

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

1 September 16, 2024



**"Rise Above.
Inspire Greatness."**

Principal Message:

Dear St. Michael's Community,

Welcome to the beginning of a new and exciting school year at St. Michael's School. I pray that your summer was filled with blessings, rest and wonderful family time. As we start the 2024-2025 school year together, I want you to know that our faith plan theme is **PROCLAIM! Pilgrims of Hope**. As a school, we are called to proclaim the Gospel message not only in word but through our actions, shining the light of Christ in all that we do. Together, we will embrace this theme, encouraging our students to live out their faith courageously, serve others, and be witnesses to God's love in our community.

One exciting way we will be showcasing our school community is by hosting the 1A Boys Volleyball Provincials from November 21st to 23rd. For these three days we are blessed to let St. Michael's School's light shine for all of our province, to invite others to come and see what a wonderful place our school and town is! We are looking for help from our community to make this event a success. Please consider supporting this event! We need your help both as volunteers and through donations. If you would like to find out more about how you can help support us hosting provincials please contact the school office!

We are excited to once again host our Welcome Back Family BBQ on Thursday, September 26th from 5:30-7:30pm. Come and meet our staff, see our school and share a meal together as a school community. This year we are blessed to have our friends at Napi Friendship Centre coming in as a special guest this evening.

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ST. MICHAEL'S
SCHOOL



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Principal Message: (Continued..)

As we start our year, we want to ensure you are aware of the following information!

St. Michael's Communication Platforms: SCHOOL CALENDAR is live and updated daily on our website. We encourage you to check it often to be up to date on events and activities within the school. ELEMENTARY CLASSES will be using SPACES or email to communicate with parents. Please make sure you 'accept your invitation' to Spaces from your classroom teacher. JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH CLASSES use PowerSchool for grades etc. Please make sure you've set up your parent portal where you can see the latest on your child's academic progress. Teachers can be reached via email and or phone call (403)627-3488

School Parking & Pick up/Drop Off- SAFETY FIRST The safety of all students is our top priority. As such, all parents MUST park either in the church or school parking lot (reserved for staff & Early Learning Parents) or on the streets across from the school. No vehicles should be parked on the street where the bus loops are. As well, students in K to Gr 3 MUST cross the street with a parent/guardian. It is so busy on our street, that we need all adults (supervisors & parents alike) to be visible and ensure our children are arriving and departing safely.

May God bless our school community abundantly this year, and may we, as pilgrims of hope, always remember to shine His light wherever we go.

Blessings,

Mark Wynder
Acting Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council AGM/Executive Election - September 17

7-8pm

Volleyball - September 20-21

JV Girls at Taber
Senior Boys at Oilfield

Welcome back BBQ - September 26

Please join our staff on September 26th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm for a welcome back BBQ!

Volleyball - September 27-29

Senior Girls at Oilfield
Senior Boys at Bow Island

Orange Shirt Day - September 27

Wear orange shirts at St. Michael's School

Nat'l Day of Truth and Reconciliation - Sept. 30

No School

Senior Girls Volleyball - October 4-5

at Taber Christian High School (TCHS)

Wellness Day for Students - October 11

No school for Students

Thanksgiving Day - Oct 14

No school for students or staff.

November 21-23
VOLLEYBALL
PROVINCIALS



2023 Please click the calendar to the left to view the full year school calendar!

Help us make the 2024-25 Volleyball Provincials a success!

Principal - Karen Schmidt

Associate Principal- Mark Wynder

Dear Sir/Madam

I hope this letter finds you well. As a proud member of our community, we are excited to share with you an upcoming event that holds great significance for our school and our students.

On November 21-23, 2024, St. Michael's School will have the privilege of hosting the 1A Boys Volleyball Provincials. This prestigious event not only showcases the talent and dedication of our student athletes but also provides an opportunity for our school to demonstrate its commitment to excellence in both academics and athletics.

In order to ensure the success of this event, we are reaching out to community members and businesses like yours for support. We kindly request a donation to help offset the costs associated with hosting the provincials. Your contribution will directly impact the overall experience of the participating teams and spectators, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved. We believe that partnerships with businesses like yours are essential in achieving our goals and enriching the educational experiences of our students. Your support will not only benefit our school but will also demonstrate your commitment to investing in the future of our community.

