

**2021**

**"A Community of Faith Devoted to Students"**



**St. Michael the Archangel**

**Our Angel of Protection**

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

First, it is certainly very nice to have all students back in the confines of St. Michael's. They add so much if not everything to our school community. I hope and pray for this trend to continue and become stabilized under God's will.

A big thank you is extended to Parent Council for their support of the Franklin Covey Leader in Me program that incorporates K-12 inclusive. We are convinced the program will pay significant dividends.

A reminder that Semester 2 is commencing on Monday, February 1. A timetable was sent home last week for your reference. In addition as noted in the last bulletin, Mrs. Schwab returns on Monday as well to carry on her teaching duties. Moreover, we once again thank Miss Gatz for her contributions to SMBI and wish her God's speed moving forward.

A final reminder, we do have a family support worker on site Friday's from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. His name is Dylan Adkins. Please feel free to contact the school office if his assistance is needed.

Please be advised Junior and Senior reports will be distributed next Thursday, February 4. Our grade 10, 11 and 12's have been working diligently completing mid-terms and final exams. It appears they have gone well but I do know the effort was most certainly put forward.

Please note some addition dates:

- A) February 3 - Winter Walk Day - shortly before lunch
- B) February 5 - SMBI Profession Development Day - students not in session
- C) February 10 - Parent Council Meeting - 6:30 virtually
- D) February 15-19 - Family Week - students not in session
- E) March 5 - Kindergarten-Grade 6 Report Cards distributed

Yours Most Assuredly in Christ

Chris Sumner

## Report Cards



Report Cards for Grade 7-12 students will be sent home Thursday, February 4. There is no school for Sr. High students on January 29. A copy of the Semester 2 Timetable was email to all families. If you do not have one please call the school.

## 2021/22 Registrations

As we did last year, all school registrations will be completed online. You will receive a Registration Update notification for your child February 1. Please ensure you complete it as soon as possible. It is a simple process and is required in order for us to maintain accurate information. Current families who have a younger sibling can complete an online registration at the same time. Registrations for families new to our school will open February 22. If you have any questions please call the school.

## AR Program

The AR Program has been running for 80 school days with 46 out of 72 students participating. They have taken 644 quizzes and passed 588 of them. The school average is 86%

## Concession

We are excited to let you know that pizzas are back in the concession for \$2.50. We are also trying something new. Sausage Rolls will be sold for \$2.75.



Taco in a Bag will be served on February 11. If sales go well this item may be offered in the concession on other designated days. The only way we can serve it safely is with pre-orders so individual bags are ready for each student. Orders can be placed through School Cash Online until February 4. Funds raised in our concession help support other categories (i.e. yearbook, sports, awards etc.) as needed.

## Lent

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and continues for 40 days (not including Sundays) until Easter. We ask that you try to either give up something for lent and/or start something like praying more often, helping a senior, calling someone who lives alone, etc. Jesus died on the cross for our sins maybe we could give something up for Him or be more kind to others.

## Crush for a Crush



Student Council will once again be holding "Crush for a Crush" sales. Students can purchase a can of Crush soda for a friend on February 2 & 4. Sodas will be delivered on February 11. Monies raised will go toward the purchase of tables and chairs for our partner school in Tanzania. There will also be candy guessing jars as well.

## Hot Lunches

Peter's Pizza will be served on Thursday, February 4. Orders must be in by January 31. Thank you to everyone who helps support our Graduating Class of 2021.

Pita Pit lunch will be served on Thursday, February 25. Orders are due February 21. Winners for the February item are Lauren Loddors and Ryker Collins. January winners were Raegan Loddors and Blaize Fortier. Congratulations everyone. Thank you for continuing to support our fundraising efforts.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE SCHOOL CASH ONLINE FOR ALL YOUR ORDERS**

## Literacy Month

February is Literacy Month. We would like to thank our local FCSS for preparing and giving literacy kits to our Pre-School to Grade 6 students. We hope you enjoy them.



# February 2021

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Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 Semester 2 Begins	2	3 Winter Walk Day	4 Peter's Pizza Day Jr/Sr. Report Cards	5 SMBI Day No School	6
7	8	9	10 Parent Council Zoom Meeting 6:30	11 Taco In A Bag Day Crush Deliveries	12	13
14	15 Family Day No School 	16 No School	17  No school	18 Teacher's Convention No School	19 Teacher's Convention No School	20
21	22	23	24 Division Board Meeting	25 Pita Pit Lunch Day	26	27
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# ***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 during the week of February 1-5, 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](mailto:salerl@holyspirit.ab.ca).

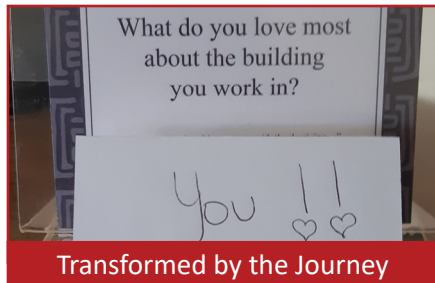
## ***FOR MORE INFORMATION***

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](http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca).



