



Have a Great Summer!

All students' belongings should have been taken home on the last day of school. June 27th, however, the office staff are at the school for a couple extra days to help you before summer vacation. Paper copies of report cards were sent home on the last day. Absent students – please refer to SPACES.

The office will be closed for summer vacation and Open on AUGUST 28th to start the new school year.

Here is some information help you during the summer holidays. You can also send emails to esmoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca that we will respond to when we return on August 28th. If you require immediate assistance you can call the Holy spirit Board office.

Bell Times for Next Year

Grade 1 – 6's	Mon – Thurs. 8:00am – 3:00pm
	Fridays 8:00am – 12:30pm
Kindergarten	Mon – Thurs 8:00am – 11:10am
Early Learning	Mon – Thurs 8:15am – 11:15am

DID YOU?

- *Complete the **Registration form** for next year?
 - We need this completed so we can assign your child to a class.
- *Complete the **Transportation Registration** so your child can ride the bus?
 - This is/was **DUE JUNE 30th**. (late submissions are not guaranteed bus transportation)
 - Your child will not be allowed to ride on a bus until this is completed
- *Order school Supplies?
 - This year we have partnered with School Start for student school supplies. The supply lists were sent home with students in their report card envelope and can also be found on the website. School > Supply Lists

Questions you may have?

When will I know who my child's teacher is?

A- Emails will be sent out the week before school starts to let you know the teacher assignment and the Zone door your child is assigned to.

How do I tell the school I've changed my mind and my child is moving schools?

A- Email esmoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca with an official withdrawal request. We will receive this when we return to the office on August 28th.

How do I register my child(ren) for bussing over the summer?

A- Through your parent Powerschool Account through School Engage.

Where do I Find a School Supply List?

A- In your child report card envelop OR on the school Website.

If you are having issues completing this task you can contact the board office (403-327-9555) or wait till the office is open in August.

Message from Mme Bouchard

What a year it has been! Summer holidays have begun. Thank you for a wonderful year! Thank you for your support, encouragement and above all, thank you for entrusting us with the care of your children. What an honour it is to work with you.

Congratulations to the grade 6 students! Good luck in grade 7. When our grade 6's leave, that marks the end of a journey that we have walked together. It also means goodbye to many families that have been with us for many years. Thank you for allowing us to journey with your child and your family. We wish you the best on your new adventures.

To all of our ESM families, may God Bless you and keep you.
Thank you for a wonderful school year.

We have a few information items for you. You will find the calendar, school start dates, and important dates in this newsletter. The office will be closed for the summer and will reopen on Monday, August 28th, 2023. We welcome Grade 1-6 students back to school on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023. Kindergarten begins on Monday, September 11th, 2022. Your child's class placement will be sent home in August. We are really looking forward to a fantastic school year.

We will be welcoming a new staff member, Kelsey Rutkowski will be joining us to teach the grade 4 /5 English. We look forward to welcoming her to the ESM school community. We will be welcoming back Mrs. Rosen for the school year as well.

Please mark your calendars for our Opening Mass, Thursday September 21st, 9:00 am at Assumption Parish. We will be having our Welcome Back BBQ that evening as well. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Thank you to our students, families, staff and School Council, for making ESM such a great place to be. We wish you a restful, rejuvenating, fun, and blessed summer from the ESM Staff.

See you in September.

Kiera Bouchard



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION TRANSPORTATION UPDATE - 2023/2024

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division partners with Southland Transportation Ltd. and Lethbridge School Division to provide school bus transportation services for students travelling to our Lethbridge schools.

We are currently working to implement the recent changes announced by the Government of Alberta regarding eligibility, distances, and funding for September 1, 2024. For the 2023/2024 school year, the school division will not be charging transportation fees for government-funded eligible riders.

To assist with planning and ensure sufficient space on busses, riders will be **REQUIRED TO REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023** in order to access transportation services for the 2023/2024 school year.