As a token of our appreciation for your generosity, we would be honored to recognize your contribution in our event program and display your business name prominently throughout the tournament. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and can be made by cheque payable to St. Michael's School - please indicate your donation is for provincials volleyball.

Thank you for considering our request. Your support will make a meaningful difference in the success of the 1A Boys Volleyball Provincials and the overall experience of our students. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you and celebrate the spirit of competition and sportsmanship at the upcoming provincials.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our lead teacher Manon Thauvette at [+1 403 627-7933].

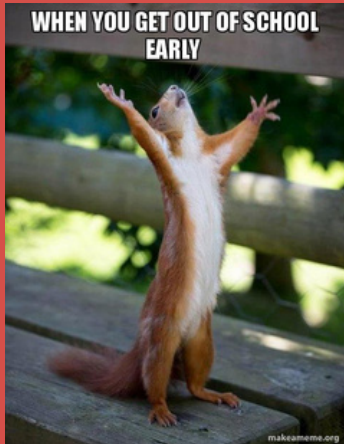
Thank you in advance,

St. Michael's School and the Leadership Team

For more information, call us at 403 6277933,
or email mikeadmin@holyspirit.ab.ca

**IF you would like a receipt, please make cheques payable to "Holy Spirit School Division" and on the memo "St. Michael's School Pincher Creek"*

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!

About Us



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403-627-3488



@stmichaelspc



mikeadmin@holyspirit.ab.ca



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

Office Hours:

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

**Friday
8:00am - 2:00pm**

DRAGON ATHLETICS!



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**It was a busy opening week for
Volleyball!**

Congratulations to all of you!



DRAGON ATHLETICS!



First Nations Metis and Inuit (FNMI)

Oki and Hello to all of our returning and new families joining us this year at St Michael's School here on Treaty 7 land. Our FNMI team is excited to be working with and supporting our Indigenous and Métis students as they begin another wonderful year. We are so blessed to have Tracy Wolfe (Piitaaki) returning as the First Nations Métis and Inuit Facilitator for our students and families. Sheena Adamson will be working alongside Tracy as the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Graduation Coach.

We would also like to showcase our new classroom space right in the heart of our school. Families, please do not hesitate to contact our team if you have any questions or concerns or need any support for your children's success.

Sheena Adamson (adamsons@holyspirit.ab.ca; 403-627-3488)

Tracy Wolfe (wolfet@holyspirit.ab.ca; 403-632-7316)



Thanks to a grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage's Indigenous Languages and Cultures program, our Niitsitapi Facilitator team is hosting a series of language events for families in the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division. We welcome our families to join our team and our Elders throughout the year at various schools.

Please contact **Kendrick Fox** foxk@holyspirit.ab.ca or **Shelley Kirkvold** at [403 327-9555 kirkvolds@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:kirkvolds@holyspirit.ab.ca) for more information.

Good news! Billy Woitte, our Indigenous Student Wellness Access Guide (ISWAG) may be able to offer transportation if funding allows.

Dates / Schools for our upcoming Blackfoot Family Nights are as follows:

Thursday, September 12, 2024

FLVT

Father Leonard Van Tighem 25
Stoney Cres. West

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Stoney Cres. West

Thursday, October 10, 2024 SFJH

St. Francis 333-18 St South,
Lethbridge

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St. Francis 333-18 St South,
Lethbridge

Thursday, November 14, 2024 CSM

Children of St. Martha 206
McMaster Blvd., Lethbridge

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Orange Shirt Day for St. Mike's

