

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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October 13, 2023



## Principal Message:

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### Principal's Message

'Rise Above! Inspire Greatness!'

Dear Parents & Guardians:

In the season of Thanksgiving, I'd like to thank YOU for entrusting us with your children, and launching into a fabulous start to the school year. Thank you for your engagement not only in our newsletter, but toward staying informed on your child's learning, and the various things happening in our school. We have so much to be grateful for at St. Michael's School.

Personally, coming off of a fabulous Thanksgiving weekend with wonderful weather, fabulous food, and the opportunity to gather with family and friends reminds me of the many blessings that surround us. This season is the perfect time to reflect on our blessings amidst various challenges that may simultaneously be filling our thoughts and daily lives. Focussing on gratitude changes one's mindset and helps us to be more optimistic toward each new day .

This is the season to turn toward our gracious Lord and give thanks for His overflowing generosity to us. The blessings of the food we eat knowing that many go without. To be thankful for our homes we have, and family and friends that gather within them. To be thankful for our health, our work and our play. At the same time, it is more important now than ever to pray for help to those who are hungry, alone, sick, and suffering war and violence. Fall is the perfect season to open our hearts to God's love, be grateful for His many blessings, and to trust that His plan for all will continue to nourish our lives with what we need.

Now that we are midway through October, it's also a great time to ensure you are connecting with your child's teacher(s) and fostering a connection with them. Whether it be reporting your child's learning, or even their attendance, building a relationship with those entrusted to your child's academic journey is very important. Start building relationships now to open doors to a more successful partnership throughout the school year.

I hope you enjoy cruising through the newsletter and reflecting on the many activities and accomplishments we've celebrated already! Above all, enjoy the many blessings in your own lives that October is bringing!

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

♥ Ms Schmidt



# Terry Fox Run



# Welcome Back BBQ



# Opening Mass



# Truth and Reconciliation Day Orange Shirt Day





# FAITH FOCUS



**BUILD! Pilgrims of Hope - Help us build a school!**

Holy Spirit Catholic Schools has been focusing on a different saint each month. Our saint for October is St. Marguerite d'Youville.

She is the first native-born Canadian to become a canonized saint and lived a life of both incredible hardship and incredible service. She truly shows us both the Corporal Work of Feeding the Hungry, as well as the Catholic social teaching of the Common Good.

As we take time this month for Thanksgiving, we might also think about how the gifts that we have been given can be placed at the service of the common good.

One amazing way of using the gifts we have been given to serve the common good could be supporting our division project this year. This year our school division has partnered with Chalice to build a school in Zambia.


To discover more information about this project [click here](#) to watch a video about this project.


You may make a [donation](#) to our ongoing Chalice project with St. Odilia School in Zambia by clicking the link on donation!




## About Us

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Office Hours:

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

Friday  
8:00am - 2:00pm

# Dates to remember

## PD Day - October 23rd

October 23rd is a Professional Development Day, there is no school for students.

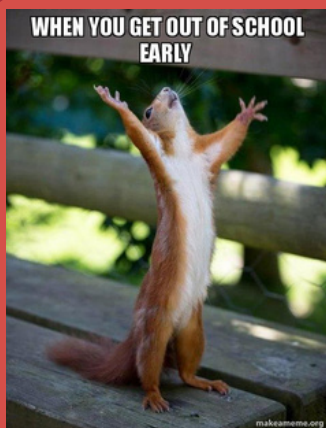
## Picture Day - October 24th

October 24th is Picture Day at St. Michael's School!

## No School - November 10th, 13th and 14th



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



## Leaving Early?!

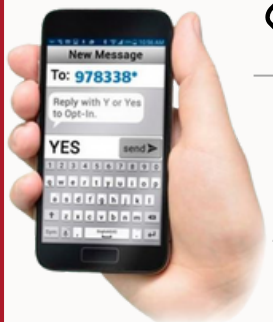
If your child needs to leave school early, please notify the office at 403-627-3488 as early as possible. Please also make sure you sign your child out in the office when they are leaving early!



## 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.

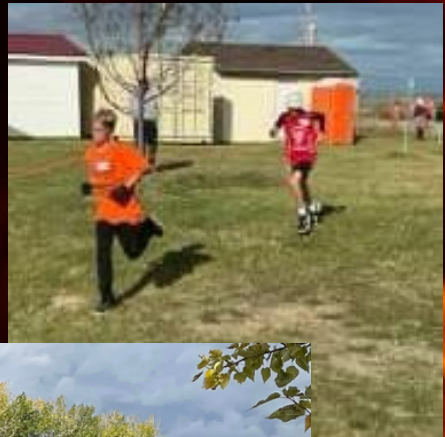
## School Communication



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 ATHLETICS!





