

## *Principal's Message:*

*"Rise Above. Inspire Greatness."*

### **Honouring Remembrance Day**

As we journey through November, our school community paused to honour Remembrance Day and held a beautiful service. It was a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many who courageously stood for peace, freedom, and justice.

In Catholic education, we are called to be instruments of peace in our own time. This month invites us to look intentionally for the peacemakers around us—those who show compassion, forgive readily, speak gently, and act with courage rooted in love. May we guide our children to notice these everyday heroes and, in turn, become reflections of Christ's peace in the world.

### **November Kindness Challenge**

In that same spirit, we are excited to promote our November Kindness Challenge.

Throughout the month, students who are "busted" being kind—whether by helping in their class, caring for God's creation, or offering a small act of generosity—are having their mugshot taken and receiving a small prize.

Their names and acts of kindness are proudly displayed on our Busted Board, celebrating the good we see each day in our halls.

We hope this initiative encourages students to recognize the impact of their actions and inspires all of us to choose kindness intentionally.





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### Important Dates


 **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

**November 27th**

We deeply value the partnership between home and school and look forward to meaningful conversations about your child's growth.

**Thank you for your continued support, your prayers, and the countless ways you help nurture a caring and faith-filled school community.**

**Blessings,**  
 **Karen Schmidt**  
**Principal**

 **School Advent Celebration**

**December 1st · 11:00 a.m.**

You are warmly invited to join us as we enter the sacred season of hope, preparation, and joyful anticipation.



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## *Walking in Faith:* by Mark Wynder - Assoc. Principal

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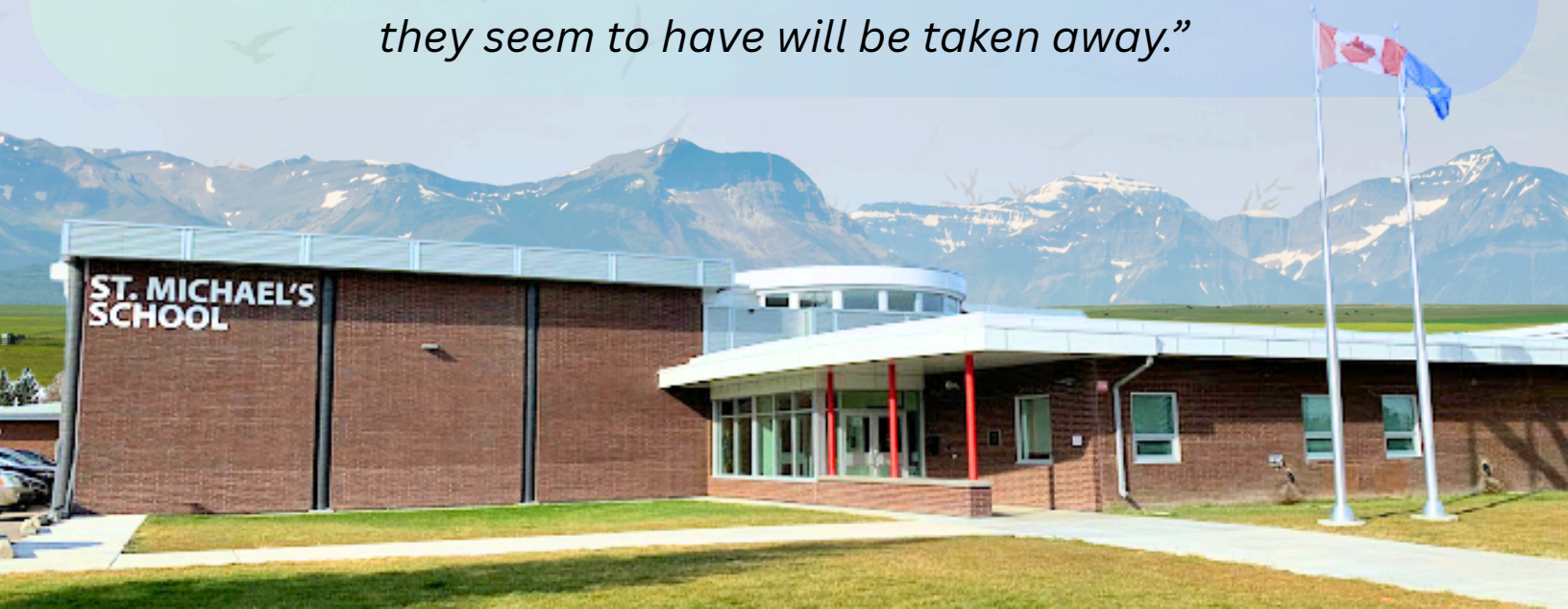
This year, we have embarked on a new three-year faith plan called "Open Wide the Doors! Sent to Share Christ's Love." In our first year, we as a school community are reflecting upon the parables of Christ. This month's parable comes from Luke 8:16-18 – The Parable of the Lamp Under a Jar.

