

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



ST. MICHAEL'S
SCHOOL

#11

15 June , 2023

Principal Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

“ Rise Above.
Inspire Greatness. ”

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of this school year. At this time I wish to convey a sincere thanks to all students, staff, School Council members, Friends of St. Michael's members, and family members of our school community. You have all contributed so much to the success of St. Michael's School- whether it be through fundraisers, volunteering, participating in celebrations, spirit dress up days, attending event- whatever the case may be, this school is more than grateful for you all! Our school is changing, growing and thriving because of your efforts and contributions; I am beyond humbled to lead in such a remarkable place.

Our Year End Mass was last Wednesday at St. Michael's Church where Alisson Berteotti-Serna was awarded the 'Elaine Schmidt Christian' Action Award' for the year- congratulations to her! At this time of year we also recognize our grade 12s who celebrated their graduation on June 3rd and we thank them for the many contributions they have made to our school over the years. These 16 fine students truly 'left their mark' both in memories in our school, and portraits in my office in a fun prank last week featured below. We wish them all the very best as they venture out into the world to accomplish amazing things! I will truly miss them!

Staff members who will not be returning to St. Michael's School next year are Miss Evans (Kindergarten) who has accepted a continuous contract in Lethbridge, Mme Parker (JH Science/Religion) who is taking a one year leave of absence, and Roxane Baalim who has completed her contract as Administrative Assistant. We wish them all the very best as they continue their journey pursuing great things in the future. As other staffing contracts are coming to an end (for example: Jordans Principle Educational Assistants) we are working diligently with the division to put new applications together. Another staffing change, due strictly to budget constraints, is Mrs. Ettenhofer will now move to half-time FNMI Grad Coach/Academic support and will be teaching inside classrooms half-time in the fall. Finally, we are excited to welcome Candice Williams as our continuous Admin Assistant, and look forward to hiring for Admin Support and teacher positions as posted.

Wishing all fathers in our school community a very happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 18th, and to the rest of our fabulous community- thank you for sharing your children with us for another school year. This one will go down in the books as truly a year of growth, learning, fun and memory making. On behalf of the staff, we are all so excited for a well deserved summer break, and look forward to kicking off the year with your children in the fall!

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

♥ Ms Schmidt



PAST MONTH PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS!

Elaine Schmidt Christian Action Award!



Gym Riot!



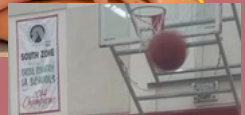


Day on the Creek!





Sports Day!





Congratulations to all our Grads!





FAITH FOCUS



ARISE - God is in our Hearts!

We are coming to the end of another school year! This year our faith plan focus was ARISE! Over the course of the year we were challenged to look inward and see how God is in our hearts. This year we looked at Scriptures from Isaiah and Jeremiah, reminding us to arise and shine for the glory of the Lord is upon us and to remember that God has a plan for us, a plan that gives us a future full of hope. Next year our theme is BUILD! We will be looking outward, reflecting on how God is in our minds, giving us the ability to see the needs of our community and world and to respond in action to bring good! Much more to come on that next year!

Over the summer as we move into a time where we can relax and reflect, let us continue to look inward, and to see how God is moving in our hearts and is calling us to love. To guide this reflection, perhaps the following words that Pope Francis spoke at St. Peter's Square on June 12, 2022 may help:

"Let us think about the good, generous, gentle people we have met; recalling their way of thinking and acting, we can have a small reflection of God-Love. And what does it mean to love? Not only to wish them well and to be good to them, but first and foremost, at the root, to welcome, to be open to others, to make room for others, to give space to others. This is what it means to love, at the root.

To understand this better, let us think of the names of the divine Persons, which we pronounce every time we make the sign of the cross: each name contains the presence of the other. The Father, for example, would not be such without the Son; likewise, the Son cannot be considered alone, but always as the Son of the Father. And the Holy Spirit, in turn, is the Spirit of the Father and the Son. In short, the Trinity teaches us that one can never be without the other. We are not islands; we are in the world to live in God's image: open, in need of others and in need of helping others. And so, let us ask ourselves this last question: in everyday life, am I too a reflection of the Trinity? The sign of the cross I make every day — the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit — is that sign of the cross we make every day a gesture for its own sake, or does it inspire my way of speaking, of encountering, of responding, of judging, of forgiving?"



