



St. Michael the Archangel

Our Angel of Protection

St. Michael's School—B.I.

January 2021

"A Community of Faith Devoted to Students"



Principal's Message

Welcome Back All,

A few key information pieces moving forward into 2021. First, unless the playing field changes quickly we expect all students (K-12) to be returning to regular class instruction this Monday, January 11. Regular programming is to be in place once more.

In addition you will find the schedule for finals included in this newsletter. Please be advised of the following for our Senior Students;

- 1) If a grade 11 or 12 student has no formal class instruction commencing on January 20 nor an exam that day they need not attend school.
- 2) Upon completion of an exam if they do not have formal instruction 11 and 12 students are free to leave the school.
- 3) Grade 11 and 12's will have Thursday, January 28 and 29 off while grade 10's will have the 29th off.
- 4) Semester 2 commences on Monday, February 1.

*** Please note Miss Gatz has been extended to January 22 as Mrs. Schwab is undergoing surgery Friday, January 8. All things being equal we expect the return of Mrs. Schwab on Monday, January 25. If there is any change to this timeline we will keep you posted.

*** A Semester 2 Timetable will be sent out on this upcoming Monday.

Thank you Auction Participants!!

A huge thank you first to our Auction committee made up of the following:

Michelle MacLean

Mildred Thurston

Christa Bueckert

Kelly Thacker

Cassandra Kielstra

Jeff Weatherhead

Rob Van Roessel

It appears the auction raised over \$30,000, which given these unprecedented times, is truly amazing!! Happenstance plays no role—hard work, dedication, organization, creativity, research and a shared vision led to success which will be realized by the benefactors, our children. An ultimate result that was clearly over the top! Thank you.

A further thank you is extended to our entire school population and extended community for stepping up to ensure the Auction's success! All hands on deck were clearly needed and evidently we did not lose any ship mates,

Finally, we thank God for His continued guidance and blessing on St. Michael's.

Chris Sumner

Final Exam Schedule - Sr. High

January 20	Math 30-1 Math 30-2
January 21	English 20/30 Part A
January 22	Religion 10/11/12
January 25	English 20/30 Part B
January 26	Social 10
January 27	Physics 20/30

CONCESSION

Please be aware that we will not have any milk in the concession until January 13.

Mission Mexico Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mission Mexico collection. We were able to raise \$108.10.

Christmas Concert

Thank you to all the students who participated in our annual Christmas Concert. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Pollock for her time and talent in delivering another fantastic Concert. Even though we were unable to attend in person through her creativity we were still able to enjoy the talents of our young people. Well done everyone!



HOT LUNCHES

Our first hot lunch of the new year will be Peter's Pizza on January 14. Orders are due no later than January 11. Thank you for continuing to support our Grad Class of 2021.

The next Pita Pit Day will be held Thursday, January 21. Orders are due not later than January 14. Your support of Awards and Sports programs.

BOTH OF THESE LUNCHES CAN & SHOULD BE ORDERED THROUGH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE. SCHOOL CASH ONLINE IS A SAFE, SECURE AND QUICK WAY TO PAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S PURCHASES. If you are not yet signed up and would like more information please contact the school office.

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

(By Debbie McDaniel - only a portion of this prayer used)

JANUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 In Person Classes Begin	12	13	14 Peter's Pizza Day	15	16
17	18	19	20 Math 30-1 & 30-2 Final Exam	21 ELA 20/30 Pt. A Final Exam Pita Pit Day	22 Religion 10/20/30 Final Exam	23
24	25 ELA 20/30 Pt. B Final Exam	26 Social 10 Final Exam	27 Physics 20/30 Final Exam	28 No School For Grade 11/12	29 No School For Grade 10/11/12	30
31	Feb. 1 Semester 2 Begins					



LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR WITH ... HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION 2021/2022 REGISTRATION

RE-REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Families who already have students in our system should expect an email on February 1, 2021 asking you to complete the online "Registration Update Form" for all of your children.

