

Principal's Message:

"Rise Above. Inspire Greatness."

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into February, we enter a **month that invites reflection, renewal, and intentional acts of kindness**. In line with our faith plan, "Open Wide the Doors," and our Year One focus, "Know God," this month invites us to celebrate kindness in all its forms while also preparing our hearts for the season of Lent. ✝

With routines and classes well established and Term 2 well underway, it has been inspiring to witness the growth, resilience, and engagement of our students. Semester 2 is off to a strong start. If you have not yet reviewed your child's report card, please note that Elementary report cards were sent home last week, and grades for Junior High and Senior High are available on PowerSchool. As a school community, we continue to encourage students to approach learning with curiosity and a growth mindset, take pride in their progress, and support one another with compassion.



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Several special days fall within February, including Valentine's Day on the 14th, Family Day on the 16th, and Pink Shirt Day on February 25th.

Each of these occasions reminds us of the importance of kindness, belonging, and support for those around us. **Please also be mindful of the February break from Monday, February 16 to Friday, February 20, during which the school will be closed for Teachers' Convention.**

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust as we support the academic, social, and spiritual development of each student. We are grateful to walk alongside you and look forward to the opportunities this month will bring.

Wishing you and your family a February filled with **hope, grace, and acts of love.**

Blessings,

♥ **Karen Schmidt**

Principal



Walking in Faith: by Mark Wynder - Assoc. Principal

"Rise Above. Inspire Greatness."

This month's parable comes from Luke 13:18-19:

18 He said, therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it?"

19 It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

In this month's parable, Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of God often begins in very small ways. Like a tiny mustard seed planted in the soil, God's work grows quietly and patiently until it becomes something strong and life-giving. In our school community, the Kingdom is built through small, daily acts of kindness, moments of prayer, words of encouragement, and efforts to include and care for one another.

Though these actions may seem small, God uses them to create a place where faith can grow and where all are welcomed and supported. May we continue to plant seeds of love and faith, trusting that God will help them grow.

*"Small acts of faith
can grow into
something great."*

*What small act of
kindness or faith can
our family practice
this week to help God's
love grow in our home
or community?*





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DATES TO REMEMBER

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FEBRUARY

9th - Noah's Ark Pre-K Registrations - STARTS

12th - Parent Teacher Interviews - Kindergarten

13th -14th - SV Basketball Home Tournament

16th - 20th - NO SCHOOL - Family Day,

Non-operational days, SWATCA



St. Michael's Parish
Pincher Creek, AB
958 Christie Ave, Pincher
Creek, AB T0K 1W0

February 2026



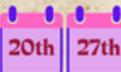
Shrove Tuesday
Mass: 6pm



Pancake Supper in the
Parish Hall to follow



Ash Wednesday
Masses: 9am & 7pm



Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent



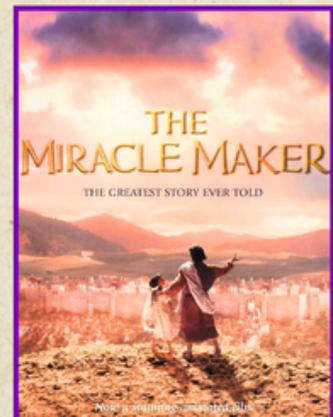
Family Movie Night
6pm



ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL
PINCHER CREEK

*Free to all families!

We hope to
see you there!!



Parish Penitential Service
6pm





DATES TO REMEMBER

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DRAGONS ATHLETICS WEEKLY SCHEDULE



SCAN FOR LIVE UPDATES



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

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR

ST. MICHAEL'S
SCHOOL



FRENCH IMMERSION

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FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW?

Our French Immersion Program starts in Grade 1 or Grade 2!
(No previous French Language or French background required.
Transfers from other programs are welcomed!)



Register here!

Also offering:

- *Support for Parents
- *French Homework Club
- *A taste of French (FSL) in Kindergarten
- *Exciting field trips and cultural activities
- *Enriched learning and life-long opportunities for your child



Bonjour!



Join the
French Immersion Program at
St. Michael's School Today!



Phone Number: 403-627-3488

[HTTPS://SMDC.HOLYSPRIT.AB.CA/](https://smdc.holyspirit.ab.ca/)

A PROUD HISTORY FOR OVER 40 YEARS!

"A quality, inclusive program offered in French for students in Gr.1-6" Within a nurturing, PreK-Gr.12 school



SM 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

 **facebook**

  @stmichaelspc

 mikeadmin@holyspirit.ab.ca

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

Office Hours:

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

Friday
8:00am - 2:00pm

M 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.



mastercard.