About Us

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Office Hours:

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

Friday
8:00am - 2:00pm

SMPC June 2023 Senior High Exam Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jun 12, 2023	13 SOCIAL STUDIES 30-1/2 Part A (Soc.30-1:9:00a.m.-Noon,plus 3 hours if needed) (Soc30-2:9:00a.m.-11:30am, plus 2.5 hours if needed)	y 14	15	16
19	20 SOCIAL STUDIES 30-1/2 Part B (9:00 a.m. – 11:30 am, can take extra 2.5 hours, 5 hours total if needed) Gr. 9 ELA PAT Part B 9:00am - 10:15am, can write until 11:30 am	21 Last day of class for Junior High and High School National Indigenous Peoples Day No Exams 1:30-2:30 Powwow	22 HS Exam Day ELA 20-1/-2 Social 10-1/-2 Biology 30 Diploma (9:00 a.m. – Noon, plus 3 hours if needed) Gr. 9 Math PAT Part A 9:00am - 9:30am, can write until 10:00 am	23 HS Exam Day Chemistry 30 Diploma (9:00 a.m. – Noon, plus 3 hours if needed) Gr. 9 Math PAT Part B 9:00am - 10:20 am but can write until 11:40 am
26 HS Exam Day Science 10/14 Gr. 9 Social Studies PAT	27 HS Exam Makeup Day 9 am- 12 noon Gr. 9 Science PAT	28		

SMPC June 2023 Junior High Exam Schedule

	Tuesday, June 20 9:00 AM	Thursday, June 22 9:00 AM	Friday, June 23 9:00 AM	Monday, June 26 9:00 AM	Tuesday, June 27 9:00 AM
Grade 7	Regular classes	Science Exam	ELA Exam	Math Exam	Social Exam
Grade 8	Regular classes	Science Exam	ELA Exam	Math Exam	Social Exam
Grade 9	ELA PAT Part B	Math PAT Part A	Math PAT Part B	Social PAT	Science PAT

Last day of JH/SH Classes is Wed, June 21st. Exam week begins on June 22nd. All Junior & Senior High exams will begin at 9 am. Students are only required to attend school on the day/time of their exams. All students in Junior & Senior High will be dismissed once they finish their exam each day. Any bus students that cannot secure transportation will be supervised while studying if they need to take the bus home.

Dates to remember

Last Day of Breakfast Program - June 22

June 22nd will be the last day of our breakfast program, so please make sure your child(ren) bring enough food for the rest of the school year!

Last Day of School - June 27th

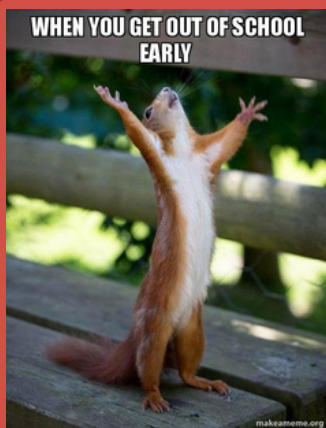
Last Day of school for students! Early Dismissal at 1:15pm.

Summer Vacation Begins! - June 28th

No school for students until September 5, 2023!



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



Leaving Early?!

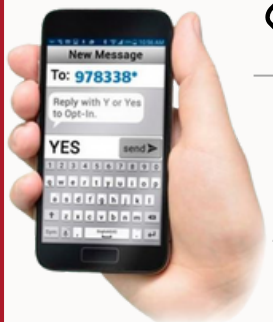
If your child needs to leave school early, please notify the office at 403-627-3488 as early as possible. Please also make sure you sign your child out in the office when they are leaving early!



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!



Congratulations to all of our Track & Field athletes! You represented our school well!



DRAGON ATHLETIC AWARDS!



Dress Code:

- No spaghetti straps/halter tops/one shoulder shirts/tube tops.
- Tank top/muscle shirt straps must be at least 4 centimeters in width
- Bra straps must not show
- Underwear, that of both ladies and gentlemen must not show Midriffs must be covered.
- Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length (arms straight down at sides).
- No hoodies with the hood up, sunglasses, during instructional school hours, or during formal extra curricular activities such as the awards ceremonies
- T-shirts/shirts/hoodies must not have advertising which depicts controversial, obscene, rude, inappropriate and/or drugs and alcohol content on them.



IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

**THE LIBRARY CLOSSES TO STUDENTS THIS FRIDAY TO ALLOW TIME FOR A COMPLETE INVENTORY TO BE DONE.
PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD FIND ANY MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS AND RETURN THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL LIBRARY YEAR. I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BREAK!
REMEMBER TO KEEP READING THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER!**

MRS. MARSH



FNMI



Feather Blessing Ceremony!

(I)SWAG - (Indigenous) Student Wellness Access Guide

Billy Woitte and Emily Willison are new in the division and their job is focusing on Mental Health and Wellness with our Parents!

They are able to provide community resources, and help bring awareness to mental health and wellness.

