

## Upcoming Event Dates:

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Report Cards go home

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Autism Awareness day – wear Blue

April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Interviews Evenings

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Green Shirt Day

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday

April 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

April 15<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – EASTER BREAK

April 25<sup>th</sup> – First day back after Easter holidays

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Welcome to the Jungle – wear animal print



## Principals Message

### April 2022

April begins with the issuing of our second report cards – Friday, April 1. Please review these with your child, and see if they fully understand how an assessment was made. Additional clarification can often be found via the comments, whether these have been provided for each subject or more generally in the homeroom comments. These assessments may provide an excellent opportunity to set new goals for the end of the school year. We will also be sponsoring two evenings to 'meet' with your child's teacher to discuss his/her progress – Wednesday, April 6, and Thursday, April 7. Appointments can be made via the Conference Manager, which opens up on Friday, April 1, and closes the following Tuesday. Please note that we will be accepting in-person interviews from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., and on-line interviews from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

It is also in the first full week of April that we will be encouraging students to recognize the significance of two days: Autism Awareness, April 4 (students and staff will be encouraged to wear blue), and Green Shirt Day, April 7. Students are encouraged to wear a green shirt to remember the four-year anniversary of a tragedy that impacted our nation, the Humboldt Broncos bus tragedy. We will be remembering how our community was able to come together in prayer to offer support for all those who were impacted by this tragedy, and to remember and pray for all those who have to deal with difficult situations in their lives.

The following week will be a shortened week as we begin the Easter break on Friday, April 15, Good Friday. Fundamental to our faith is the understanding that Jesus Christ died for our sins and was risen from the dead – the Resurrection. The Easter season reminds us of the sacrifices that Jesus made for all humanity. While through the season of Lent students were reminded to fast (fast from those things that separate us from God's love), to give alms (to give generously to others) and to pray (pray always and pray all ways), at Easter we are reminded to rejoice. We need to rejoice in all that God has done for us, and to be grateful for all that we have.

Please remember that the Easter break goes from April 15 to April 24, 2022. Students' first day back is Monday, April 25. I am hoping that everyone can enjoy a most blessed break, surrounded by loved ones and rejoicing in all that is good!

Dan Monaghan



## *April Message Mme Bouchard 2022*

Welcome to April! We continue on our Lenten journey for another couple of weeks. How is your Lent going? Holy Week is just a couple of short weeks away. This time is the most sacred week in the liturgical year. It begins on Palm Sunday with the Gospel of the Passion of the Lord, the Church celebrates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of the journey to the cross.

In the coming weeks, we will have 4/5GI lead us in liturgy. The 5SE class will be sharing the Stations of the Cross with all classes on Holy Thursday. Good Friday is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Easter Sunday is April 17<sup>th</sup>. Upon our return to school after the Easter break, our 1KI class will be sharing a Celebration of the Resurrection Liturgy. Then we can rejoice!

During our Gospel Time, we have been exploring prayers of intercession. For the coming month, we will focus on prayers of praise. We will continue to learn about the saints and we will be led by St. Kateri Tekakwitha, as a witness of piety. She was known for her faith and holiness. What a great example to follow in the final weeks of Lent. St. Kateri, pray for us.

We all pray for you and your families. I hope that in the coming weeks, you grow closer to Jesus as He journeys to the cross. We all wish you a holy Holy Week, and a joyful and blessed Easter. God Bless.

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



## **REGISTRATION**

If you have NOT completed your Registration – Please do so online through your Parent Power school account.

Or make an appointment with the Office.



## **EAT THE RAINBOW**

For the month of March, our wellness focus is on Healthy eating. We have been encouraging the students to make healthy/healthier choices in what they eat. We have a rainbow in our gathering space that they students have been filling with paper stickers and it filled up quickly! Great Job to our students and their families for encouraging healthy eating habits!

The students have submitted their at home tacking sheets and we have drawn 2 winners per week.

Week 1 - Emerson 4NE & Hayden 6MI

Week 2 - Shaun 4/5GI & Clarissa 6RE

Week 3 - Kaelem 3DI & Isabella 5SE

Week 4 – Cyrelle KVE & Mia 1/2RE



## **House Teams:**

Congratulations to the Red Robins for winning the Ice Cream party in February and to the Orange Tigers for winning in March.

## **Samaritan Stars:**

Our February winners were Alexandra KVI and Peyton 3ME. Our March winners were Mia 1/2RE and Manolito 3DI.

## **COVID UPDATE:**

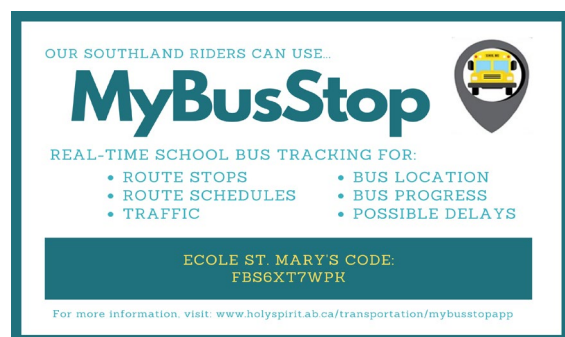
We all have high hopes that we will soon be at the end of this pandemic. We want to thank you for your patience and ability to adapt daily with the changes made at school and in our community. We still have the policy:

**If you are sick- stay home. If a child is “a little sick” please keep them home.**

Below is the link for the Alberta Government Webpage with isolation guidelines if your child does test positive for Covid. They are required to isolate. How long they isolate depends on their vaccine status.

