











June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Gr 1 Helen Schuler virtual field trip	3 Kindergarten Helen Schuler virtual field trip	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 	11 Wear your OLA gear	12
13	14	15 School Council Meeting 7:00 pm 	16  Last day of PRESCHOOL	17 Aboriginal Awareness Day	18	19
20  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	21 STEM <small>science Technology Engineering Math</small> 	22 Kindergarten outdoor play day 9:00 – 11:00 am 	23 Year-end Mass Grade 6 Farewell Board Meeting 6:00pm	24 Sports Day Pizza Lunch  Kindergarten last day	25 Students last day Slide Show Assembly	26 
27	28	29	30			



September 1, 2021 – First day of classes for Grades 1 –6.
This will be a full day.
September 1 & 2, 2021 – Kindergarten Meet & Greet
September 7 & 8, 2021 – Kindergarten staggered start
September 10, 2021 – ELP meet and Greet
September 13, 2021 – First day of classes for the Early Learning Program



JUNE NEWSLETTER

CALDER'S COMMENTARY

Congratulations. Wow! We made it.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for welcoming me to my first year at OLA, and my first year as principal. It was unorthodox, to say the least, and had its challenges, but was a wonderful year getting to know our families and staff. I have been honoured to become part of an amazing community.

I would also like to thank every member of our community for their diligence throughout this year. We were faced with challenges, restrictions and changes that required constant flexibility. Through closures and re-entries and adjusted plans, you have helped us find ways to bring as much joy and fun to our school as possible. Without your commitment to our students, we may not have had such a successful year.

I am looking forward to next year as we begin to resume some of our beloved activities.

The end of the year always brings change and we will be saying good-bye to an amazing teacher, Ms. Nadeau. Ms. Nadeau will be stretching her wings in amazing ways as she takes on her new role as Physics teacher at CCH. Congratulations and best wishes!

Finally, I would like to congratulate Mr. New on his new position at CCH. He has been an excellent colleague, helping me learn all things OLA, and leading the school. I am so excited for him in his new position but will miss him greatly as my administrative partner.

Have a restful, relaxing, and amazing summer. We will see you all in September.

Mrs. Calder



ACT LIKE MARY – JUNE CHALLENGE

In June, we are continuing to focus on our theme Transformed by the Journey while we build on our students' understanding that being grateful and gracious in our lives can add so much to the lives of others in our school and community. With this month's challenge our hope is to get students out in the community, in which we want students to spend some time with their family and enjoy an outdoor activity together. This is a wonderful way to share how grateful we are to live in this beautiful community. If you can please share a picture of you and your family enjoying the great outdoors. We are blessed to live at a place where so many beautiful experiences are at our fingertips. Let's take advantage. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful moments you experience from this challenge. If you want to share a picture, please send it to ellertk@holyspirit.ab.ca

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the staff, students and families of Our Lady of the Assumption. Three years ago you welcomed me into your community and it's been one of the greatest experiences of my career. OLA is a community that looks out for each other and is always willing to help when the need arises. Each day being a part of this community was an honour and I am blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know each and every one of you.

I also wanted to acknowledge the three amazing principals I got to work with during my time at OLA. To Mrs. Kobza, Mrs. Lenaour and Mrs. Calder, thank you for everything you've done for me. You are all incredible leaders and I learned so much from each and every one of you. Thank you for all the time you put into mentoring me. I am blessed to have had you as part of my journey to becoming the Catholic Leader I am today.

I am incredibly proud of all we have accomplished the last three years as a school. In the last three years OLA has taken on so many challenges with grace, professionalism while always being mindful of what's best for the students. It was an honour to be a part of this staff and I will miss you all. I hope this is just the beginning and our paths will cross again.

Until then, God Bless and thank you.
Matthew New

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

OLA is once again participating in the Heart and Stroke's Jump Rope for Heart Event. This event encourages kids to get active by skipping rope while they collect pledges for heart disease and stroke research. Jump Day is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, June 10. All students will skip outside with their class (cohorts) weather permitting. Students who register online at www.jumpropeforheart.ca and collect \$25.00 in pledges will receive a skipping rope and be entered to win some fun prizes. The student who raises the most money will get to choose the colour Mr. Cahoon will dye his hair. Information was sent home on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Top Fundraiser
gets to CHOOSE Mr. Cahoon's Hair Colour!



SPORTS DAY

Sports day will be held on Thursday, June 24. School Council will be providing an individual pizza for all students. Please come dressed for the weather as we will be proceeding rain or shine. Running shoes, water bottle, sun screen, hat and good sportsmanship are needed to make the day a success.

EWASTE

Thank you to the grade 5 class for organizing our E-Waste collection. We collected 150kg of e-waste. With the help of five participating schools 1680kg of electronic waste was collected.

