

## House Team Winners

The February Winning House team will be announced to the kids at the Monthly Assembly.

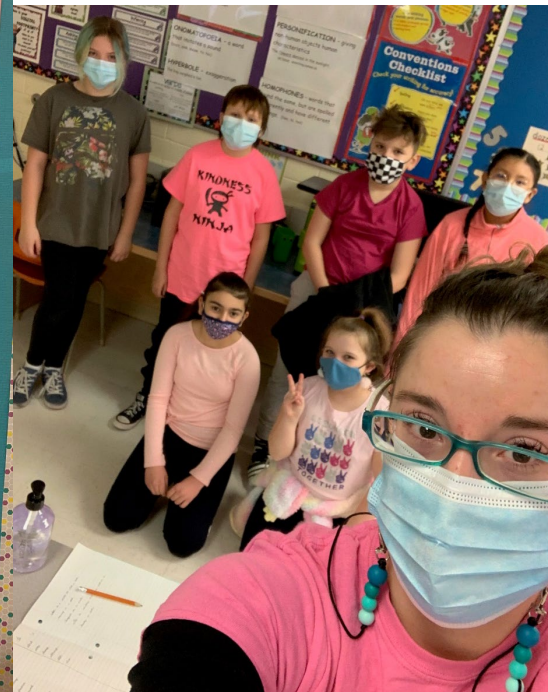
## Upcoming Event Dates:

**March 17** – St. Patrick's Day – Dress in Green for 10 points OR Dress as a Leprechaun for 20 points.

**March 23** – Wear creative socks or blue and yellow nail polish for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

**March 26** – Wear purple for Global Epilepsy Awareness Day

**March 31** – Multiples Day – dress the same as another person or people in your class.



## Principal's Message

It is during this month that we will mark the one-year anniversary of schools in Alberta being closed to in-class learning – March 16. When I think back to last year, I distinctly remember thinking that this was going to be a short-lived situation. Things would be returning to normal after the Easter break, wouldn't they? How wrong I was! Rather than dwelling on the impact of the pandemic, I would like to use my message to focus on what we have accomplished and what we hope to achieve in the upcoming months.

Thank you to all our parents/guardians who were able to participate in our parent teacher meetings that were held on February 10 and 11. Although we were not able to meet face-to-face, I am hoping that the information you received was valuable and will be used to help guide your child's education as we continue in this academic year. I am also hoping that you were able to 'meet' with your child's teacher in a manner that was suitable to your needs. After our first round of interviews, the feedback I received was that parents/ guardians would like to be afforded a variety of means by which to be able to speak to the teacher. I did share this with my staff, and based upon the feedback I have received from these second interviews, I am thinking that everyone is pleased.

While we may only be just past the half-way point of this school year, we have already begun the process of planning for next school year. So much of our ability to plan is based upon our enrollment. Our enrollment is determined by the amount of students who have officially registered, or re-registered. As a reminder to our current families, please make sure to re-register your children as soon as possible. If you are also aware of families who might be searching for a school for their children, please let them know that we are more than happy to discuss what are able to offer. Families new to our school will have to complete a 'New Student Registration' form. Information regarding registrations can be found on our web site – if assistance is required, please feel free to contact our office, 403 327 3098.

As mentioned in my last month's message, the Lenten season officially began during the February break. While we were not able to celebrate the Ash Wednesday service, the official beginning of Lent, we will be doing weekly services with our students. We have also been fortunate to secure Fr. Kevin, who will be celebrating a virtual Mass with our students on Wednesday, March 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Special thanks as well to our 4NE class who will be putting together this Mass and assisting Fr. Kevin.

I would also like to remind everyone that our next School Council meeting will be held the evening of Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. Information regarding School Council can also be found on our web site, but as a reminder, if you wish to participate you do need to contact the school so that you can be added to the email list – meetings are done via google meet.

God bless you all as we continue on our Lenten journey!

Dan



## *Message from Mme Bouchard March 2021*

### Message from Mme Bouchard

This year our Lenten journey began during the Family Day break, on February 17th. For the first week of Lent, our grade 2GE class put together a lovely Lenten Celebration for our classes. It was a great way to begin this prayerful season.

As we focus on our Lenten journey, we can see the strong connections with our Faith theme: Transformed by the Journey. This is a season of renewal, a time to be more prayerful and giving. During Lent we grow closer to Jesus through prayer, fasting and almsgiving to prepare our hearts for the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus made for us. The journey leads us to the Passion of Christ, then to the joyful resurrection. This should change our hearts, our lives. We can use our calls to action to guide us: be grateful, be gracious. Let our hearts grow in love, may our faith be enriched and may our minds be transformed as we go.