- Sept. 27th



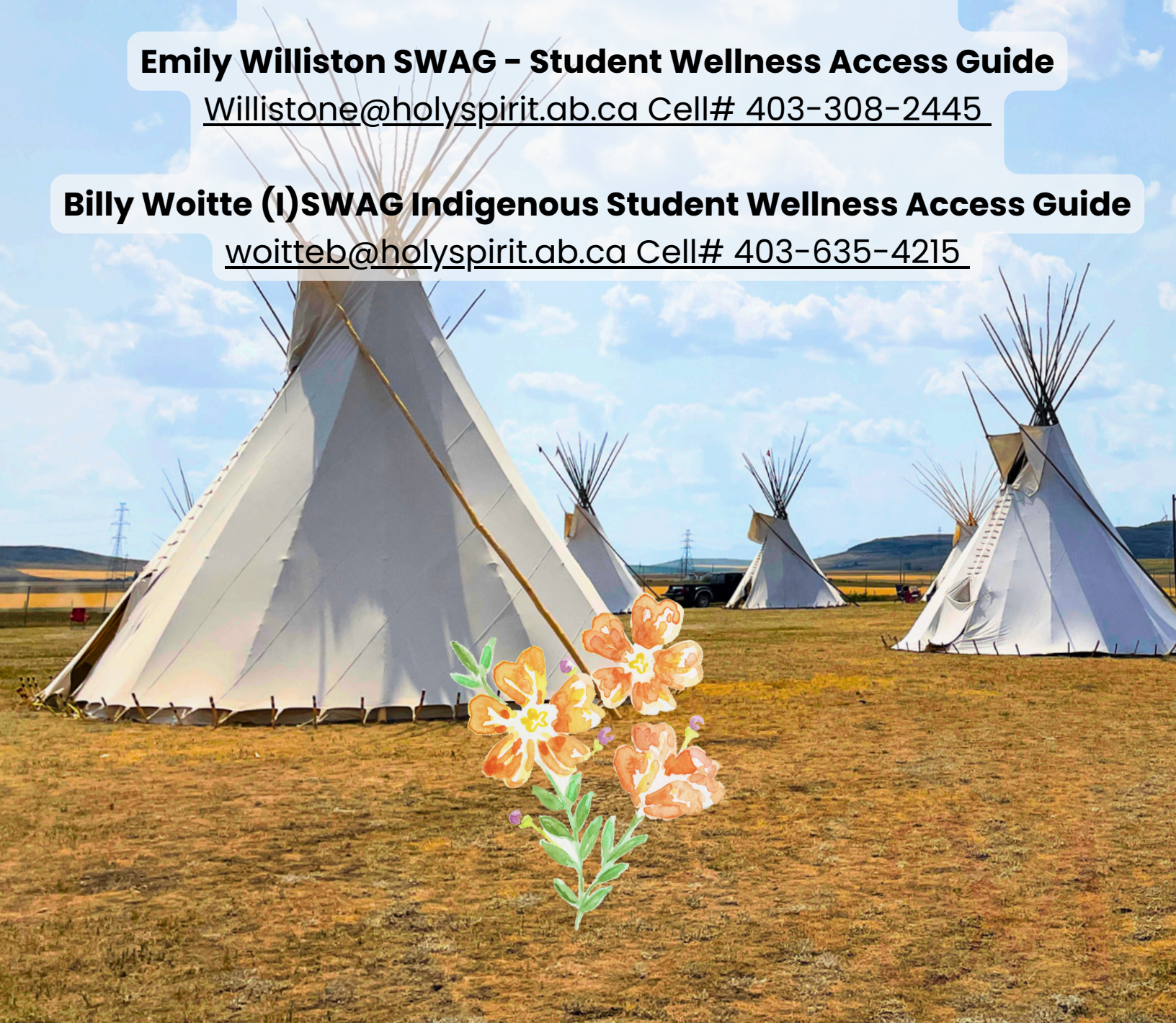
(I)SWAG - (Indigenous) Student Wellness Access Guide Billy Woitte and Emily Wilison are new in the division and their job is focusing on Mental Health and Wellness with our Parents! They are able to provide community resources, and help bring awareness to mental health and wellness.

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



TOONIES FOR TERRY

St. Michael's school would like to show our support for the
Terry Fox Marathon of Hope



Our annual Terry Fox Run is happening on Wednesday, Sept. 25th at 1:45 pm.
All St. Michael's students from grades K-9 will be participating in the walk/run
throughout our community.

Please send a toonie, or more, to school with your child to show your support on
or before Wednesday, Sept. 25th at 1:45 pm.



Thank you for your support!
-St. Michael's Staff



Terry Fox Day



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!