LOST AND FOUND



Please remind your child(ren) to make an effort to check the lost and found box and boot rooms for lost and misplaced items before the end of the school year. Any small items (jewelry, glasses, watches, etc.) may be claimed at the office. All unclaimed clothing and footwear will be donated at the end of June.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Monday – STEM Day – all day

Tuesday – Kindergarten play day

Wednesday – Year end Mass and Grade 6 farewell
(more information to follow)

Thursday – Sports Day, pizza lunch,
Last day for Kindergarten

Friday – Slide Show and assembly

Students last day – dismissal at 1:15pm

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ali Norris and Kaelyn Lisowicz for receiving the popular vote recognition in their category for Virtually Installed: Lethbridge Schools. Students. Art.

Middle School:



A Dream in the Sky,
by Ali Norris,

Our Lady of Assumption, Grade 6

Elementary:



Wish Upon A Star,
by Kaelyn Lisowica,

Our Lady of Assumption, Grade 2

CHANGES TO SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

Due to the increased adoption of alternative payments methods offered by the districts, KEV has made the decision to cease supporting payments using myWallet. Effective **June 4th 2021**, School Cash Online will no longer support adding funds into myWallet.

The customers currently using myWallet accounts will be given until **October 31, 2021** to use their remaining balances. After **November 1, 2021** all customers with remaining balances will be refunded. We anticipate completing all refund activities before **December 10, 2021**.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

BELL TIMES

Due to changes with our transportation carrier, bell times will be changing for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

- 8:10am – 3:02 pm
Monday – Thursday
- 8:10 am – 12:47 pm
Friday

- Kindergarten
8:10am – 11:20am
Monday - Thursday

- Early Learning Program
8:00am – 11:00am




BUSING NEXT YEAR

Holy Spirit Schools, along with their new carrier Southland Transportation, will be renewing the option for families living 1.2 km - 2.39 km from their designated school to ride the bus for a fee for the 2021-2022 school year.

We now have an APP that our students and families can receive real time information about bus location, schedules and delays. Download the app by searching “MyBusStop” or visit the website (<https://www.mybusstop.ca/>).

OUR SOUTHLAND RIDERS CAN USE...

MyBusStop



REAL-TIME SCHOOL BUS TRACKING FOR:

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

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL'S CODE:
CSSMDZTSLI

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

A SUMMER BLESSING

*May you walk with God
this summer
in whatever you do
wherever you go.*

*Walking with God means...
walking with honesty
and with courage.*

*Walking with love
and respect
and concern for the feelings of
others.*

*May you talk to God
this summer
on every day
and in every situation.*

*Talking with God means...
praying words of praise
for the beauty of creation.*

*Saying prayers of thanks
for friends and good times.*

*Asking God's help
in all your decisions.*

*Expressing sorrow
when you have failed.*

*May you talk with God
every day. Amen.*

A year end message from school council:

It's hard to believe we are almost finished another year of school. It's been a challenging one for sure, but I pray that everyone in our OLA school community will be able to take away some positive experiences and that we can look forward to next year.

We have one final School Council meeting coming up on Tuesday, June 15th at 7:00pm. Please note that we are meeting on Tuesday and not the usual Wednesday. We will be wrapping up the year and beginning to discuss some plans for next September. Most notably we will be planning for our Annual General Meeting which will be held in September.

We are looking for new members to join the OLA School Council. Positions include School Council Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Hot Lunch Coordinator. If you are interested in joining or would like more information we will be discussing this in more detail at the coming meeting. It's a great way to get involved with your child's school and we appreciate the different ideas, thoughts and input parents can bring to our discussions.

We have several people that have been part of the OLA school council who won't be with us next year:

Our School Board Trustee Ken Tratch is retiring at the end of this school year. Ken was an excellent representative for our school. He attended all meetings, gave monthly reports on what was happening at the school board and had thoughtful suggestions and advice to offer during meetings. He was also actively involved in bringing our questions and concerns to the School Board. Thank you for your years serving OLA. Congratulations on your retirement Ken!

We recently found out Mr. New will also be leaving us to pursue a new position as Associate Principal at CCH. Mr. New has been a valuable part of our School Council providing Faith updates and updates about what was happening at school. He was always willing to listen and provide advice and feedback to parents in a respectful manner. He was a valuable asset to our School Council and will be missed. Congratulations on your new position and we wish you the best of luck!

I also want to say a big thank you to Rhonda Norris who has been part of the School Council as Hot Lunch Coordinator for the past 3 years. Her child is heading off to Junior High next year and so Rhonda will be leaving us. She has done a fantastic job organizing the hot lunches, assisting with fundraising and contributing to School Council meetings. Rhonda was always willing to get involved and support the school. She will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the School Council I want to thank all the parents and guardians who supported us this past year. Thank you to Mrs. Calder and the teachers at OLA for always being willing to listen to and work with the school community to make our school a great one!

Have a great summer!!

Michelle Dormer
School Council Chair

Deena MacWilliam
Vice Chair



be part of the community

ATTENTION COMIN' ALIVE CAMPERS!!

We have been in communication with the Veggie Tale's Pirates about coming ashore for this year's Comin' Alive Camp. However, the Pirates have decided to stay onboard ship this year.... the quarantine is too long for them to come ashore for a week. But....they will be sending ashore some of their treasures for us to enjoy over the summer months with our families.

