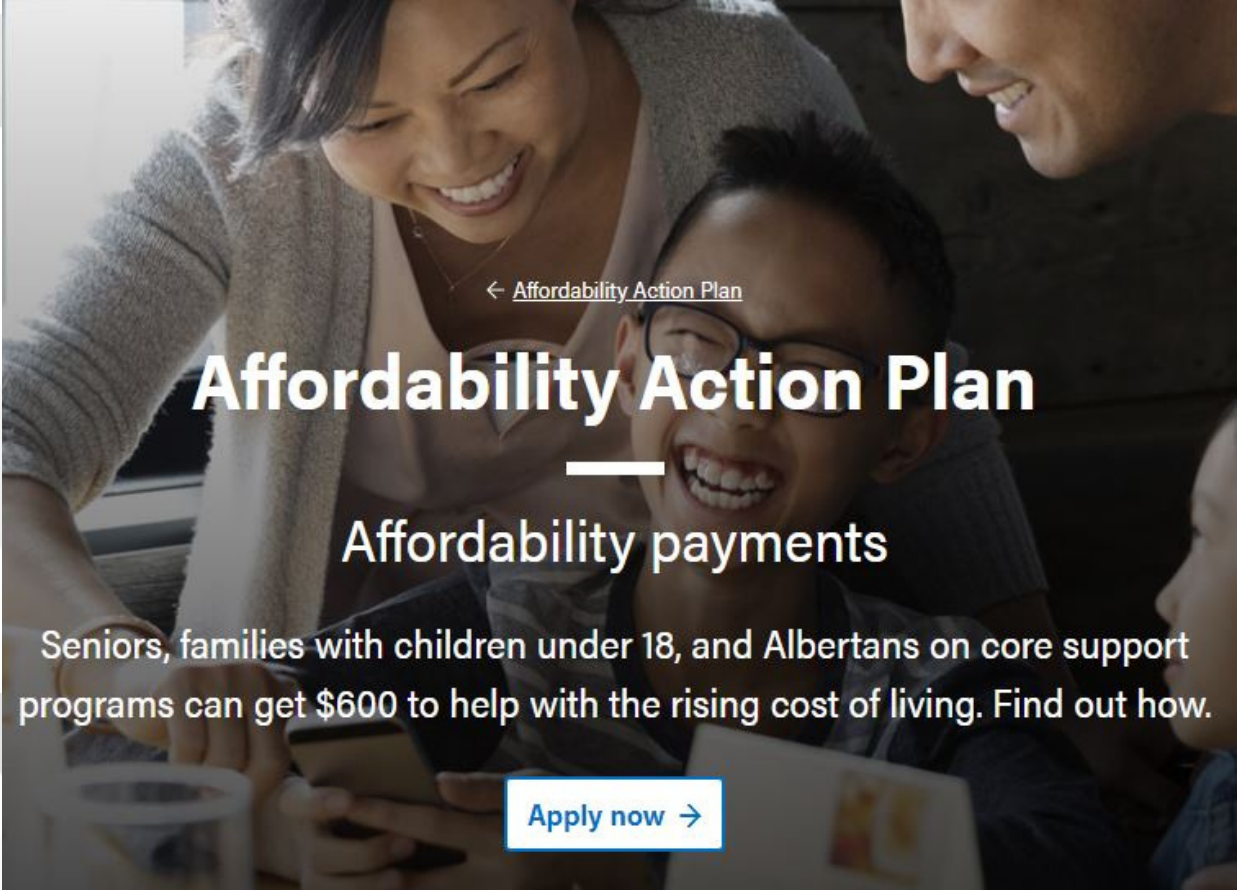
**Superintendent Ken Sampson will be at our Student Council meeting on April 4, 2023!**

**HAVE YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF FLYING ACROSS THE OCEAN, DISCOVERING A NEW CULTURE, TRYING NEW FOOD OR LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE? LET'S MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE!**

**DURING THE EASTER BREAK OF 2024 THE CURRENT GR. 9-11 STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO ITALY! IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MS. MANONI!**







[← Affordability Action Plan](#)

# Affordability Action Plan

## Affordability payments

Seniors, families with children under 18, and Albertans on core support programs can get \$600 to help with the rising cost of living. Find out how.