HOUSE TEAMS

The students are assigned a house team (colour team) so be a part of for the year. This encourages the kids to interact with kids in other grades. Our leadership team comes up with special days and activities for students to earn points to go towards their house team. For the Month of June the winning house team is: Amet 1DI and Elisha 2/3GE

SAMARITAN STARS

As the students do good deeds and display exemplary actions/attitudes, their fellow classmates can nominate them and put their name in the "Samaritan Stars" jar. From here we draw names to win a cheque for \$25.00 which is graciously donated by Ward Bros. Construction. Thank you, Ward Bros., for your continued generosity to our school!

For the month of June our winners were: Golden Hawks

The Winning house team for the year was the GREEN GATORS.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Heritage day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28 OFFICE OPEN	29	30 Opening Mass for Staff	31		

September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labour Day	5 FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS Gr.1-6	6	7	8	9
10	11 FIRST DAY for Kindergarten and ELP	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 9am Mass @ Assumption Family Blessing & BBQ	22	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL PD Day	26	27 Div. Board Meeting	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

HOLY SPIRIT EL/JH LETHBRIDGE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Aug 30 First day for staff
Aug 30 Opening Mass

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Sept 4 Labour Day
Sept 5 First day for students
Sept 25 School PD Day
Sept 27 Div. Board Meeting
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

O – 20 (22)
I – 18

Oct 9 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 23 Div. PD Day
Oct 25 Div. Board Meeting

O – 21 (43)
I – 20 (38)

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Nov 10 Day in lieu of Nov 11
Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 13 Non-operational day
Nov 22 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (63)
I – 20 (58)

Dec 4 School PD Day
Dec 20 Div. Board Meeting
Dec 22 Last day before break
Dec 23-31 Christmas break
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 26 Boxing Day

O – 16 (79)
I – 15 (73)

DECEMBER '23						
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Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 2-7 Christmas break
Jan 8 First day after break
Jan 24 Div. Board Meeting
Jan 31 Semester 2 begins

O – 18 (97)
I – 18 (91)

Feb 2 School PD Day
Feb 19 Family Day
Feb 20 Day in lieu of Sept 30 for support staff
Feb 20 & 21 Unassigned time for teachers
Feb 22 & 23 SWATCA
Feb 28 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (117)
I – 15 (106)

FEBRUARY '24						
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Mar 11 Div. Collab. Day
Mar 27 Div. Board Meeting
Mar 28 Last day before Easter break
Mar 29 Good Friday
Mar 31 Easter Sunday

O – 20 (137)
I – 19 (125)

Apr 1-7 Easter break
Apr 8 First day after break
Apr 24 Div. Board Meeting

O – 17 (154)
I – 17 (142)

APRIL '24						
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May 20 Victoria Day
May 21 School PD Day
May 22 Div. Board Meeting
May 27 Spiritual Dev. Day

O – 22 (176)
I – 20 (162)

Jun 17 School PD Day
Jun 26 Div. Board Meeting
Jun 27 Last day students
Jun 28 Last day for teachers

O – 20 (196)
I – 18 (180)

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No students
Stat Holidays
School PD/Div. PD/Spiritual Dev./Collab. Days
Div. Board Meetings
First and last days for students
First and last days for teachers



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JULY 2023



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION



MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING SUMMER PROGRAM

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To attend the **Monday YMCA Strong Kids** class, you must receive a voucher at the Holy Spirit Tent at the Free Family Outdoor Play Events on Tuesdays and Wednesdays- Spaces limited
YMCA location: 140-74, Mauretania Rd W, Lethbridge

To attend the **Creative Thursday CASA Art** event, you must receive a voucher at the Holy Spirit Tent at the Free Family Outdoor Play Events on Tuesdays and Wednesdays- Spaces limited.
CASA location- 230, 8 St S, Lethbridge