This year, each week a class will share a liturgy with our school community. Father Kevin and 4NE will host our mass on March 3rd. We will then be led by 3DI for the 3rd week, our kindergarten classes for the 4th week, and 4CI in the 5th week of Lent. This year the 5SE class will be leading us through the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday, April 1st, 2021.

This month during Gospel Time, we will be introducing prayers of meditation and contemplative prayer. We will revisit prayers of intercession and focus on Lent. Each week, we continue to challenge the students to live out the Fruit of the Spirit. My prayer for you is that you grow closer to God through being gracious and being grateful. May your Lent be full of prayer, love, health, growth, gratitude and grace. God Bless.

Mme Bouchard

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen."

~Hebrews 11:1





## General Information Page

### REGISTRATION:

- Online Re-Registration is open for all current and new students. Access to the online registration can be found on our website: [esm.holyspirit.ab.ca](http://esm.holyspirit.ab.ca) OR [holyspirit.ab.ca](http://holyspirit.ab.ca)
- Be sure you are filling out the "**2021-2022 K-12 Registration Update Form**"
- Below in the newsletter is a page with helpful tips on the registration process.

### EASTER MASS TIMES:

- To find mass times and sign up for a mass at your parish for Holy Week and the Easter season please contact your parish. Contact information can be found on our Holy Spirit Website [https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/faith/parish\\_connections/our\\_parishes](https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/faith/parish_connections/our_parishes)

### REMINDERS:

- Students need to check in at the office when they are late. Please remind your child to go into the office and not just walk by so that the office staff doesn't have to play "Guess who's under the mask".
- **Masks:**  
Masks are required for Grade 4 and up and recommended for the younger kids. Please send your child with an extra mask in their backpack. The disposable ones break easily, are adult size, and don't properly fit most kids, but work in a pinch when masks get wet or dirty.



Zone doors are open from 7:30a.m. until 8:10a.m. Zone 2 and Zone 3 doors will be locked thereafter.

**If a student is late** for school, they must check in to the office through the front doors (Zone 1). If they do not check in to the office they will be marked as absent and parents will receive an automated call.

- Zone 1 Entrance by Office (classes are from the upstairs hallway) 1KI 2MI 3DI 1DI 5/6BI
- Zone 2 Entrance by Mme V's Kindergarten class/across from the new park (main level hallway classes) 3ME 1RE 4NE 6RE 4CI
- Zone 3 (downstairs and additional classes from middle of school) 5DE 6MI 2/3DI 2GE 4/5GI
- Kindergarten: Kindergarten Classes have their own entrances that the kindergarten students will use to enter and exit at all times. If your kindergarten student is late please use their designated door and call the office to inform them of your student's arrival.

## Fun Day House Team Winner's

Buffalo Plaid Day – Black Bears

Red, Pink and White Day – Brown Mustangs and Grey Whales

100 Day – Orange Tigers

Pink Shirt Day – Brown Mustangs

## House Keeping Items

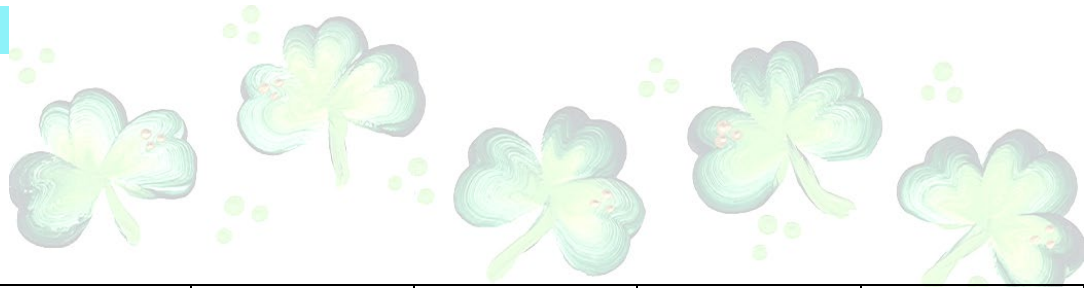
All Holy Spirit Schools' are a CLOSED campus, this includes ESM. We are asking that parents/guardians or visitors to please call the office to book an appointment prior to visiting the school. To reach the office call 403-327-3098. All visitors are required to wear a mask and sanitize upon entering and check-in with the office. Just a reminder that Gr. 4-6 are required to wear a mask – Kindergarten to Gr. 3, mask wearing is optional but recommended. There are currently no water fountains in the school that can be used but we have had multiple water bottle filling stations installed over the summer and they are still accessible to everyone. Please remember to send a water bottle with your child. Microwaves are still NOT available for student use at this time. Please pack their lunches with this in mind.

