



# ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL—B.I.

## DECEMBER 2020



### Principal's Message

Happy Advent and Christmas to all of you.

It is my hope you are managing well during 'the best of times and worst of times'. (Dickens) We are expecting further instruction regarding schooling between the dates of December 11-15 from the provincial government. Time will tell. Until then to reconfirm K-6 are receiving face to face instruction until December 18 and subsequently will be online from January 4-8. Grades 7-12 will be online inclusive to January 8. We are then expecting all students back to school starting Monday January 11 unless otherwise directed.

In addition we are hoping to start some intra-mural Volleyball for the month of January (details to follow upon return) followed by Basketball the month of February. Detail to be announced the first week back in January.

We will be losing our RCMP liaison, Cst. Falyn McLaughlin, to Strathmore very shortly. We wish her the best and God's speed moving forward. She has been an invaluable presence to our school and will be dearly missed. I have been assured that RCMP presence will continue as it is vital to our schooling.

We also bid adieu to Miss Gatz who has performed admirably in Mrs. Scwab's stead. She has carried out everything asked of her with a pleasant tone and demeanor. In addition her work ethic has been exemplary. SMBI wishes her well in all future endeavors. Farewell is in order as well for our PS1 practicum student from the U of L, Kaitlyn Macdonald, who has been working with Mrs. Weatherhead and her class for some time and performing exceptionally well. Goodbye for the time being to Medicine Hat College practicum student and SMBI Grad, Liam Reusser, who spent Tuesday's with us (mainly Miss Crooymans) learning the nuances of the trade. Liam was a pleasure to have back, arrived early, looking sharp and an absolute pleasure to have back. Good luck to both practicum students moving forward.

We welcome Mr. Chris Fleck who has been added as an additional custodian to assist Bill particularly with over and above duties in light of Covid. Mr. Fleck will be working from 3-7 pm approximately Monday through Friday. We thank Holy spirit for their unmitigated support in this regard.

Welcomed into the fold as well is our new counsellor, Mr. Dylan Adkins, who has commenced work and will be spending Fridays at our school.

Please note a Semester 2 Timetable will be forthcoming in the new year as well as a Finals schedule for Jr./Sr. High classes if applicable.

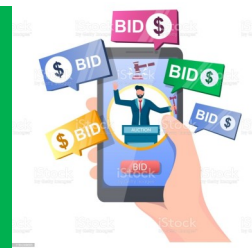
\*\*\* One final note regarding online classes. Attendance is imperative and will be monitored by Alberta Education. If your child is ill please notify the school office as per usual.

Again, have a wonderful Christmas season as we await the birth of The Christ Child. He truly lives.

God Bless,

Chris Sumner

# 18th Annual School Auction



The Auction Committee would like to thank everyone for your tremendous support of the 18th Annual School Auction. With your help and generosity it was another successful event.

We would like to thank all those who donated items and/or contributed to the various baskets as well as our fabulous corporate sponsors. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to the bidding community. Your generosity and support never fails to amaze us.

A special thank you to everyone on the Auction Committee. Your endless time and talents organizing this event has truly been a blessing for our school community.

Successful bidders will be notified of a pick up time. If you have any questions please contact the Auction Committee at [smbiauction@gmail.com](mailto:smbiauction@gmail.com).



## Christmas Concert

As with most things our annual Christmas Concert will be presented in a different format. The Elementary Music Classes have been working very hard on Christmas music that they want to share with everyone. Their songs have been recorded and compiled into a video which will be uploaded to the school website and Facebook page the week of December 14. Parents will receive an email advising of the release date. We hope you will enjoy our production. Thank you Mrs. Pollock for all your hard work.

## Hot Lunch

Peter's Pizza will be served Thursday, December 10. Order deadline is December 6. Thank you for supporting the Grad Class of 2021



Pita Pit hot lunch will be served Thursday, December 17. Order deadline is December 10. Funds raised will be used for year end awards.

Thank you for your support.



## AR Program

The AR Program has been running for 50 school days with 45 out of 73 students participating. They have read 403 books with quizzes passing 363. The school average is 82.4% Keep up the good work.

## Spirit Week

Student Council has decided to hold Spirit Week from December 14—18. We ask all students (including at home learners) to participate in each days theme:

December 14 - Red & Green Day

December 15 - Christmas Sweater Day

December 16 - Christmas Character Day  
(Dress as your favorite Christmas character)

December 17 - Christmas Hat Day

December 18 - Pajama Day

Have fun with the themes and make our last week of school in 2020 a fun one!



## Mission Mexico



Mission Mexico day is celebrated on The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12. This year it falls on a Saturday so students and staff will celebrate on Thursday, December 10. We are unable to serve our annual Taco In A Bag as a fundraiser for Mission Mexico Day so we ask that all students and staff contribute at least one Loonie towards our efforts. We will be collecting your contributions on December 10. Donations can also be made through School Cash Online. Thank you for continuing to support Mission Mexico Day. For more information about Mission Mexico go to [www.missionmexico.com](http://www.missionmexico.com).

## Mini Volleyball

Mini Volleyball is well underway for the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students. Games are played during the lunch break. Teams are coached by our high school students. Thank you to Ms. Matulin for organizing this activity. Watch Facebook for live action.

## A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake Amen.



*-Robert Louis Stevenson*



## St. Michaels School Spirit Wear 2020

This store will be close Dec. 16th and all orders will be delivered to the school in mid to late January.