Staffing Changes:

Ms. Clark – Grade 5/6E Teacher

Mr. Andrusiak – Grade 9 Teacher

Mrs. McCollister – Early Learning Teacher

Maralee Allen – Grade 3/4 Teacher

Janine Isaak – Early Learning EA

Mr. Lazo – Admin Support



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.

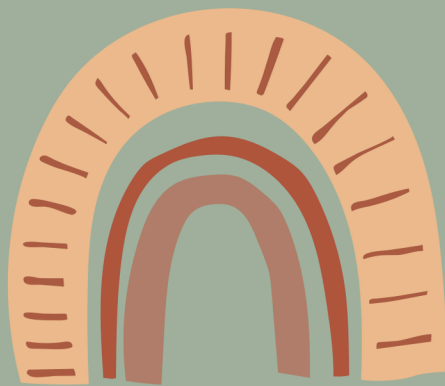
3rd offence ➤ cell phone taken away, placed in the office and returned to parent/ guardian.

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.

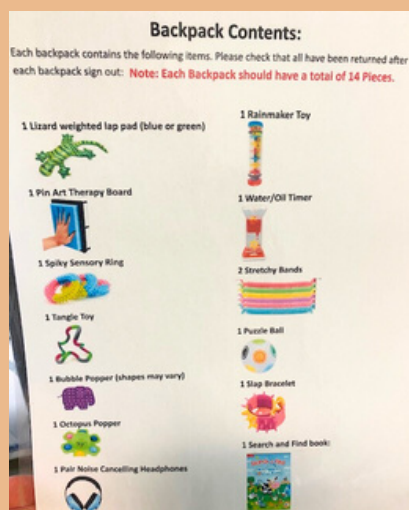
Under NO circumstances shall any video, picture capturing or audio recording device be used in any classroom without the express consent of the teacher and school administration. Special consideration shall be given to protect the privacy of students in the classroom if such permission is granted. Operation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



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

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**

Or stop by, my office is upstairs!

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/>

EXTRA RESOURCES

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

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

<https://healthymindslearning.ca/>





Next School Council
Meeting
will be held on October 8.

updated as of 9/18/2024





*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary - Bow*

September 5, 2024

Dear parents,

As the summer winds down and a new school year begins, I want to take a moment to share updates you may hear more about as your child returns to the classroom.

As Alberta's Minister of Education, my mandate is to ensure our students are receiving a world-class education that sets them up for success. An important piece of this work is building an inclusive and comprehensive curriculum that reflects our modern world and inspires a passion for learning.

Since the 2022-23 school year, school authorities have implemented new curriculum in six Kindergarten to Grade 6 (K-6) subjects through a phased approach. This school year, all students in Grades 4-6 will be learning from new French first language and literature, French immersion language arts and literature and science curriculums. We continue to support school authorities and elementary teachers as they implement new curriculum by providing a variety of learning and teaching resources.

I am pleased to share that 62 school authorities have also chosen to pilot new draft K-6 social studies curriculum in classrooms across Alberta this school year. The new draft curriculum, which was developed after nine months of consultation with education partners, teachers, parents and Albertans, focuses on building students' critical thinking skills and empowers them to be engaged citizens. Throughout the piloting process, school authorities and teachers will provide valuable feedback to help Alberta Education finalize the new K-6 social studies curriculum.

This is just one change parents can expect in Alberta's schools this fall. When students return to class, their smart phones will not. In April 2024, we asked Albertans to tell us what they thought of cellphone use in schools. More than 68,000 educators, parents, and other stakeholders shared their thoughts. The feedback was clear: Almost 90 per cent of respondents were concerned about student cellphone use at school and 85 per cent said they believe cellphones have a negative impact on student achievement.

My government felt it was important to respond quickly to this feedback and has been working with educators and other stakeholders over the last several months to introduce restrictions on personal mobile devices and social media use in schools.

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These changes come into effect on September 1, with school authorities having until January 1, 2025, to formalize their policies and procedures for implementing the restrictions within their schools. This means that, beginning immediately, students are asked to keep their devices silent or powered off during class and stored out of view, unless a valid exception is in place. Parents and guardians should reach out to their school or school authority if they have questions regarding how restrictions will apply to a particular student or child.