Emily Williston

SWAG - Student Wellness Access Guide

Willistone@holyspirit.ab.ca

Cell# 403-308-2445

Billy Woitte

(I)SWAG Indigenous Student Wellness Access Guide

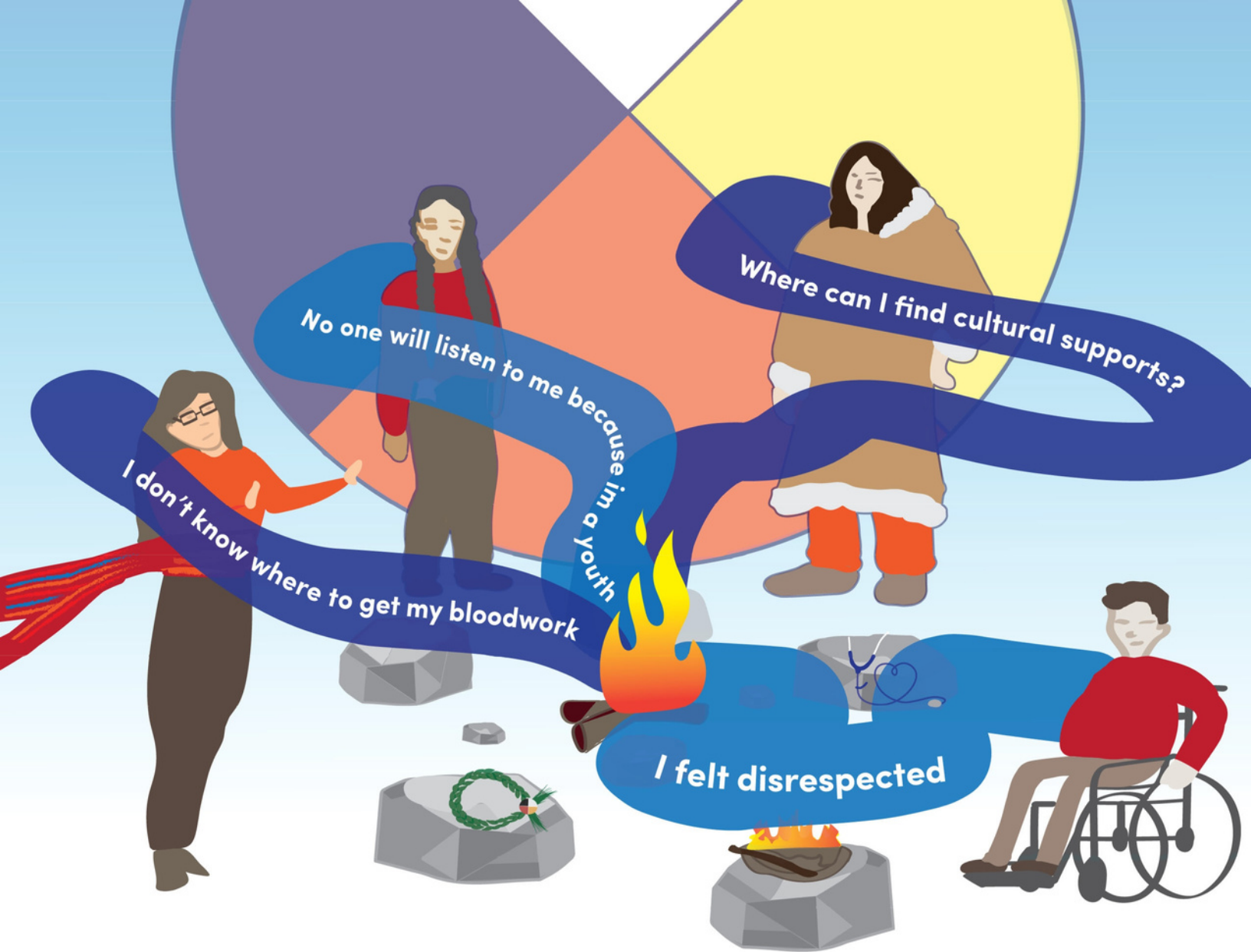
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Congratulations to all of our FNMI Award winners!





Are you an Indigenous person that has questions about Alberta Health Services, has a concern, or needs to find help or navigation?

•Patient Concerns

- Referrals • Cultural Support • Primary Care Support
- Addiction Mental Health Support • General Indigenous AHS Support

1-800 Indigenous Support Line:

Walk with me, Talk with me, Learn with me.

Call: **1-844-944-4744**



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BLACKFOOT TIPI HARVESTING

Special Event/Invite for audiences of
"Cottagers & Indians" presented by Lunchbox Theatre

**FREE
Cultural Workshop**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25
2023**

Located near CASTLE FALLS, AB.