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://stmichealsfall2020.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Wednesday December 16th, 2020 (11:59pm MST)**

<b>Atc™ EuroSpun Youth Tee</b>  3 Colors <b>\$20.00</b>	<b>ATC Youth Everyday Fleece Two-Tone Hooded Sweatshirt</b>  2 Colors <b>\$38.25</b>	<b>ATC Youth Everyday Sweatpants</b>  <b>\$32.25</b>	<b>Atc™ EuroSpun Tee</b>  3 Colors <b>\$20.50</b>	<b>Atc™ EuroSpun Ladies' Tee</b>  3 Colors <b>\$20.50</b>	<b>ATC Adult Everyday Fleece Two-Tone Hooded Sweatshirt</b>  2 Colors <b>\$40.00</b>
<b>ATC Adult Everyday Fleece Sweatpants</b>  <b>\$33.75</b>	<b>Sportsman Knit 12" Tuque</b>  3 Colors <b>\$18.50</b>	<b>Flexfit Adult Cool &amp; Dry Sport Cap</b>  3 Colors <b>\$26.25</b>	<b>ATC Varsity Sack Pack</b>  2 Colors <b>\$19.75</b>	<b>Under Armour Ua Team Hustle 3.0</b>  3 Colors <b>\$66.99</b>	<b>Stormtech Men's Eclipse H2X-DRY Pique Polo</b>  3 Colors <b>\$35.75</b>
<b>Stormtech Women's Eclipse H2X-DRY Pique Polo</b>  3 Colors <b>\$35.75</b>	<b>ATC Ladies Esactive Core Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt</b>  2 Colors <b>\$54.25</b>	<b>ATC ES Active Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt</b>  3 Colors <b>\$54.25</b>			



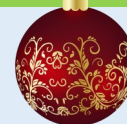
# December 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 2nd Sunday of Advent	7	8	9	10 Peter's Pizza Day	11	12
13 3rd Sunday of Advent	14 Red & Green Day	15 Christmas Sweater Day	16 Christmas Character Day Division Board Meeting 6:30	17 Christmas Hat Day Pita Pit Day	18 Pajama Day 2:00 Dismissal	19
20 4th Sunday of Advent	21 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	22 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	23 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	24 Christmas Eve NO SCHOOL	25 Merry Christmas NO SCHOOL	26 Box Day
27	28 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	29 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	30 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	31 Christmas Break NO SCHOOL	Jan. 1 Happy New Year! NO SCHOOL	



# OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



## U of L—Coffee Chat with Meagan

For any students who have applied, or are interested in applying to the U of L we will be having an online “Coffee Chat with Meagan” on **Wednesday, December 2, from 5:30 to 7:30pm**. Meagan, our U of L recruiter, will be online to answer any questions about programs, applications, scholarships or answer any other questions or concerns you may be having. So grab a coffee or a pop and join us.

**The Zoom link is: <https://uleth.zoom.us/j/9556547558>**

If students would rather **book a private “Chat Time”** email Meagan at: [meagan.koshman@uleth.ca](mailto:meagan.koshman@uleth.ca)



For more information contact Mrs. Gurr at [gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca)



## Dual Credit Opportunities with Olds College



Holy Spirit School Division is pleased to announce a partnership with Olds College to offer our high schools students the chance to enroll in college level courses while still in high school. Students will receive not only 5 high school credits, but also 3 college credits. These courses will run virtually and are starting in February.

The courses being offered are:

Veterinary Practice (Animal Health)

Solving Technology Problems (AG Techgromony)

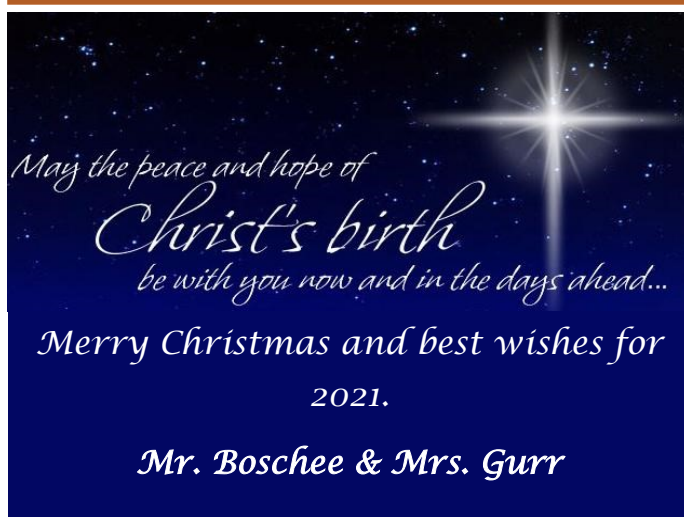
Applied Ecology (Land & Water Resources)

Producing Horticulture (Horticulture Tech)

Contact Mr. Sumner for more information about this wonderful opportunity

## Time to Hand in Your November Hours

All Rap and Work Experience students please remember to email or text your hours for November to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.



## Young Women in Trades & Technologies Virtual Mentorship Series

CAREERS: The Next Generation is offering a virtual mentorship series for young women in grades 9-12 to become educated on trades & technologies. The next session in this series is:

**Automotive & Mechanical trades—December 15**

Register at: [www.careersnectgen.ca/ywitt](http://www.careersnectgen.ca/ywitt)



## University of Lethbridge Admission Scholarship

Apply for admission to the U of L before **December 15** to automatically be considered for up to \$1,000 in student awards!

Apply online at: [ulethbridge.ca/future-student](http://ulethbridge.ca/future-student)



## Your Off-Campus Team

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