Restricting personal mobile devices and social media use in Alberta Early Childhood Services and kindergarten to Grade 12 classrooms will reduce distractions, maximize learning time, support student mental health, and reduce opportunities for cyberbullying. This is one of many things we are doing to support our children's mental health.

I recently announced an additional \$6.7 million to extend 59 Mental Health in Schools pilot projects across the province to ensure students can get the supports they need, when they need them. This is in addition to the Budget 2024 investment of \$1.5 billion for learning support funding, which includes funding that allows school authorities to provide students with psychological and social-emotional supports, and access to mental health workers and other wellness supports, as needed.

As you know, Alberta's population is growing, and school enrolment is too. Our government recognizes this growth comes with challenges, which is why we made a funding commitment over the summer to invest an additional \$125 million for operational costs associated with enrolment growth and inflationary pressures.

And, we have invested \$2.8 billion over three years to maintain, enhance, plan, and build new schools. Our capital plan advances 43 priority school projects across Alberta, including 28 new schools, 10 replacement schools, and five modernizations, which will create 35,000 new and modernized student spaces! We recognize these advancements will not be realized immediately and space is needed now, which is why we are also putting \$90 million toward the purchase of up to 100 modular classrooms and the relocation of up to 50 more, for the communities of greatest need. This will help address emergent enrolment pressures and urgent space needs.

In closing, I want to thank and acknowledge our hardworking teachers, educational assistants, principals, and other school support staff. Their work is at the heart of Alberta's education system and is deeply acknowledged and appreciated by Alberta's government.

Finally, I want to thank you, Alberta's parents. As a father myself, I know that a child's education does not start and end in the classroom. Parents are busy behind the scenes packing lunches and schoolbags, helping with homework, and cheering our kids on at their school concerts and sporting events. Thank you for all you do to support your children, their teachers, and the larger school community to which you belong.

I am wishing you a wonderful year ahead!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Demetrios Nicolaides". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD
Minister of Education



Notice to Parent or Guardian of Religious Permeation

Section 58.1 of the *Education Act* requires a school board to give notice to a parent or guardian when courses of study, education programs, institutional materials, instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion. All of the schools in this division are Catholic Separate Schools, the essential purpose of which is to fully permeate Catholic theology, philosophy, practices and beliefs, the principles of the Gospel and teachings of the Catholic Church, in all aspects of school life, including in the curriculum of every subject taught, both in and outside of formal religion classes, celebrations and exercises. Every course of study and educational program, all institutional materials, instruction and exercises will at all times include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.



Fair Notice Letter

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to help a student take responsibility for their actions, change their behavior and learn from their mistakes.

When students' behaviors pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, the Southwest Alberta Regional Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Protocol assists administrators in taking the necessary steps to protect the well-being of students and staff. This protocol ensures that schools can respond promptly to worrisome behaviors or threatening incidents, such as possession of a weapon or replica, bomb threats or plans, verbal, written, or electronic (internet, text) threats to harm oneself or others, as well as other acts of violence, including fire-setting.

The protocol requires trained division staff and community partners to work together as a team to complete an Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) whenever a student threatens to harm others. The ARTO process leverages the team's knowledge, skills, and experience to assess the level of concern and identify appropriate interventions to protect individuals from harm and ensure a safe environment in both the school and the community. A multi-disciplinary approach is used to address these concerns. Please be advised that the school team will take positive and proactive measures to address all known threats or high-risk behaviors. If you are invited to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your child, please be assured that our protocol is being followed and that our primary goal is ensuring safety.

The Southwest Alberta Regional VTRA Protocol outlines how a school should respond immediately to threatening behavior. Principals may first assemble a School Threat Assessment Team, ideally comprising the principal or associate principal, a school-based counselor or jurisdictional lead, and local police. If the situation is serious, the principal may also consult the Superintendent of Schools and involve members of the Community Threat Assessment Team. This team may include representatives from local police, children's mental health organizations, or Child and Family Services, among other community agencies that collaborate with us to enhance school safety. Parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible during the Stage I - VTRA Process. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, but a safety concern persists, the threat assessment may proceed. Personal information shared during this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure everyone's safety.