Daily outline: 8:30am Meet in Pincher Creek, Ab.

9am-2pm Intro/Harvest tipi poles & cultural teachings.

2:30pm-5pm Glacier swim/BBQ & chat w/ an Elder.

5:30pm Clean-up, end of day.

ALL AGES, EVERYONE encouraged to attend.

Own transportation is required

Event is open to general public.

To register Email: garretsmith1@gmail.com with the heading "tipi harvest invite" a detailed outline will be sent to those registered.

[Capacity limited to 60 participants]

Event supported by Lunchbox Theatre & Calgary Alliance for the Common Good

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OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



New Lethbridge College Dual Credit Course



Intro To Agriculture

Get a head start on your ag career with the Dual Credit Pathway. This course is an introduction to the primary agriculture industries in southern Alberta including agronomy, animal science and agriculture business. This course is a combination of online and some on-campus labs. For more information go to: <https://lethbridgecollege.ca/programs/dual-credit> or contact Mr. Boschee.

BE READY.

Important: Summer Work Experience

Any students who have a job, and aren't registered in work experience already, see Mr. Boschee ASAP to get a work agreement. Students will then be able to collect credits for the hours they work during the summer months.

If students get a job during the summer they can email Mrs. Gurr at: gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca and she will email a work agreement to them and get them signed up.

All RAP and Work Experience students remember to continue sending in your hours during the summer to Mrs. Gurr. Have a wonderful summer!



Dual Credit Courses for 2023-2024

2023 Fall Dual Credit Courses



-- **Lethbridge College:** Sept.6 to Dec. 8

For a **complete list of all the courses** offered by Lethbridge College and descriptions of them, download their Dual Credit Guidebook at:

<https://lethbridgecollege.ca/programs/dual-credit>

-- **Olds College:** Sept. 25 to Dec. 15

-Accounting Principles 1

-Intro to Veterinary Profession

-Solving Technology Problems

-Producing Horticulture crops

-Marketing Principles

-Intro to Sports management



For further information and how to apply for any of these courses please contact Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.

Math Camp for Grade 11 and 12 Students

Diversity in Research Experiences Across Mathematics (DREAMs) is a free, on-line, 2-week program that offers high school students the unique opportunity to explore higher level math with university professors and industry experts. They will also participate in STEM career talks, and interact with graduate student mentors. For more information and to apply go to: <https://www.pims.math.ca/educational-event/230724-dreami>

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CAREERS: The Next Generation Health Care Exploration Camp

CAREERS is teaming up with AHS for students to participate in a health care awareness day. Participants will explore a variety of careers in the health care sector through hands-on-activities and demonstrations. There are two 1-day camps in Lethbridge on August 10 and 17 to choose from. Email or call Kristy at: 403-308-6823 or kvassell@nextgen.org or register at: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5069304>



Your Off-Campus Team

Mark Boschee - Off-Campus Coordinator Cell: 587-220-4258 or Email: boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca

Wendy Gurr - Career Practitioner - 403-327-4596 Ext 312 or Email: gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca



Trinity High School



Parent Information Sessions

Thursday, June 1st at 6:00 In Person
Monday, June 5th at 2:30 Google Meet

Did you know that Holy Spirit High School students can take classes both at Trinity and community schools?

To register and/or find out how to connect for more information scan the QR Code or click <https://forms.gle/6Rh3aTSzGDh5K78t9>



What can families enrolling their child in Trinity High School expect?

Trinity teachers support students individually as they learn through distributed learning modules.

Trinity offers students a small, caring, understanding and welcoming school environment where students are accepted, encouraged and treated with dignity.

Less formal and structured than a traditional school. Individual learning plans are developed with student, caregivers and school.

Who would be the ideal learner to attend the Trinity 10-12 alternative program?

Students who enjoy and excel learning independently.

Students who due to work or sports commitments need the flexibility in their timetable.

Students who have difficulty attending school due to mental health conditions, such as anxiety or depression.

Students who have had gaps in attendance through the pandemic and have had a hard time re-engaging in school.

Students who have had difficulty socially engaging with peers, or who feel overwhelmed by large numbers of students in traditional classrooms and schools.

What are the expectations/requirements for students attending Trinity?

READY ~Students need to want to be engaged in learning. It is OK if you have gaps in your education. We will meet you where you are at.

WILLING ~Students need to be committed to attending or meeting with their teachers regularly.

ABLE~ Students must have the reading skills, learning habits and maturity to be successful in self-paced learning.



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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).

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

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



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

