

Upcoming Event Dates:

Oct 1st – Terry Fox Run

Oct 11th – NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving

Oct 12th – NO SCHOOL - PD Day

Oct 13th-22nd – Food Drive

Oct 14th – Inside out & Backwards day

Oct 25th – NO SCHOOL -
Divisional PD Day

Oct 27th – Div. Board Meeting at CEC

Oct 29th – Halloween Dress up



Send your child(ren) with a mask to school.

Parents/Guardians are to provide masks for their child(ren).

**TERRY
FOX
RUN**

FOR CANCER RESEARCH

"The answer is to try and help others"
- TERRY FOX



**EVERY
CHILD
MATTERS**

Principal's Message:

October 2021

On January 31, 1957, Vincent Massey, the governor general of Canada, issued a proclamation stating: "A Day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed – to be observed on the second Monday in October." And so, began the tradition of Canadian Thanksgiving. This year, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving on October 11, 2021. Worthy of noting within the proclamation are both the thanks to God and the recognition of how blessed we are as Canadians. I feel blessed to live in such a great community and need to remind myself more often of how fortunate I truly am.



Another highlight of October is that it is the month of the holy rosary. Although administration cannot meet with all the students in the gym for our upcoming Sunday gospel, we have been able to send something to each of the classes on a weekly basis. During this month, we will also be encouraging the classes to examine the rosary, perhaps by doing a decade of the rosary each Wednesday. The rosary is one of the best known of all the Catholic devotions and recognizes the growing devotion to Mary, our patron saint. We will also be focusing on prayers of thanksgiving. When I looked up "Prayers of Thanksgiving", I was surprised to find out that it is one of the most neglected types of prayer. The site I looked at challenged me to 'get into the habit of thanking God throughout the day for all the good things that happen...'.

One thing I have always been thankful for is the dedication of our parent community. I often finish my first message of the year thanking our parents/guardians for entrusting your child to our care. However, this is a joint effort – we are partners in making your child's education as successful as it can be. One great way to become more actively involved in this partnership is through your participation in our School Council. Our first meeting was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. It was at this meeting that this year's executive was selected: Past Chair – Mr. Mike Pirot; Chair – Mrs. Heather Wirzba; Vice-Chair (Co-Chair) – Mr. Anthony Rodzinyak; Treasurer – Mrs. Wendy Blasetti-Hurley; Secretary – Mrs. Gerriane Timmerman. At the first meeting, we also decided that we would be meeting on the following Wednesdays, beginning at 6:30 p.m. via google meet: October 20, November 17, January 19, March 16 and May 18.

Even if you were unable to attend our first meeting, you are more than welcome to attend in the future. You would be required to forward your email address to the ESM office, so that you can be included on the School Council group – the means by which information is being shared and invitations are made to google meets. You are also welcome to check out the happenings via our ESM web page: https://esm.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/school_council

One of the items I addressed at the first meeting was in regards to reporting on student achievement. I have been an educator for thirty-two years, and I can honestly say I am not entirely sure what might be the best method to share with a parent the progress of their child. Part of my uncertainty is in recognizing that all children are unique, and what might work well for one student may not work as well for another. However, one thing that has become very clear to me is that we want to see a child improve and do their best. Sometimes their best cannot be expressed as a grade equivalency, especially when we consider the amount of 'interruptions' that have happened within the last year and a half. Progress is also difficult to see when it is expressed as 'Not Yet', 'Basic', 'Proficient', or 'Excellent', the current terms used on our Eluminate Report Cards. This was part of the reason we moved to having 'Goal Setting' evenings in lieu of a first report card.

This year, we will be offering two evenings to 'Meet the Teacher' and establish goals, October 26 and October 28. We will also be having a report card go home five weeks after this, on December 3. However, I have shared with staff that these will have very little commentary. We will then issue the second Eluminate Report Cards on April 1, with the opportunity for parents/guardians to meet with their child's teacher on the evenings of April 6 and 7. Students will then receive their final report card on June 28, their last day of school.

As mentioned earlier, we are partners in your child's education. If there is anything we can do to assist throughout the year, please feel free to connect with the school. I am hoping you do not feel that it is only on those nights that have been set aside that staff is willing to discuss your child and his/her progress.

As we are in the month of the holy rosary, and we are examining prayers of thanksgiving, I would like to leave you with the following prayer, The Prayer of Thanksgiving for Mary, Our Mother:

"O Jesus, Divine Master, I thank and bless Your most merciful Heart for having given us Mary most holy as our Mother, Teacher and Queen. From the cross You placed us all in her hands. You gave her a great heart, much wisdom and immense power. May all mankind know her, pray to her! May all permit themselves to be led by her to You, the Savior of mankind! I placed myself in her hands, as You placed Yourself. With this Mother I want to live now, in the hour of my death, and for all eternity."