### **Luke 8:16-18**

**16** *"No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light."*

**17** *For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light."*

**18** *Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away."*





## *Walking in Faith:*

*by Mark Wynder - Assoc. Principal*

*"Rise Above. Inspire Greatness."*

In this brief but powerful passage, Jesus reminds us that the light of faith is never meant to be hidden. When the Lord kindles His grace within us—through the sacraments, through prayer, and through moments of mercy or insight—He does so not only for our own comfort, but so that His love might shine outward into the lives of others. A lamp fulfills its purpose only when it is placed where its light can be seen.

***Jesus then offers a gentle but challenging reminder: "Pay attention to how you listen."***

Spiritual life begins with listening—listening to the Word of God, to the movements of the Holy Spirit, and to the needs of our brothers and sisters. When our hearts are open and receptive, God multiplies His gifts within us.

When we cooperate with grace, we grow in faith, hope, and charity; we become more generous, more courageous, and more joyful. Grace expands where it is welcomed.

**But if we resist or ignore God's invitations—if we hide the light or treat His gifts with indifference—our spiritual senses can grow dull. Even the little we think we have can slip away. Jesus does not say this to frighten us, but to awaken us. He calls us to be vigilant stewards of the light entrusted to us.**







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# DATES TO REMEMBER

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## NOVEMBER

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> - Metis Week

21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sr. High Boys Volleyball Zones

27<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews

## DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> - School Advent Celebration @ 11am

- FOSM Meeting @ 7pm

2<sup>nd</sup> - School Council Meeting @ 7pm

3<sup>rd</sup> - Chinese Food Hot Lunch

4<sup>th</sup> - Academic Awards Night @ 7pm

5<sup>th</sup> - Mini-Volleyball Tournament

9<sup>th</sup> - Picture Retake

11<sup>th</sup> - 'Deck the Halls' Elementary Open House Event @ 7pm

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

**SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

**KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR**



# REMINDERS & INFORMATION



## Leaving Early?!

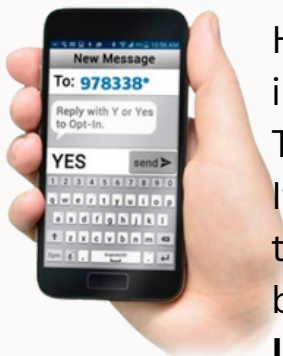
If your child needs to leave school early, please notify the office at 403-627-3488 as early as possible. Please also make sure you sign your child out in the office when they are leaving early!



## 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!**

### Contact Us:



864 Christie Avenue,  
Pincher Creek, AB



403-627-3488



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@stmichaelspc



mikeadmin@holyspirit.ab.ca



<https://smcpc.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

### Office Hours:

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

Friday  
8:00am - 2:00pm



# REMINDERS & INFORMATION

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## 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.



## **WANTED: WORKING CAMERAS!!**



Mr. Smith is looking for old (working) cameras for his Photography options class this year. Please drop off any donations at the school office. Thank you!

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## **We now accept Debit/Credit at the office.**



**Come into the office if you'd like to pay for student fees with debit/credit cards!  
We can take MasterCard, Visa, AMEX, and apple pay!**





# REMINDERS & INFORMATION

## FSLC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

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### Welcome!

#### Your FSLC - Shay

Welcome back and welcome to our new families to our school! My name is Ms. Shay and I am your Family School Liaison Counsellor (FSLC) here at St. Michael's School.

#### Family Fun

Every month I will add fun activities that may interest you and your children in participating in!

Please follow us on social media for other updates!

#### What do I help with?

- Resources- looking for something? I can help
- Advocating for students and families
- A safe place for students to share their stories
- Parent/family support



### Hygiene

This Month we will be talking about hygiene in grades 5-7 classrooms and the importance of taking care of ourselves.