<https://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx>

## **TRANSPORTATION:**



School buses are provided by Southland Transportation.

Bus Maps can be found at:

<https://www.southland.ca/lethbridge/>

**Download the MyBusSchool App.**

This is the best way to monitor changes and updates to your child(ren)s bus routes.

This is also the best way to check for delays.

For the most up-to-date routes please go to the southland website:

<https://www.southland.ca/lethbridge/>

## **House Keeping Items:**

- ✚ Send a Water Bottle with your student. There are fill stations but no water fountains.
- ✚ If you have moved, please email [esmoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto: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 – We still remain a closed campus and all visitors are required to make an appt or check in at the office.
- ✚ Call the office if your child will be late or absent for any reason. 403-327-3098
- ✚ Complete your registration for next year. – Call the office if you need assistance.

## April 2022 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Report Cards	2
3 6 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent	4 Autism Awareness day Wear BLUE	5	6	7 Green Shirt Day	8	9
10 Palm Sunday	11	12	13	14 Holy Thursday	15 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	16
17 Easter Sunday	18	19	20	21	22	23
EASTER BREAK						
24	25 First day back after Easter Break	26	27	28	29 Welcome to the Jungle Day Wear animal print	30

## May 2022 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Grade 6 Retreat	3 Wellness day	4	5 Gr. 5 Mass in Slow Motion	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Student Retreat	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Marian Mass 9am	19	20	21
22 Catholic Education Week	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Victoria Day	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> PD DAY	25	26 Catholic Education Day	27	28
29	30	31				

# April

Together on the Journey

*"I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us."*

Romans 8:18



**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

School: Father Leonard Van Tighem



## ST. KATERI

St. Kateri was born in 1656 in what is today the state of New York. Her mother had lived with French settlers near Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, and had become Christian. When Kateri was young, smallpox struck her village. She lost her family and was scarred as a result, with her eyesight also severely affected. Her community was visited by the Jesuits, and she would meditate often on their teachings.

At the age of 19, Kateri was baptized by a Jesuit missionary. St. Kateri prayed and fasted deeply, and had a special dedication to Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Eventually, St. Kateri moved to what is today Kahnawake, Quebec. She refused marriage in order to dedicate her life to God. While there, she received her first Communion in 1677, and served her new village by teaching prayers to children, attending daily Mass, and watching over the elderly and sick. She died in 1680, just before her 24th birthday.

Many healings are attributed to Kateri's intercession. One noteworthy miracle involves a young boy from Washington state who was healed from a flesh-eating bacteria in 2012.

## The Eucharist

*"Take; this is my body."*

Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.



"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love."  
(St. John Paul II,  
Dominicae cenae, no. 3)

"It is called Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God."  
(CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received.

The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper with his disciples, the night before He died. He took bread, blessed and broke it, and giving it to His disciples, said: "Take and eat; this is My body;" then He took a cup of wine, blessed it, and giving it to them, said: "All of you drink of this; for this is My blood of the new covenant which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins;" finally, He gave His disciples the commission: "Do this in remembrance of Me." (Luke 22:19)



Click [here](#) for a copy of *Adoration for Youth*.  
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(PDF)

# April

Together on the Journey



**St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

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## Feast Days and Celebrations April 2022

- 3** 5th Sunday of Lent
- 10** Palm Sunday
- 14** Holy Thursday
- 15** Good Friday
- 16** Holy Saturday
- 17** Easter Sunday
- 17** Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- 18** Easter Monday
- 24** Divine Mercy Sunday

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

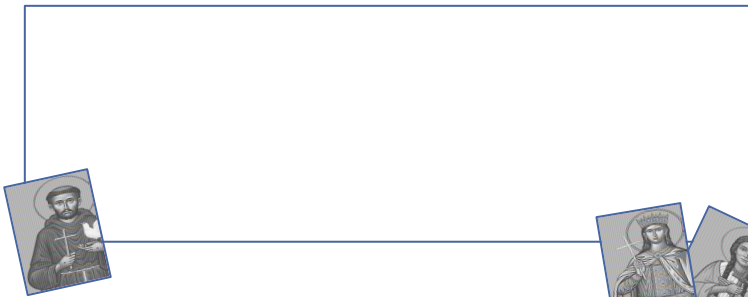
### WEEK ONE

Kateri may have had fond memories of her prayerful Catholic mother and the stories of faith that her mother shared with her in early childhood. These would have remained indelibly impressed upon her mind and heart and were to give shape and direction to her life's destiny. Thank God today for the person who first showed you the love of Jesus.