God bless!
Dan Monaghan

October Newsletter From Mme Bouchard

September is always so busy and so full of excitement. Back to school is such a special time. With all of the business, and all that is going on around us, the students are amazing, positive, and resilient. You should be very proud of your child! This is a part of what makes ESM so special.

We are into the third year of our three-year faith theme. The focus this year is Together on the Journey. If there is something that we have learned over the last year and a half, it is how much we need each other! Our calls to action this year are: be committed, be accountable. It is a good time to grow in our faith together, but to realize that this takes effort on our part. Please journey with us this year! Do not forget to look at the family newsletter from the Religious Education Department. It is a wonderful way to explore our faith and make connections to our faith theme, so you can journey with your child.

We will continue to share our Gospel Time virtually this year. Mr. Monaghan and I record the Gospel and reflection, then share it with the classes. We certainly miss being together in the gym, but it is important that we keep the traditions we have created, especially when it comes to our faith! We will continue to explore our faith theme, and during October, we will focus on Prayers of Thanksgiving. We will also explore virtues with the help of the saints this year. During September, St. Teresa guided us as a witness of love. This month, St. Francis will show us the way as a witness of faithfulness.

We were very blessed to have Father Kevin celebrate our Opening Mass with our grade 6RE while we shared it virtually with the other classes. He then blessed our classrooms for the year. It was lovely to begin our year together in prayer. The kids were delighted as Father came to each of the classrooms. It is a lovely new tradition. Our grade 3ME class will be sharing a Thanksgiving celebration with classes on October 8th.

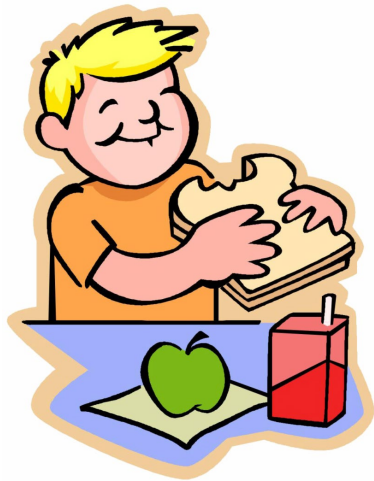
It is amazing to have the students learning and growing together. This year is going to be fantastic! With God by our side, we can do anything. Let us work on being committed and accountable, while creating many holy moments each day; this is how we can change the world. I am excited that we are on this journey together ESM family!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

"Make me to know your ways O Lord, teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation."

Psalms 25:4-5





MINDFUL MUNCHIES

We are blessed to be able to provide a breakfast program and bag lunches to our students. We have 3 staff members, Mme. Talbot, Mrs. Osorio, and Mr. George, that will greet the students at their zone door entrances with the breakfast carts in the morning. As well as the teachers are able to grab bag lunches for students at their lunchtimes for those who need a little more. If you have any questions regarding our Breakfast Program or Mindful Munchies feel free to contact the office.

COVID-19 is still here

We remain as a CLOSED Campus.
Please call the school before you arrive.
403-327-3098

MASKS

EVERYONE is required to wear a mask.

Please send your child with their own mask and an extra one in their backpack. We are running low of both the reusable and the disposable ones and are not able to provide the appropriate size for your child(ren).
Please be safe!

For more information about our 2021/2022 school year visit our division website at

https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/resources_publications/news/whats_new/updated_guidelines_for_2021_2022



School Clothing Store

COMING SOON!

Keep an eye on our School website
and our Facebook Page!

We will send out a message to families when we have more
information.



TRANSPORTATION:

School buses are provided by Southland Transportation.

Bus Maps can be found at: <https://www.southland.ca/lethbridge/>

Bus times are between 7:30am-8:30am and 2pm-3:30pm


Please DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS ZONE.

The Parking lot is for Staff only.

Reminder to use the "MyBusSchoolApp" for
information about bus location, routes,
schedules, and delays. If you haven't
received the email with the ESM School
code, please contact the school.

OUR SOUTHLAND RIDERS CAN USE...