This letter complies with procedure 2 of *Administrative Procedure 322: Violence Threat / Risk Assessment (V-TRA) Protocol*, which states that parents/ guardians will be provided with "fair notice" that each threat will be taken seriously. Should you wish to further review this Administrative Procedure, please visit our website at www.holyspirit.ab.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's use of the Southwest Alberta Regional V-TRA Protocol, please contact the Director of Support Services at the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre. We appreciate your support in ensuring our schools are safe environments for our students, staff and community partners.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Morrison, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents,

As the core subject teachers for St. Michael's Junior High this year, we are very excited to teach your children in grades 7-9.

HOMEROOM TEACHERS

TEACHER	HOMEROOM
Ms. Manon	7
Mrs. Smith	8
Mr. Andrusiak	9

COMMUNICATION

If you have questions about any elements of courses, assignments, homework, etc., please feel free to contact your child's teachers at the school ([403-6273488](tel:403-6273488)), or by email (see alphabetized list of teachers' email addresses below).

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>Grade 9</u>
ELA	Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Charette
Social	Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Smith	Mr. Smith
Math	Ms. Manon	Ms. Manon	Mr. Andrusiak
Science	Mr. Andrusiak	Mr. Andrusiak	Mr. Andrusiak
Religion	Ms. Manon	Ms. Manon	Mr. Andrusiak
Health	Mr. Speelman	Mr. Speelman	Mr. Smith
Physical Ed.	Mr. Speelman	Mr. Speelman	Mr. Speelman



COMMUNICATION (cont.)

Mrs. Laura Charette: charettel@holyspirit.ab.ca

Mrs. Diana Smith: smithd@holyspirit.ab.ca

Mr. Trevor Smith: smitht@holyspirit.ab.ca

Mr. Tyler Speelman: speelmant@holyspirit.ab.ca

Ms. Manon Thauvette: thauvettem@holyspirit.ab.ca

Mr. Mark Wynder: wynderm@holyspirit.ab.ca

We are always happy to meet with students and/or parents at any time to discuss questions, concerns, or progress.

PROGRESS REPORTING

Report cards will be issued in November, March/April, and June this school year, with Parent-Teacher Interviews to follow in November and March/April. Dates will be announced on our website.

As always, please feel free to log in to Powerschool at any time so that you can check on your child's progress throughout the year. If you have any difficulty with this, please see the school's website at <https://smpc.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

Please contact us if you need assistance or help getting into the portal.



PROGRESS REPORTING (cont.)

Many teachers will be using Google Classroom this year, and course outlines are typically available on the website. Your child will be sent an email invitation to access Classroom, and you can sign in through your child's account. Please contact the classroom teacher for any questions or assistance.

Student Handbook

St. Michael's School Student Handbook is available on our website at https://smpc.holyspirit.ab.ca/school_handbook

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Each classroom teacher will communicate expectations regarding homework. Please contact individual teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE
NOT SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE THE SCHOOL
NEWLETTER AND INFORMATION BULLETINS.

We are looking forward to a great year at St. Michael's School,
Pincher Creek!

Sincerely,

The Junior High Team at St. Michael's School



KIDSPORT PINCHER CREEK
2024 INCOME CUT-OFFS INFORMATION

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!!**



We are announcing the return of the Pincher Creek Robotics League with a new season of FIRST Lego League for the first time since 2020. This is a robotics and innovation club that focuses on a new challenge each year. Rachel and Jared Van Bussel have coached the programs since 2013. This year we are reigniting the FIRST Lego League Challenge level. It is an international STEM program which challenges students from grades 5-9 developing a technology-based solution to a problem, and to participate in the robot game which teaches the students to build and program a robot to perform a number of challenge tasks.



This season's theme is SUBMERGED. We will meet on Mondays from 6-8pm weekly until the end of February. Possibly we will also attend a challenge tournament in Calgary on February 8th, 2025 to show off their achievements. Due to the nature of the challenge, this is an ongoing team sport and not a drop in. The cost for the program is \$50 for the season.

<https://firstroboticscanada.org/fll/challenge/>

<https://firstalberta.ca/fll/>

We can be reached at jrvanbussel@gmail.com or by cell 403 632-6313 or 403 632-6183



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