Please send me a message or call me if you have any questions or concerns.

### Creative Questions from Parents to Teens

<https://www.intunefamily.com/blog/9-creative-questions-to-ask-your-teen-after-school-today>

### Contact Info

Phone: 403-634-2151  
call/text

Email:  
hildebrands@holyspirit.ab.ca



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# SM REMINDERS & INFORMATION

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## FIRST NATIONS METIS AND INUIT (FNMI)

**Sheena Adamson**  
FNMI Academic Support  
(Grad Coach)



**Tracy Wolfe (Piitaaki)**  
First Nations (Niitsitapi), Métis  
and Inuit Facilitator



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**Iispok'ksikatkimayaa**  
*"Striving for Higher Knowledge"*





# SM REMINDERS & INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT

### REPRESENTATIVES

- 1 parent representative for each class for Pre-K to grade 6.
- 1 parent representative for the whole of Junior High
- 1 parent representative for the whole of Senior High
  - Get the chance to represent your child's class monthly!
  - Share school news and activities to and with other parents in the class.
  - Get involved in planning & executing fun activities!
  - Meet once a month (1st Tuesdays at 7pm).



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [mikeadmin@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:mikeadmin@holyspirit.ab.ca)
- call school: 403-627-3488



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Let's get kids active in sport! 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.

Household Size (Includes Kids)	Income Cut-off
2 Persons	\$57,005
3 Persons	\$70,081
4 Persons	\$85,086
5 Persons	\$96,504
6 Persons	\$108,839
7 or more Persons	\$121,177

## 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 Pincher Creek 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>

**Even if families do not meet the requirements,  
ALL applications will be considered!!**



# **M** REMINDERS & INFORMATION

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## **CO-OP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**



- This is Friends of St. Michael's Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Pincher Creek CO-OP generously donates 10% of proceeds off every card bought directly from the Friends Foundation
- Need fuel, groceries, or hardware? Great for stocking stuffers. Cards can be used at any CO-OP location
- Easy to sign-up. Request forms are available at the school office or contact Diana Shortt @ 403.627.7740
- This helps the Foundation support student activities and athletics at St. Michael's School, Pincher Creek
- Thanks to CO-OP and to you for supporting this fundraiser!

**[friendsofstmichaels23@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmichaels23@gmail.com),**

**<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStMichaels>**



# REMINDERS & INFORMATION

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## St Michael's School

### Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Device Policy

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(Implemented Jan. 07, 2019/Updated May 2024)

#### Rationale

Cellphones **are not** considered acceptable devices for educational learning purposes. Although many students have iPhones, and Android phones, iPods, and smart watches, they do not meet the necessary requirements as an accepted learning device. St. Michael's School has Chromebooks, Laptops and iPads available for student use throughout the day.

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#### During Class Time:

**Elementary-** No cell phones or PED's including smart watches.

**Junior High School-** Cell phones/PED's can be used on Phone Friday during nutrition break. (Gr 9 allowed their phones during lunch time in the Den)

**High School -** Cell phones can be used during breaks and spares.

Cell phones and Personal Electronic Devices (PED's) which are brought to school are expected to be placed into the classroom bin at the beginning of every class. Students also have the option to keep their phone 'out of sight' and silenced in their pocket/locker. If the device is visible during class time at all disciplinary action will be taken. This also includes use of smart watches- notifications must be turned off to be worn during instructional time.

Failure to adhere to school protocol surrounding responsible use will result in the following discipline:

**1st offence** – ➤ cell phone taken away and placed in the office. The device will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

**2nd offence** ➤ cell phone taken away and placed in the office. Student will meet with administration prior to having their cell phone returned.

**3rd offence** ➤ cell phone taken away, placed in the office and returned to parent/ guardian.

Administration will meet and contact parent / guardian to discuss acceptable use and to return the device.

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#### Images/Audio:

Devices capable of capturing, transmitting, or storing images or recording and storing audio **may NOT** be operated in restrooms, dressing rooms, or other areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. Phones must be secured prior to entering the change room.

**Under NO circumstances shall any video, picture capturing or audio recording device be used in any classroom without the express consent of the teacher and school administration.** Special consideration shall be given to protect the privacy of students in the classroom if such permission is granted. Operation of any electronic device is prohibited in testing situations or where testing materials are present.