[Apply now →](#)



# PCSA

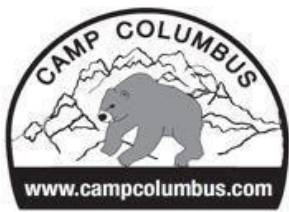
There is still time to register your child for soccer! Early-bird discount if

you register before March 25th.

Final registration deadline is April 8.

Click this photo to be brought to the PCSA Facebook page for more information!





## Camp Columbus

### Summer Jobs

Waterton Lakes National Park  
Alberta, Canada

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- Directors
- Assistant Directors
- Counselors
- Cooks

WE ARE LOOKING FOR: Applicants who are enthusiastic and have a strong interest in camping, but above all, possess the love, understanding and patience that is essential when interacting with children. They should be mature individuals who are capable, caring, and efficient in directing children in a gentle but firm way; to ensure a safe and fun filled camping experience. Applicants should be willing and prepared to contribute in a positive and effective manner at pre-camp meetings and training sessions.

Age Requirements: Director must be 18 years old minimum.

Counsellors must be 16 years old minimum.

#### TO APPLY CONTACT:

Lee Hochstein 403-627-8108

E-mail: [h.mariehelene@yahoo.ca](mailto:h.mariehelene@yahoo.ca)

For general information contact [info@campcolumbus.com](mailto:info@campcolumbus.com)

[www.campcolumbus.com](http://www.campcolumbus.com)

<http://www.facebook.com/campcolumbuskofc>

APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT must be received by April 30 .





Hello Future Mustang!!

Thank you for taking the time to check out our information package. Our Football teams range in ages from 9 and up, both male and female. They are divided into 3 separate divisions. (Pee-wee, Bantams, and Seniors) This is decided based on the month and year your child was born. The kids on the team, travel from Elkford B.C all the way to Brocket and surrounding areas.

Don't let the name fool you 😊

Football isn't just about the games and practices. We make sure we have fun on and off season. In February, there are flag football tournaments, Summer Games in July, and All star games in May. We also host a Calgary Stampeders Football camp! Yes, that's right. Your child gets the opportunity to not only train with but meet some current Professional Calgary Stampeders!! This is an amazing opportunity to learn from the pros, fine tune skills, and learn new ones along the way. We also host a year end Pot Luck / awards ceremony to celebrate an amazing season!

President – Faith Zachar [faithzachar@hotmail.com](mailto:faithzachar@hotmail.com) 403-627-7751

Vice President – Adam Schoening [uc6ranch@gmail.com](mailto:uc6ranch@gmail.com)

Secretary – Karen Clymer [vapasspc@gmail.com](mailto:vapasspc@gmail.com)

Treasurer – Carol Giesbrecht [geeselectric@gmail.com](mailto:geeselectric@gmail.com)

Senior team rep – Shannon Schoening [uc6ranch@gmail.com](mailto:uc6ranch@gmail.com)

Bantam team rep - Clayton LeJan

Pee-wee team rep – Dave Gardiner (retiring need replacement)

Fundraising rep – Jill Wilkinson

## Pincher Creek Minor Baseball League Registration Time!

- T-Ball (Ages 3&4)
- Coach Pitch (Ages 5&6)
- Rookie Ball (Ages 7&8)
- Minors (Ages 9&10)
- Majors (Ages 11&12)
- Juniors (Ages 13-15)
- High School Ball (Grade 9-12)

Registration is open until March 31st!

Umpires - Anyone aged 14 & up can get certified to become an umpire after taking an online course.

Umpires are paid \$50 per game!



# ***St. Michael's School***

## ***Prayer***

Father, we give You our school,  
May it be a place where we love  
to learn and learn to love;  
a place where everyone is  
respected, and all are cherished.  
St. Michael, give us the courage  
to stand up for others as you did.  
Unite our school family in love,  
truth and compassion.  
Walk with us, guide us, and  
protect us, as we become who  
you want us to be.

**Amen**