## Donations

If you plan to go through your child(s) closet at any point during the year, please consider donating the gently used items to the school. We are always in need of girl's leggings from size 6-14, boy's sweatpants size 8-14 and shirts. Any helps! We are very appreciative of all of you.






## March 2021 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>  Daylight savings – Clocks ahead 1 hour	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day  <b>GREEN DAY/ Dress as a Leprechaun</b>	18	19  <b>PD Day -NO SCHOOL</b>	20
21 <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	22  <b>Spiritual Development Day -NO SCHOOL</b>	23  <b>Wear creative socks or Blue and Yellow nail polish</b>	24  Board Meeting @ CEC	25	26  <b>Purple Day</b>	27
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29	30	31  <b>Multiples Day</b>			

## April 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Holy Thursday	2 Good Friday -NO SCHOOL 	3
4  EASTER SUNDAY	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Break – No School						
11 Divine Mercy Sunday	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day 	23	24
25	26	27	28 Board Meeting @ CEC	29	30	



Transformed by the Journey

# MARCH

Monthly Theme: Forgiveness



## Special Days to Remember

Month of St. Joseph

- 5 World Day of Prayer
- 17 Feast Day of St. Patrick
- 19 Solemnity of Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 25 Annunciation of the Lord
- 28 Palm Sunday - Holy Week Begins

April 1 Holy Thursday | April 2 Good Friday

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.  
Amen.

Prayer Source: loyolapress.com

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

## Be Gracious

In the Gospel of Matthew, Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive someone who hurts him. Jesus tells him that he must forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times. Jesus placed great emphasis on forgiveness — both our need to seek forgiveness from others and from God but also our need to forgive others too.

Our families are where children first learn about how forgiveness can bring about healing and reconciliation. They learn to say sorry to their brothers and sisters for being mischievous and they learn to say sorry to their mom and dad for times when they are not doing as they have been asked. As children grow, they have more opportunities to ask for forgiveness at school when they make bad choices and they learn how to forgive classmates who have hurt them too. This is a healthy part of a child's development — we teach them to be gracious by being able to admit to making a mistake and then asking for forgiveness, as well as being able to offer forgiveness to those who have hurt us.



During the season of Lent, we focus on repentance, being truly sorry for our sins and expressing our sorrow to God for the mistakes we have made. Let us remember to be grateful that one of the beautiful gifts of our Church are the Sacraments we receive, including the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we receive this Sacrament, we are reminded that we do not have to hold onto our burdens. We can confess our sins and we can be forgiven — this is so important for our mental, physical, and spiritual health.

If your child has received their First Reconciliation, encourage them to receive this Sacrament often so it becomes a healthy spiritual habit. And of course if we model to our children how grateful we are to receive this Sacrament ourselves, they will be encouraged to make it part of their life as well.

If your child has not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, encourage them to talk to God in their prayers about the choices they are making so that they can hear his voice guiding them to live a good and holy life. We are so blessed in our faith that we have a gracious, merciful, and forgiving God. Let us be grateful for that!



## Catholic Education

The school and home are partners in Catholic Education and we must work together to teach our students the power of forgiveness. When your child brings home stories of their struggles during the day, take a moment to flesh out if reconciliation has occurred. If not, perhaps model with your child how he/she might consider handling the situation tomorrow so that there is healing for everyone. This is what Jesus asks us to do. It greatly helps all aspects of a child's wellness if together, we can help them learn how important it is to both forgive others and to ask for forgiveness too!

## Faith & Family

During this season of Lent, we are asked to pray, fast, and give alms as part of our penance. Does your family have a special place devoted to prayer? Please see this [article](#) to get some ideas about how to create such a space in your home if you don't already have one.

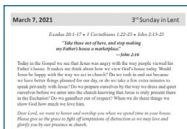
An Ignatian prayer tradition is the Daily Examen which is a great way to reflect on our day while offering thanksgiving for our opportunities to see God at work as well as asking for forgiveness when we have sinned. This [article](#) shows you how to teach your children to pray a Daily Examen. Perhaps this would be a nice prayer for your family to practice over the Lenten season.



## Forgiveness

Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

- Luke 6:37b



We hope you are enjoying the Mass Transit Cards to discuss the Sunday Gospel with your family. To access the March cards, click [here](#).