Fill in the registration form, complete with nominal fee, to reserve your treasure today! Registration deadline is Friday June 11, 2021....don't delay!!

Registration forms can be found on the parish website <https://www.allsaintslethbridge.org>



**FREE FAMILY OUTDOOR PLAY
JULY/AUGUST 2021**



THEME	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEEK 1: CONNECTION	JULY 6 Henderson Lake Park 10 AM-2 PM	JULY 7 Henderson Lake Park 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 2: MOVEMENT	JULY 13 Wilson Middle School 10 AM-2 PM	JULY 14 Wilson Middle School 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 3: MUSIC	JULY 20 Nicholas Sheran Park 10 AM-2 PM	JULY 21 Nicholas Sheran Park 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 4: NATURE	JULY 27 Lakeview Elementary School 10 AM-2 PM	JULY 28 Lakeview Elementary School 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 5: ART	AUGUST 3 Chinook Lake Park 10 AM-2 PM	AUGUST 4 Chinook Lake Park 3 PM-7 PM
WEEK 6: RESILIENCE	AUGUST 10 Coalbanks Elementary School 10 AM-2 PM	AUGUST 11 Coalbanks Elementary School 3 PM-7 PM

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

All ages welcome! Drop by our pop-up tents for FREE outdoor play activities. Pick up an activity kit to do at home or stay for some outdoor facilitated games! Parent supervision required. Weather permitting.

● **CHECK ONLINE SCHEDULE AT
BUILDINGBRAINS.CA/EVENTS**

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

- All public health measures will be in effect
- Parent supervision is required
- Separate materials provided for each family
- If you're feeling unwell, we'll see you at our next location

PARTNER LINKS:

- Building Brains Together - buildingbrains.ca
- City of Lethbridge - lethbridge.ca/events
- Community LINKS - community-links.ca
- Family Centre Summer Programs - famcentre.ca
- Lethbridge Public Library - lethlib.ca

 [Holy Spirit Catholic School Division](#)
[Supporting Family Wellness](#)



Transformed by the Journey

JUNE

Monthly Theme: *Passing On the Faith*

Special Days to Remember Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 6 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- 11 Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 11 World Day of Prayer for Priests
- 20 Father's Day
- 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 29 Feast Day of Ss. Peter and Paul
- July 29 Feast Day of St. Martha



Be Grateful

During the month of June, we celebrate Father's Day. On this day, we show gratitude for our dads who have worked so hard to be an example of love for their families. For many of us, the day also helps us call to mind many of the great men we have in our lives who serve as our teachers, advocates, and role models. We are grateful for them too!

In this Year of St. Joseph, we are focusing on his great example of a father's love. Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as "a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows." So this month, let us celebrate the many men in our lives who try to live up to St. Joseph's example every day by loving their families unconditionally and with great devotion. And for those grandfathers, uncles, brothers, priests, Elders, coaches, and teachers — all the men who serve as role models to our children — thank you for being great witnesses to St. Joseph's example too!

Thank You!

"...Thinking that God is love does us much good, because it teaches us to love, to give ourselves to others as Jesus gave himself to us and walks with us. Jesus walks beside us on the road through life."

Pope Francis



Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Pope Francis, Patris Corde, 2020

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

Be Gracious

If you have been blessed with children in your life, what is most important to you in terms of what you pass on to your kids? Ken Yasinski, a popular Canadian Catholic speaker, shares in this [video](#) the importance of fathers in passing on our faith to our children. If you are a dad, you know that your kids imitate you, even when you might not want them to! They do what you like to do, they walk like you, they laugh like you. But you know what else? They also pray like you. They worship like you. They love God like you do. To all of you dads, you are critical to passing on the gifts of your faith to your children. We see everyday how having a strong spiritual life impacts the wellbeing of our students. Dads, as you do the work of passing on your faith to your families, we celebrate you! You are giving them the best gift ever!

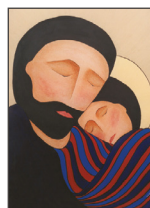
Check out this [link](#) for a few thoughts on Catholic fatherhood.



Faith & Family

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) invites all groups and families to deepen their Christian commitment through the act of consecration to Saint Joseph. By entrusting ourselves completely to the fatherly care and powerful intercession of the Church's patron saint, we are beseeching his help in living out those same virtues he did and so grow in the likeness of Christ evermore.

This ritual of Consecration to St. Joseph can be used by families, on a date chosen by you. Download the ritual: [Consecration to Saint Joseph](#) (PDF).



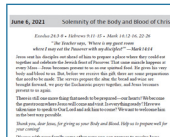
Catholic Education

This year, our faith theme was *Transformed By the Journey*. By the grace of God, we have all been transformed by more fully recognizing that no matter what happens, our faith sustains us. Thank you for choosing to send your children to our Holy Spirit Catholic Schools. We take your trust seriously! It has been our blessing to journey with you in the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to connect with other supporters of Catholic Education in the province, please check out the Facebook page of [GrACE](#) (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education). God Bless!

...where children are cherished and achieve their potential



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



"The righteous walk in integrity — happy are the children who follow them!"

(Proverbs 20:7)