This update allows us to make sure the information on file is accurate and that any legal declarations, preferences and consents are renewed. It also allows our schools to plan for the upcoming school year.

Parents/guardians who are hoping to register younger siblings new to the division will also have the opportunity to do this at the same time as they re-register older students.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Students new to the division who wish to enroll for the 2021/2022 school year are invited to register online starting on February 22, 2021.

- Our **Early Learning Program** is designed to stimulate the growing curiosity of children 3 and 4 years of age.
- Our **Kindergarten** is designed for children 5 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2021.

For information about our Early Learning and Kindergarten Programs, or to discuss your child's specialized programming requirements, contact our Early Learning Coordinator, Lynn Saler, at 403-381-8495 or salerl@holyspirit.ab.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you need assistance with the online registration process, or have any questions, contact your child's school or visit the school division's website at www.holyspirit.ab.ca.



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
...where students are cherished and achieve their potential.



JANUARY

See, I am making all things new.

Revelations 21:5

Special Days to Remember Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- 2 Feast of St. Basil the Great
- 3 Epiphany of the Lord
- 10 Baptism of the Lord

Be Grateful

We always work with our children to teach them to look for the blessings that come during difficult times. The pandemic has been challenging for all and we rejoice at the promise of the coming vaccines. While we are waiting for our turn to receive them, we know that we must continue to practice the safety protocols to protect ourselves and others in our community.

This is actually a good time to also practice gratitude. We are blessed to live in a country where we can turn on a tap and have clean water to wash our hands. Many others in the world do not have that luxury so let us be thankful for that. During those 20 seconds when we lather up, let's also be thankful for the soap we use and the wonder of our hands themselves. Consider teaching your children to make a sacred ritual of washing their hands, welcoming the opportunity to meditate on these blessings and give thanks. And it's always a good time to [say their prayers](#) too.

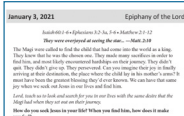


"...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Catholic Education

God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life. This means we all have to accept our responsibilities that come from living in communion with others. One of the most important lessons we teach in our Catholic schools is that the dignity of the human person must be foundational to all of the decisions we make in relation to how we live in our community. Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP explains that responsibility is an attitude of accepting that we are all called to participate and respond to the common good. It's an important lesson for children to learn - that life is not all about them and their needs. Pope Francis said it beautifully during his homily at his installation in 2013, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!" What a beautiful reminder for our families as we enter this new year!



We hope you are enjoying the Mass Transit Cards to discuss the Sunday Gospel with your family.

To access the January cards, click [here](#).

Resources: *Teaching Kids to Care* by Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP
Faith Perspectives on the Covid-19 Pandemic, [Waterloo Catholics](#)

Be Gracious

You do your best each day to teach your children about responsibility. It's very healthy to let your children experience what happens naturally if they are not responsible (as long as their safety is not in jeopardy of course). If they forget things they are supposed to take to school for example, let them discover how to deal with the consequences of their forgetfulness. Give them continual age-appropriate opportunities for responsibility at home like making their bed, putting away toys, helping to prepare dinner, or taking care of pets.

Knowing that they are expected to be responsible at home and at school is a very important life lesson for our children. If they grumble about little inconveniences like wearing a mask, help them understand that thinking about the needs of others and not only of ourselves is a truly gracious way to live. And when your child makes a mistake, the ["OWN UP"](#) strategy is a beautiful faithful way to help them learn to be accountable for their actions.

Faith & Family

Parents are the primary educator of their children. Did you realize that when you teach your sons and daughters about their responsibilities at home and in their community, you are helping them learn about an important Catholic Social Teaching? Learn more about rights and responsibilities by watching this [video](#). Consider hanging this poster on your fridge or in your child's room and have conversations about the Catholic Social Teachings often. Here is a [child's version](#) and here is one for your [teens](#). Home + School + Parish = Partners in Catholic Education!