*"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ has forgiven you."*

(Ephesians 4:32)



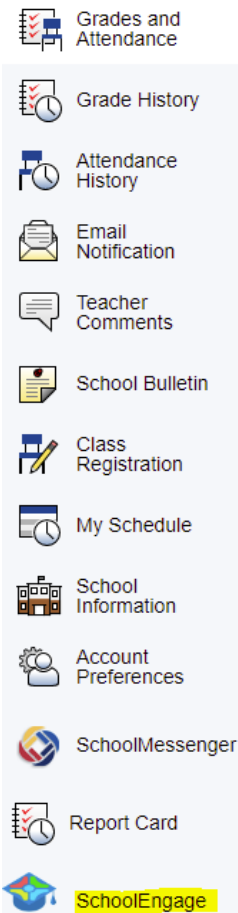
## Registration is now open for the 2021/2022 School Year

If you are having trouble accessing the form/filling it out or cannot remember your password - please contact the school office at 403-327-3098. Learning a new system has its challenges, but we are here to help!

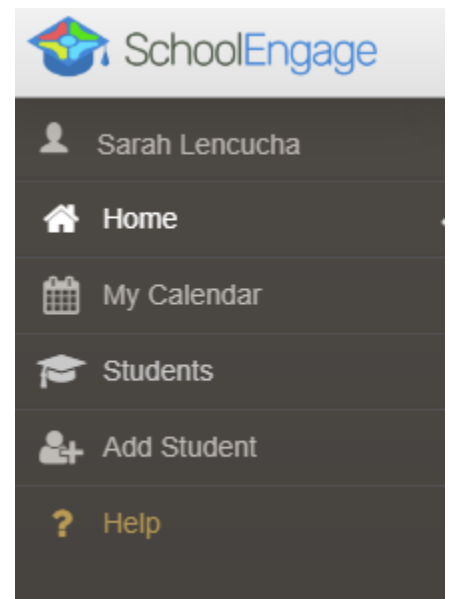
- Your **first step** will be to go to our website and click on the  symbol at the top right - This is the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

- Next, look on the left hand side in the Navigation bar. Click on SchoolEngage.

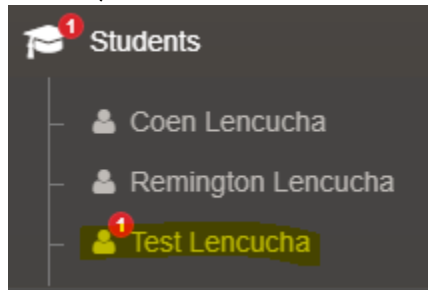
### Navigation



- Once you are in SchoolEngage you will want to look at the left hand side and click on Students. This will show your Students already enrolled within the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division. If you need to add another student click on Add Student.



- To access the Registration Update Form, select the students name.






- Once you have selected the student you will see on the right hand side that there is a form that requires attention - **please make sure this form says 2021-2022**. Please click on the blue square to the right of the created date. Then complete the Form.

▼ 2021-2022 Grades K-12 Registration Form | 1 form requires attention

This registration form should be completed by parents/guardians of grades K - 12 students new to Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate School Division.

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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.

# 2021 OUTDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION

Online Registration begins March 1, 2021 at noon – Sunday April 4, 2021



[www.lethbridgesoccer.com](http://www.lethbridgesoccer.com)

**403-320-5425**

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# LETHBRIDGE MINOR SOFTBALL

**ABOUT US:** The Lethbridge Minor Softball Association is a non-profit organization which offers programs for Lethbridge and area youth to participate in the sport of softball. Girls and Boys from age five to nineteen are eligible to play in divisions of two year increments.

All age groups offer instruction so that the skills to play are fundamentally developed. Players will participate, twice a week in practices, training sessions or games which will run from late April, (weather permitting), through to the end of June. We have a house league as well as a competitive provincial team for players wanting to challenge themselves.

We believe that you are never too old to register and regardless of experience we would love to have you come out and learn the sport which is described as a lifelong sport that encourages physical activity along with social enjoyment!

YEAR OF BIRTH	DIVISION	FEES	NIGHTS
2015 – 2016	Timbits U6	\$80	M/W
2013 – 2014	Timbits U8	\$80	M/W
2011 - 2012	U10	\$80	Tu/Th
2009 – 2010	U12	\$120	M/W
2007 – 2008	U14	\$120	M/W
2005 – 2006	U16	\$120	T/Th
2002 – 2004	U19	\$120	T/Th

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION  
GO TO:

[www.lethbridgeminorsoftball.com](http://www.lethbridgeminorsoftball.com)

**Due to Covid-19 Payment will not be required at time of registration but will be collected prior to the start of the season.**

**For more information, contact:**

Jennifer Drader - President 403-360-7806

Lethbridge Minor Softball [admin@lethbridgeminorsoftball.com](mailto:admin@lethbridgeminorsoftball.com)