### WEEK TWO

At baptism, Tekakwitha took the name Kateri, after St. Catherine of Siena. Is there a saint that you identify with? Ask them (the saint chosen for you at your baptism and the saint you may have chosen at your confirmation) to pray for you. Maybe get a prayer card with that saint and pray the prayer on the back each day.



### WEEK FOUR

Kateri was taken home to be with Jesus just before her 24th birthday. Her last words were, "Jesus, Mary, I love you." Fifteen minutes after her death, her smallpox scars disappeared and her face took on an incredibly beautiful appearance. The beauty of Kateri's soul shone through her body. What are the priorities in your life? Do you pay as much attention to the beauty of your soul as to the beauty of your body? Pray this prayer...

Dear God,  
Please help me have the courage to let the light of Jesus shine brightly, no matter what is going on around me. I want to be a light for you, and honour you in all that I do. Amen

Sources: *Daily Lessons from the Saints* by Fr. Brice Higginbotham  
[Lily of the Mohawks. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha](#)  
[Saint Kateri Tekakwitha](#)  
[Q&A On the Eucharist](#)  
[What is the Eucharist?](#) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### WEEK THREE

St. Kateri is sometimes known as the Lily of the Mohawks. Lilies are also associated with Easter. The Easter lily has traditional and spiritual meaning. Mentioned many times in the Bible, the white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope and is most often associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter. Take a walk today and look for the beauty of God reflected in nature as we celebrate the resurrection.



### Sunday Gospel Readings

April 3rd/5th Sunday of Lent  
John 8:1-11

April 10th/Palm Sunday  
Luke 22:14-23, 56

April 17th/The Resurrection of the Lord  
John 20:1-18

April 24th/Divine Mercy  
John 20:19-31





## “Share the Mission” Award Call for Nominations!

Nominations are now welcome for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division’s “*Share the Mission Award*.”

This prestigious award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

- Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students;
- Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow;
- Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;
- Demonstrated involvement and leadership in community / parish organizations;
- Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions:

*We are a Catholic faith community, dedicated to providing  
each student entrusted in our care with an education rooted in the  
Good News of Jesus Christ*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership with home, parish and society,  
our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will  
live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.*

*Our Catholic faith is the foundations of all that we do.*

If you know of an individual or group deserving of the “*Share the Mission Award*,” please forward their name to Rhonda Kawa at [kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca) by June 10, 2022.

Nomination information is accessible on the division’s website at:

[https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board\\_administration/board\\_of\\_trustees/share\\_the\\_mission\\_award](https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board_administration/board_of_trustees/share_the_mission_award)



Looking forward to a new year with ...

# Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

## 2022/2023 REGISTRATION

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### Re-Registration Starts January 17, 2022

Families who already have students in our system should expect an email during the week of January 17-21, 2022 asking that the online "Registration Update Form" be completed for each child who will be attending during the 2022/2023 school year.

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 that they re-register older students.

### New Student Registration Starts February 1, 2022

Students new to the division who wish to enroll for the 2022/2023 school year are invited to register online starting on February 1, 2022.

- 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, 2022.

For information about our Early Learning and Kindergarten Programs, or to discuss your child's specialized programming requirements, contact our Early Learning Coordinator at 403-381-8495 or [earlylearning@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:earlylearning@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.


## Registration is now open for the 2022/2023 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.


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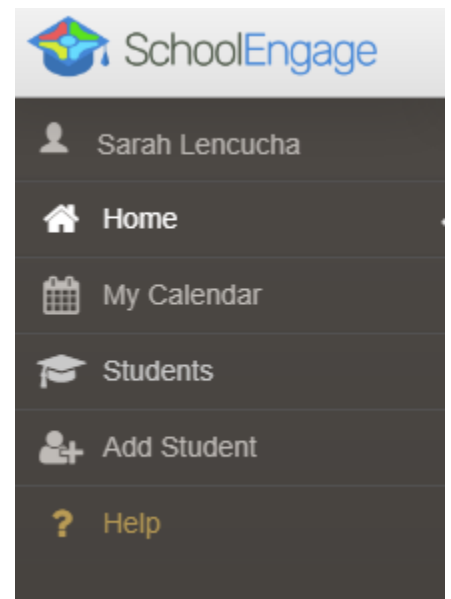
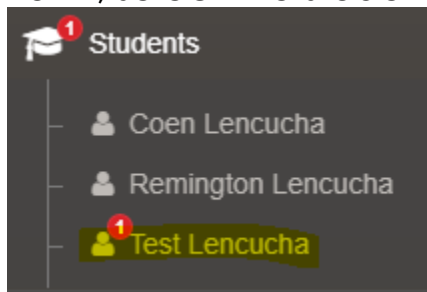
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- Once you are in SchoolEngage you will want to look at the left hand side and click on Students. This will show your Students already enrolled within the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division. If you need to add another student click on Add Student.

- 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 2022-2023**. 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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