# DIVISION NEWS & INFO.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

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## Here in Spirit



### Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Newsletter

#### Employment Opportunities at a Glance:

- Accounts Payable Coordinator – St. Basil Catholic Education Centre
- Early Learning Education Assistant – École St. Mary School
- Education Assistant – École St. Mary School
- Teacher – St. Mary School (Taber)
- Administrative Support – Catholic Central High School
- Career Practitioner – Division Schools
- Caretaker – Catholic Central High School (East Campus)
- Library Clerk – École St. Mary School
- Casual Administrative Assistants – Division Schools
- Casual Administrative Supports – Division Schools
- Casual Education Assistants – Division Schools

( ➤ Denotes new posting since last publication.)

#### *Our Mission Statement*

We are a Catholic Faith Community, dedicated to providing each student entrusted to our care with an education rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership with home, parish and society, our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will live, celebrate and proclaim their faith.

Our Catholic Faith is the foundation of all that we do.





# DIVISION NEWS & INFO.

## OFF-CAMPUS NEWS

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We know the past few weeks have been challenging and truly appreciate your continued dedication and support for our students' learning.

### Winter Dual Credit Applications Now Open!

High school students can get a head start on their future by earning both high school and post-secondary credits through the Dual Credit Program. This is a great opportunity to explore college-level learning and gain valuable skills.

#### Lethbridge Polytechnic

- Application Deadline: November 28, 2025
- Course Dates: February 2 – May 13, 2026
- Application Fee: Can be waived using a promo code – contact Mr. Mark Boschee at [boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca) for details.

#### Olds College

- Course Dates: February 25 – May 20, 2026

Don't miss this chance to earn college credit while still in high school!

See [Guidebook](#) for full details. For help with registration, email: Mr. Boschee

### Green Certificate Program – Now Available

Lethbridge Polytechnic offers a perfect program for students living or working on a farm!

- Earn up to 16 diploma credits
- Get real on-the-job farm experience
- Boost eligibility for agriculture scholarships
- Receive a Certificate of Completion

Interested? Contact your Off-Campus Coordinator or reach out to Lethbridge Polytechnic

### Post-Secondary Fair of the Year!

Catholic Central High School is proud to host an ELAA (Educational Liaison Association of Alberta) event this fall!

**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Location:** Catholic Central High School

This is a great chance for students and families to meet representatives from Alberta's post-secondary schools, explore programs, and plan for future education and career paths.

### Paid Internships – Careers Next Generation

**Careers Next Generation** offers paid internships to help you gain work experience, build skills, and explore careers.

**Apply here:** [New Student Enrollment](#)

After applying, check your account regularly for new opportunities!

**REMINDER**

Students in **Work Experience** and **RAP** must submit their work hours.

Send hours to: [hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca)

Dear Students and Families,

The sweetest goodbyes are rarely met with smiles. It's with mixed emotions that I share my resignation as a **Career Practitioner with the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division.**

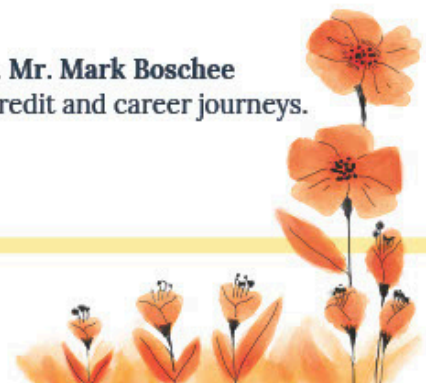
Working with you has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences of my career. Students, I've been continually inspired by your curiosity, hard work, and courage to chase your dreams. **Please don't ever stop believing in yourselves.**

Though I won't be here in person, my heart and prayers remain with you. **Mr. Mark Boschee** ([boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca)) will continue supporting you in your Dual Credit and career journeys.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,  
Miss Amakobe



Mark Boschee  
Off-Campus Coordinator  
Career Centre, East Campus on Tuesday/Friday  
Cell: 587-220-4258  
Email: [boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca)







# SAINTS OF THE WORLD

*"Rise Above. Inspire Greatness."*



Dear Saint Monica,  
I ask you to pray for  
all those sons and daughters  
That have walked away from God,  
And add to your prayers  
all those mothers  
Who are worried  
for their children.  
Amen.

St. Monica - Pray for us!



# ***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**