# Academic Awards Night!

Join us for the  
Academic Awards Evening  
on Wednesday

November 15th 2023 - 6:30pm

In the Den!





## 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.

***Our School Remembrance Day Assembly will be Monday  
November 6th at 1:30pm in the gym.***



***Parents and Guardians are welcome to join us.***



## BOOK FAIR!

The Scholastic book fair is coming!  
November 20th - 24th 2023

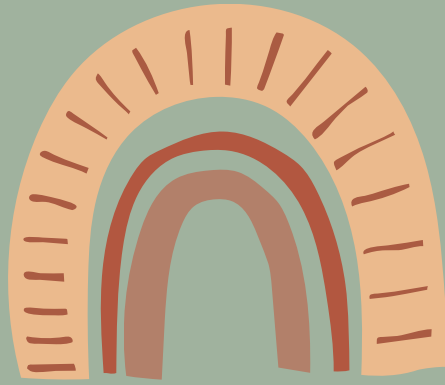


# Italy 2024!

If you are a new student in grade 10, 11 or 12 and love to travel, you need to find Miss Manon!! She has information for you about an upcoming trip to **ITALY** this coming **EASTER!!** Don't wait, go

see her!!



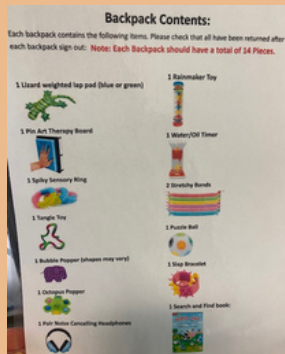


# Family School Liaison Counsellor News

St. Michael's School



## SENSORY BACKPACKS



These teaching/learning tools are in a convenient backpack and are ready to borrow!

Please call/text to borrow one!  
Shay  
403-634-2151

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FOR ALL AGES

<https://www.facebook.com/napifriendshipassociation>

<https://www.pcfamilycentre.ca/calendar>

<https://www.brighterfuturesproject.com/parent-workshops>

<https://www.pincherlearn.ca/>

## WELCOME BACK!

### Hello St. Michael School Families and Friends!

I am looking forward to another year of working with everyone here!

Please reach out if you would like any Family School Liaison Counsellor program information.

You can reach me (Shay) by phone or text at 403-634-2151

or by email  
[hildebrands@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:hildebrands@holyspirit.ab.ca)

Or stop by, my office is upstairs!

## EXTRA RESOURCES

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

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

<https://healthymindslearning.ca/>





# PICTURE DAY

October 24th 2023

**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!**



**KIDSPORT PINCHER CREEK**  
**2023 INCOME CUT-OFFS INFORMATION**

Let's get kids back to sport this fall! If your family income is at or less than the following Income Cut-Offs, we welcome your application for funding of up to \$350 per child, per year towards your child's sport registration fee(s). Applicants to live within the Town or M.D. of Pincher Creek and registered in an ongoing sport or activity that is led by a qualified coach or instructor.

<b>Household Size (Includes Kids)</b>	<b>Income Cut-off</b>
2 Persons	\$54,864
3 Persons	\$67,449
4 Persons	\$81,891
5 Persons	\$92,880
6 Persons	\$104,752
7 or more Persons	\$116,627

**TO APPLY:**

Complete a KidSport Application Form and attach a copy of **one of the following** to verify your income eligibility.

- Notice of Assessment for EACH adult in the home for the most recent tax year
- Child Health Benefit Letter
- Subsidized Housing
- Canada Child Benefit Notice
- Income Support
- Three Consecutive Pay Stubs



**OR:**

- Complete a KidSport Application Form and have it **signed by an Endorser** i.e. school principal, social worker, member of clergy, doctor etc. that can verify your family situation or need.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Pincher Creek KidSport c/o of the Recreation Office  
895 Main Street, Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0

Phone 403-627-4322 or email [pinchercreek@kidsport.ab.ca](mailto:pinchercreek@kidsport.ab.ca)

Application forms can also be accessed at <https://kidsportcanada.ca>

(I)SWAG - (Indigenous) Student Wellness Access Guide  
Billy Woitte and Emily Wilison 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 woitteb@holyspirit.ab.ca Cell# 403-635-4215



# ***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**