**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!**



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FSLC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

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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FIRST NATIONS METIS AND INUIT (FNMI)

Sheena Adamson
FNMI Academic Support
(Grad Coach)



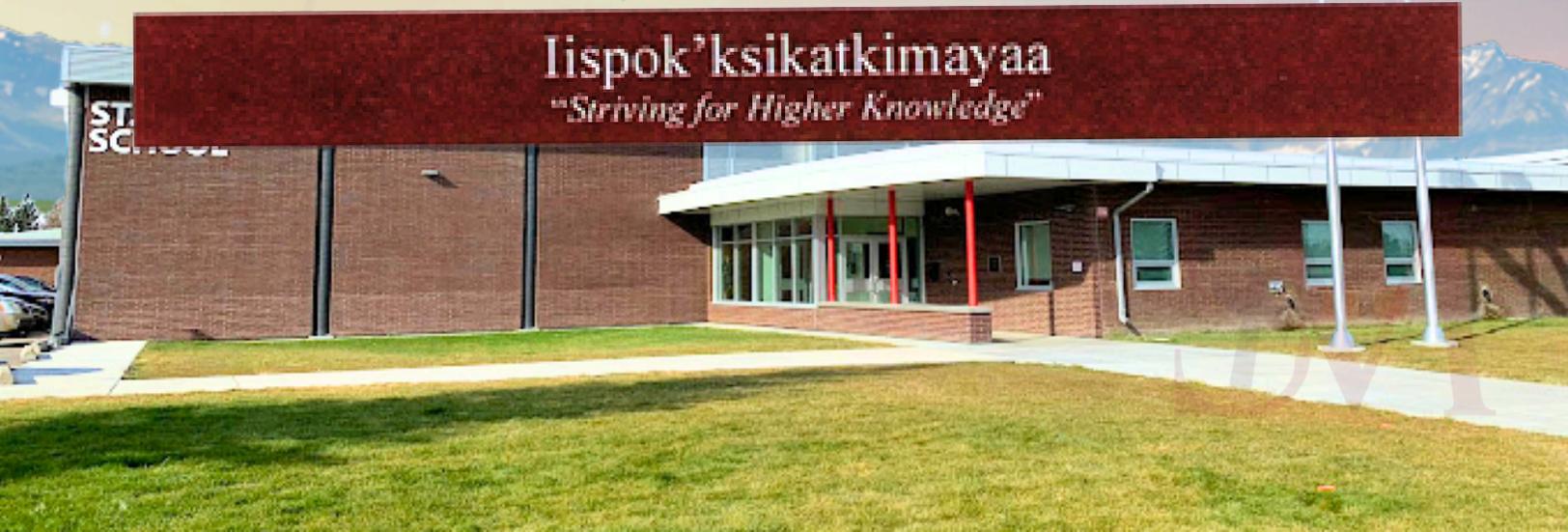
Tracy Wolfe (Piitaaki)
First Nations (Niitsitapi), Métis
and Inuit Facilitator



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Iispok'ksikatkimayaa
"Striving for Higher Knowledge"



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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
- **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

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

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

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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,

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

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St Michael's School

Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Device Policy

(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.

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.

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.

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Here in Spirit



Job Posting

Education Assistant
- St. Michael's School



Casual Caretakers
- St. Michael's School





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OFF CAMPUS NEWS

WORK Experience

If you have a job or are volunteering and have not signed up for work experience please contact Mr. Boschee.
Please keep emailing proof of hours worked to hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca

RAP Apprenticeships

Please keep emailing proof of hours worked to hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca



GREEN CERTIFICATE

NEW Green Certificate students should know there is a Virtual Induction meeting coming up. Testing dates for February are the 10th and 11th. Contact Mr. Boschee for more details.



NOTE

BLACKFOOT 1000 DUAL CREDIT UOFL

Interested in learning Blackfoot and want to receive University credit? Contact Mr. Boschee..

INTRO FINAL

February 2 - First day of Dual Credit classes at Lethbridge Polytechnic.

AUGUSTANA

February 3 -Augustana University will be at CCH East during Flex. They will have a booth set up in the cafeteria.

NEW DROP!



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[HTTPS://WWW.CAREERSNEXTGEN.CA/GET-AN-INTERNSHIP](https://www.careersnextgen.ca/get-an-internship)

WHO BUILDS IT BEST

Live Building Competition

March 12 & 13 Excite Lethbridge Exhibition Park
If you are interested contact
Lize Bam - Career Practitioner
baml@holyspirit.ab.ca

who are we

Off-Campus Education provides programs and services for Holy Spirit School Division Students during their high school years.
We offer 3 Off-Campus programs, 3 Workplace Safety Courses, Dual Credit Courses, Career Services, Post Secondary Services and Scholarship Services.
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SAINTS OF THE WORLD

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Hail, Mary,

full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes — Pray for us!
St. Bernadette — 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