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





Transformed by the Journey

# FEBRUARY

Monthly Theme: Mercy



## Special Days to Remember Month of the Holy Family

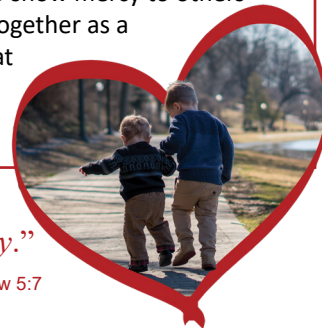
- 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- 14 Feast of St. Valentine
- 17 Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
- 21 1st Sunday of Lent
- 28 2nd Sunday of Lent

## Be Grateful

A few years ago, some of you may have seen a movie called *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* It was about Fred Rogers, "Mister Rogers", who had a long running children's show in the US. Mister Rogers was actually a minister and he used his folksy humour and gentle kindness to teach about radical goodness and truth. He was famous for teaching children to "Look for the helpers" in scary times. Knowing his background, I have no doubt that he was pointing these children to look for people who were showing the presence of God through their merciful acts to help others in need. As William Barry observed, Mister Rogers knew that, "People can be the images of God because of the presence of the Spirit of God moving all of us in that direction." So this month, let us be grateful for the helpers — those who show our children how to show mercy to others in times of need. And let's all work together as a community to teach our children that by showing mercy to others in need, they can be the helpers too!

*"Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy."*

Matthew 5:7



## Catholic Education

While we follow the traditional calendar of the school year, another important calendar that we follow in Catholic schools is the liturgical calendar. This month, we begin the liturgical season of Lent on Ash Wednesday which falls on February 17 this year. Because we will not be in school to receive our ashes, we encourage you to check with your parish to see about the Ash Wednesday services that your family can participate in. During this season, we are called to repent for our sins and to engage in the three pillars of Lent — prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Consider posting this [Lenten Family Calendar](#) so that you can engage in those 3 calls to action during your family's Lenten journey.



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

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

Resources: *Experiencing God in the Ordinary*, William A. Barry, SJ  
*Teaching Kids to Care*, Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP

God of mercy,  
when there is hurt or anger in our home,  
show us how to settle our disagreements.  
Remind us to listen to each other.  
Help us to forgive each other.  
Keep laughter and kindness  
a part of our daily lives.  
Keep peace in our family.  
Amen.

Adapted from *Prayers and Rituals for the Home* (Kathy Hendricks)

Click [here](#) for a printable version of this prayer.



## Be Gracious

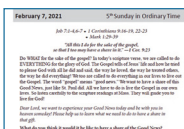
One of the days in February that often gets a lot of focus for children is Pink Shirt Day which occurs the last Wednesday of the month. The theme this year is "Lift Each Other Up," which connects so beautifully to our call to action this year — "Be Gracious". In our Catholic faith, one of the ways in which we lift others up is to show them mercy. Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP describes mercy as, "Compassionate kindness and steadfast love shown to others, especially toward people who are suffering or in distressing situations." Perhaps each day this month, each person at your dinner table could share an example of mercy they have seen that day. What a beautiful way to help your child remember to keep their eyes open to the goodness in the world!



## Faith & Family



God sent his Son, Jesus to teach us about the great kindness and mercy of God. Jesus showed with his actions who God is and we are called to do the same. As a family, you might consider this month working together to model the way of Jesus by coming up with a plan to intentionally engage in the Works of Mercy. Deanna Bartalini reminds us that it is in our family, the domestic church, "where the faith is first seen and passed on, in all the little things we do each day with and for each other." Check out her [article](#) to see her suggestions for ways to keep your family focused on the works of mercy during the upcoming Lenten season.



*"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful."*

(Luke 6:36)

# OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



## Lethbridge College Webinar Series

The College is offering "Be Ready Webinars" for students to discover the programs and services offered at the College. Check out the sessions and register at:



[www.tfaforms.com/4875736?tfa](http://www.tfaforms.com/4875736?tfa)

## Engineering It's More Than You Think



Want to know more about Engineering? Then attend this virtual event hosted by the University of Saskatchewan on February 10th from 3 to 5 pm, MST. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/engineering-its-more-than-you-think-tickets-132858305769>

## Virtual Trades Showcase

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

This month the sessions are:

**Electrician - February 9th**

**Young Women in the Trades - Industrial Trades**

**-February 17th**

Register for one or both of these sessions at:

[www.careersnextgen.ca](http://www.careersnextgen.ca)



## Medicine Hat College Virtual Open House

Join them online on Wednesday, March 3 at 5:30 pm.

Register at: [mhc.ab.ca/FutureStudents/OpenHouse](http://mhc.ab.ca/FutureStudents/OpenHouse)



## U of L Virtual Open House

Saturday, March 6 from 10a.m.—1p.m.

Register at: <https://www.uleth.ca/enrolment>

Anyone who applies is eligible for a \$1000 tuition prize.

## Dual Credit Courses

Holy Spirit School Division in partnership with Olds College are offering 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 held February 22 to May 14, 2021

The courses being offered are:

**Veterinary Practice (Animal Health)**

**Intro To Veterinary Profession (Animal Health)**

**Electronics & Controls Systems (AG Techgromony)**

**Applied Ecology (Land & Water Resources)**

**Producing Horticulture Crops (Horticulture Tech)**

Contact Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr for more information on any of these courses.



## Career Exploration Sessions

Career Transitions are offering virtual exploration sessions for students to explore careers. Students will hear from professions in their field about their career.

**Next Sessions:**

**Primary Care Nurse—Thursday, February 4, at 4:00pm**

**Pediatric Nurse—Tuesday, March 2 at 4:00pm**

Register for these free sessions at: [www.careersteps.ca](http://www.careersteps.ca)



## January Hours

All Rap and Work Experience students please submit your timesheets or pay stubs by email or text to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.



## Your Off-Campus Team

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