MyBusStop



REAL-TIME SCHOOL BUS TRACKING FOR:

- ROUTE STOPS
- ROUTE SCHEDULES
- TRAFFIC
- BUS LOCATION
- BUS PROGRESS
- POSSIBLE DELAYS

**ECOLE ST. MARY'S CODE:
FBS6XT7WPK**

For more information, visit: www.holyspirit.ab.ca/transportation/mybusstopapp

ZONE DOORS:

Zone 1 – Entrance by the Office

this will include the classes: 1KI 1DI 2MI 3DI 5BI

Zone 2 – Entrance by the new park near the kindergarten classrooms






this will include the classes: 1RE 3ME 4NE 4CI 6RE

Zone 3 – Entrance by the gym on the north side of the school

this will include the classes: 2/3P-SI 2GE 4/5GI 5SE 6MI

School Starts at 8:10am. Students are to enter through their zone doors and go straight to their classroom. **The doors will open at 7:45**, we ask the kids come into school when they arrive and not play on the park to keep with their cohorts the best they can.

House Keeping Items:

-  Send a Water Bottle with your student. There are fill stations but no water fountains.
-  If you moved over the summer please email esmoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca with your address change.
-  Our monthly newsletter is sent out at the beginning of the month and can be found on the website.
-  Closed Campus – Visitors must come to the office
-  Call the office if your child will be late or absent. 403-327-3098


October 2021 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Terry Fox Run	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Thanksgiving Celebration	9
10	11 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	12 NO SCHOOL PD Day	13	14 Inside Out & Backwards Dress up Day	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL Division PD Day	26	27 DIV. Board Meeting @ CEC	28	29 Halloween Dress up Day	30

November 2021 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Fall back 1 hour.	8	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day 	12 NO SCHOOL Non-Operational Day	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 DIV Board Meeting @ CEC	25	26	27
28 1 st week of Advent	29	30				

October

Together on the Journey

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

Colossians 3:12



School: St. Francis Junior High



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis of Assisi was a Catholic friar who gave up a life of wealth to live a life of poverty. He was born in Assisi, Italy in 1182 and grew up leading a privileged life as the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. Around the age of nineteen, Francis went to battle against the nearby town of Perugia. He was captured and taken prisoner. He was held prisoner in a dungeon for a year before his father paid the ransom and he was set free. God later called Francis to devote his life in serving the poor. He also had a love for animals and was known to talk and preach to them. He established the Franciscan order of friars and the women's Order of the Poor Ladies. Two years after his death, he was declared a saint of the Catholic Church.

LAUDATO SI

Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment.

Did you Know?

"Encyclical" means "circular letter."

They are formal letters written by the popes, meant for teaching.

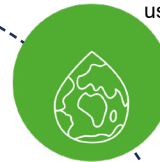
7) Community Engagement and Participatory Action

We must "realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received" and protect it together for future generations by living sustainably, in our community and in our world.



1) Response to the Cry of the Earth

Pope Francis took his papal name after St. Francis of Assisi; patron saint of ecology. Laudato Si was issued in 2015 to encourage us to be "protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."



6) Ecological Spirituality

Laudato Si comes from the first line of St. Francis' Canticle of the Sun, which praises God for the beauty of creation. We should encounter the natural world with wonder, praise, joy and gratitude.



5) Ecological Education

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis calls us to talk about and address the environment. We need to promote ecological vocations among our youth.



4) Adoption of Simple Lifestyles

Pope Francis is concerned about our level of consumerism. We need to be aware of how we use energy and resources.



3) Ecological Economics

All of our activities have an impact on the world around us. We have to consider prayerfully how we balance satisfying our needs with protecting our environment.



2) Response to the Cry of the Poor

As protectors of one another, Pope Francis calls us to also defend life, from conception to natural death, as well as all forms of life on Earth. We should take special care of vulnerable and marginalized groups.



*"Lord,
make me an instrument
of thy peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love."*

- St. Francis of Assisi

October

Together on the Journey



School: St. Francis Junior High

Feast Days and Celebrations October 2021

- 4 Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi
- 7 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 11 Thanksgiving Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 24 World Mission Sunday

As you journey with St. Francis this month...

WEEK ONE

Francis gave up the idea of a military career and began to live differently. He started speaking less thoughtlessly, dressing more plainly, and taking more time in prayer and solitude. One day he passed a poor leper while riding his horse. He was disgusted by the man's appearance, but as he rode his horse the other way, he felt bad; remembering the dignity of this person as a human being. He rode back, embraced the leper, and gave him all the money he had. How can you show kindness, compassion, and love to others?



WEEK TWO

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says "...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." What are you thankful for?



WEEK FOUR

Francis was called upon to sustain and rebuild the Church by radically living the Christian life. How can you contribute to the building of the Church? Maybe it's by fasting. Maybe it's by serving the poor. Maybe it's by teaching. Write a prayer asking God to direct your life and to show you practical things you can do to live the Christian life.