2	3 Holiday	4 Free Family Outdoor Play Henderson Lake Park 10 AM - 1 PM	5 Free Family Outdoor Play Henderson Lake Park 3 PM - 6 PM	6 Coaldale Spray Park 11:00 AM-1:00PM Creative Thursday CASA Art Event *Voucher needed* 6-8PM	7 Mindful Friday No matter where you are in your journey, stop and reflect. This time next year, nothing will be the same.	8
9	10 Movement Monday YMCA Fit Kids Youth ages 10-15 *Voucher needed* 11AM-12PM	11 Free Family Outdoor Play Wilson Middle School 10 AM - 1 PM	12 Free Family Outdoor Play Wilson Middle School 3 PM - 6 PM	13 Creative Thursday CASA Art Event *Voucher needed* 6-8PM	14 Mindful Friday Change your speed and go with the flow. Slowing down isn't about losing time. It's about gaining time for the things that matter most.	15
16	17 Movement Monday YMCA Fit Kids Youth ages 10-15 *Voucher needed* 11AM-12PM	18 Free Family Outdoor Play Nicholas Sheran School 10 AM - 1 PM	19 Free Family Outdoor Play Nicholas Sheran School 3 PM - 6 PM	20 FREE Family Swim Pincher Creek Swimming Pool, max 68 people 1 PM - 3 PM 895 Main St, Pincher Creek Creative Thursday CASA Art Event *Voucher needed* 6-8PM	21 Mindful Friday "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:2	22
23	24 Movement Monday YMCA Fit Kids Youth ages 10-15 *Voucher needed* 11AM-12PM	25 Free Family Outdoor Play Lakeview Elementary School 10 AM - 1 PM	26 Free Family Outdoor Play Lakeview Elementary School 3 PM - 6PM	27 Creative Thursday CASA Art Event *Voucher needed* 6-8PM	29 Mindful Friday "In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:6	29



AUGUST 2023



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION



MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING SUMMER PROGRAM

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31 Movement Monday YMCA Fit Kids Youth ages 10-15 <i>*Voucher needed*</i> 11AM-12PM	1 Free Family Outdoor Play Senator Buchanan School 10 AM - 1 PM	2 Free Family Outdoor Play Senator Buchanan School 3 PM - 6 PM	3 Creative Thursday CASA Art Event <i>*Voucher needed*</i> 6-8PM	4 Mindful Friday Being your toughest critic is the same as being your worst enemy. Be kind to yourself.	5
6	7 Holiday	8 Free Family Outdoor Play Coalbanks Elementary School 10 AM - 1 PM	9 Free Family Outdoor Play Coalbanks Elementary School 3 PM - 6 PM	10 Creative Thursday CASA Art Event <i>*Voucher needed*</i> 6-8PM	11 Mindful Friday "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely." Proverbs 3:5	12
13	14	15	16	17 Taber Aquafun Centre FREE Family Swim 4:00pm-5:00pm 4700 50 St, Taber, AB <u>Max 140 people</u> <i>*Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult</i>	18 Mindful Friday Big things often have small beginnings. Celebrate tiny victories.	19
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FREE FAMILY OUTDOOR PLAY JULY/AUGUST 2023



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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

JULY 4 Henderson Lake Park 10 AM-1 PM	JULY 5 Henderson Lake Park 3 PM-6 PM
JULY 11 Wilson Middle School 10 AM-1 PM	JULY 12 Wilson Middle School 3 PM-6 PM
JULY 18 Nicholas Sheran School 10 AM-1 PM	JULY 19 Nicholas Sheran School 3 PM-6 PM
JULY 25 Lakeview Elementary School 10 AM-1 PM	JULY 26 Lakeview Elementary School 3 PM-6 PM
AUGUST 1 Senator Buchanan School 10 AM-1 PM	AUGUST 2 Senator Buchanan School 3 PM-6 PM
AUGUST 8 Coalbanks Elementary School 10 AM-1 PM	AUGUST 9 Coalbanks Elementary School 3 PM-6 PM

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

All ages welcome! Drop by our pop-up tents for **FREE** outdoor play activities.

Stay for some outdoor facilitated games.

Parent supervision required. Weather permitting. Check online schedule at buildingbrains.ca/events for updates.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

- All public health measures will be in effect
- Family focused events, parent supervision is required
- If you're feeling unwell, we'll see you at our next location
- Weather permitting

PARTNER LINKS:

City of Lethbridge - lethbridge.ca/events

Community LINKS - community-links.ca

Family Centre Summer Programs - famcentre.ca

Lethbridge Public Library - lethlib.ca

Building Brains Together - buildingbrains.ca



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