"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

(1 Corinthians 12:12)

OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



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)

Intro To Veterinary Profession (Animal Health)

Solving Technology Problems (AG Techgromony)

Applied Ecology (Land & Water Resources)

Producing Horticulture Crops (Horticulture Tech)

Contact Mr. Sumner or Mrs. Gurr for more information and about the advantages to doing any of these courses.



Career Exploration Sessions

These sessions are made possible by Career Transitions who invite professionals from an occupational area to discuss their profession and educational background. Sessions will be run virtually and video footage is shot on location whenever possible.

Sessions in January are:

Parts Manager—Tuesday, January 19 at 4:00pm

Welder—Thursday, January 21 at 3:30pm

Data Scientist—Wednesday, January 27 at 5:00pm

Register for these free sessions at: www.careersteps.ca



CAREER
TRANSITIONS

Virtual High School Finance Competition

Registration for the U of L 2021 High School Accounting & Finance Competition will officially open in January 2021. This competition is open to students in grades 9,10,11 and 12 in teams of 3 or 4. For more information go to: www.uleth.ca/dhillon/high-school-student-opportunities-request-more-information



Virtual Trades Showcase

CAREERS: The Next Generation is offering free monthly virtual trades information sessions.

This month they are offering

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics (HVAC)

January 13 - 6:00—7:30pm

and

Heavy Equipment Technician

January 28 - 6:00—7:30pm

Register for one or both of these sessions at:

www.careersnextgen.ca



STEAM Horizon Awards

Applications are now open for Steam (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). You could receive one of five \$25,000 awards towards your post-secondary education. Deadline is January 15, 2021. For more information go to: <https://steamhorizonawards.ca/>



December Hours

All Rap and Work Experience students please remember to email or text your time sheets or pay stubs to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr. Thank you to everyone who has already summited their hours.



Your Off-Campus Team

Mark Boschee - Off-Campus Coordinator Cell: 587-220-4258 or Email: boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca

Wendy Gurr - Career Practitioner - 403-327-4596 Ext 312 or Email: gurrr@holyspirit.ab.ca



WINTER 2021

ONLINE DUAL CREDIT COURSES

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL

AHT 1140 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021 VETERINARY PRACTICE: THE TEAM CONNECTION

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Animal Health Technology Diploma

Students will become familiar with the aspects of the service cycle within a veterinary clinic. Students will explore veterinary software and their specific application to operating a veterinary practice. They will apply communication skills to create positive experiences for veterinary clients.

EVS 1210 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021 APPLIED ECOLOGY

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Land & Water Resources Diploma

This course provides an introduction to ecological principles at the species, population, community and ecosystem levels. Specific application of ecology to sustainability and the management of forest and grassland ecosystems are studied.

AHT 1050 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021 INTRO TO VETERINARY PROFESSION

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Animal Health Technology Diploma

Students will become familiar with selected animal health organizations and will adhere to the regulations of veterinary medicine in Alberta. Students are introduced to strategies and techniques for managing self and interacting with others. Students will examine animal welfare and ethical issues. This course provides students with foundational veterinary medical terminology they will use throughout their career.

ATG 1007 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021 ELECTRONICS & CONTROL SYSTEMS IN PRECISION AGRICULTURE

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Precision Agriculture Techonomy Diploma

Students will investigate foundations of control systems, electronics and practical applications in precision farming. Through experiential learning, students will demonstrate the uses and applications of geospatial technology, identify and troubleshoot components within hardware and devices used in precision farming, test control systems and their role in product application, evaluate hardware and software used in precision agriculture systems, program farm equipment, demonstrate a proven process for identifying and troubleshooting components in Agricultural Technology equipment and interpret digital diagnostic data.

HRT 1700 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021 PRODUCING HORTICULTURE CROPS

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Horticulture Technologist Diploma

Learners research and assess food and ornamental field crop production markets, locations, materials, and processes to achieve a sustainable enterprise.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM



CONTACT: Mrs. Gurr (GurrW@holyspirit.ab.ca)
or your Principal
VISIT: OLDSCOLLEGE.CA/DUALCREDIT