WEEK THREE

Francis was totally focused on Jesus and wanted everyone to follow Him with his or her whole heart. To spread the love of Christ, he shared his faith with anyone who came across his path. He is the patron saint of animals because of the times he even preached to flocks of birds and other creatures. His clear focus and deep passion was always the salvation of souls. What do you think it means to follow God with your whole heart?



Sunday Gospel Readings

- October 3/27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 10:2-16
- October 10/28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 10:17-30
- October 17/29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 10:35-45
- October 24/30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 10:46-52



FAQs

I've forgotten my password

Click on the "Forgot your password?" link to reset your password. A temporary password will be sent to the email address registered with your account.

How secure are my purchases?

KEV Group's top priority is to keep your personal information safe. Go to <https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com> and see Security for Security Policy and Privacy Policy.

What if I can't find my student?

Contact your school to confirm your student's details (sign up criteria) to ensure it matches exactly with what was entered in your school's records.

What if I can't see any items?

Each school creates their own items for purchase and assigns them to students. Once assigned, they will appear online under the student tab.

Need Help?

Go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com



Contact your school office directly for the following issues:

- ✓ You require a refund for items purchased on School Cash Online
- ✓ When adding to the cart, the item displayed prevents you from completing your purchase correctly
- ✓ You made a purchase on an item incorrectly and want to change your order
- ✓ You are missing items that you thought were available to purchase. Items are created by the school and School Cash Online displays those items for parents to purchase

**How To Make Online Payments
for Your Student Fees using**

SchoolCashOnline

Powered by  **KEV GROUP**

Fast, safe, convenient.

Welcome to SchoolCashOnline



School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

- ✓ Conveniently make payments for student fees online
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more

All you have to do is register, attach your students and in no time, you will be able to make payments online.

How to Register

1. Go to <https://holyspirit.schoolcashionline.com/> and click on Register

- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications

2. A confirmation email will be sent to you

- Check spam

3. Follow the instructions in the email.

Your email is used as your username in your profile.



How to Add a Student

1. Sign In to School Cash Online
2. Go to MY ACCOUNT.
3. From the drop down menu, select My Students.
4. Click to add a student.
 - a. Type in your School Board Name
 - b. Select School Name from the list.
 - c. Enter Student Criteria (as set by your School Board)
 - d. CONFIRM

You can add up to 8 students on your profile.

How to Make a Payment

1. You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.
2. Select the item that you would like to purchase and click "add to Cart".
3. Once you have finished adding items to your cart, select "Check Out" to make payment.

You can pay for multiple student's items in one Check Out.

Payment Types Accepted



Credit Cards



eCheck



myWallet



Stay connected by receiving email notifications of new fees.



Never miss out on field trips, yearbook sales, and school events.



Pay required fees any time, any where.



Students no longer risk carrying cash and checks to school in their backpacks.

SchoolCashOnline Available Now

For safety and efficiency reasons, Holy Spirit Catholic School District would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Checks coming into our school. School Cash Online is our school's preferred method of payment. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

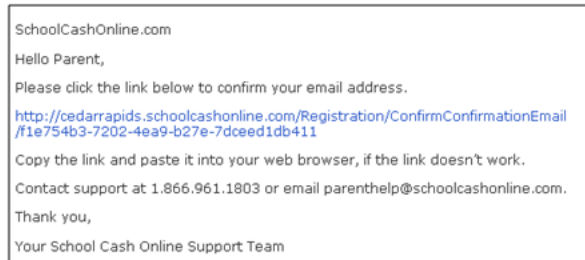
- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://holyspirit.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Enter Your Child's ASN (available from your school)
- Select *Continue*
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*
- Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐ ?

School Name: Eagle High School ?

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number ?

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Birth Date: *
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

Continue

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Ages 4 - 12
Sibling Discount
Full Day & Half Day Options

For more information and to
register visit our website

www.westwindgym.com

events/pd day camps & clinics



Oct. 12 - 15

Nov. 12

Dec. 28 - 31

Jan. 3

Jan. 28

Feb. 22 - 25

Mar. 18

Apr. 18 - 22

Apr. 25

May 24



PD DAY CAMPS

245 10th Street N Lethbridge, AB T1H 0H6 403 -320 -1373



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!

\$35
PER CHILD

Ages 4 - 12

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Pizza Dinner Included

Pyjamas and Gymnastics -Sept 25
Monster Bash - October 23rd
Cupcake Battles - November 20
Reindeer Games - December 11
Glow in the Dark - January 22

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