

OCTOBER 2021

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We are collecting nonperishable food items for the Food Bank the first week of October

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5 Science Sizzle
3:15 – 4:45 pm
destination
exploration



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8 Thanksgiving Liturgy
8:30 am

Turkey Trot

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No School



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No School
P.D. Day

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Wear your OLA gear
or blue and white



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19 Science Sizzle
Session 2
3:15 – 4:45 pm

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School Council
Virtual mtg 7 pm

STEAM DAY



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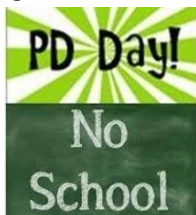
Hot Lunch
Lakeview Bakery

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26 Science Sizzle
Session 3
3:15 – 4:45 pm

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Board Meeting
6:00 pm

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Wear your costume



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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Hello OLA Families,

I am excited to introduce to you the new space we are creating at OLA. It is called a Maker Space. As part of our continued focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), we are working to build a space for students to be able to create and explore.

A Maker Space is a collaborative workspace for learning, exploring, and sharing. "They provide hands-on learning, help with critical thinking skills and even boost self-confidence." (<https://www.makerspaces.com/what-is-a-makerspace/>) This will continue to be a work in progress and we are so excited to see how this space will enhance our creativity.

A true Maker Space has many items at the ready for building and creating. We often have families asking if there are items we can use. The answer is YES! to almost anything that could be used to create.

The following is a list of items that would be most useful in our space. Please do not go out to purchase new items. However, if you might have these items that your family is finished using, please consider donating them to our Maker Space.

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| Lego | Magnet Building Tiles | Tools: hammers, screwdrivers, pliers | Fasteners: screws, nails etc | K'nex | Glue gun | Iron |
| Fabric | Yarn | Paper towel / toilet rolls | Tweezers | Tape measures | corks | beads |
| Bread tags | buttons | Rubber stamps / ink | Egg cartons | Rubber bands | Cereal and shoe boxes | Plastic lids and caps |
| Bubble wrap | Sewing needles | thread | felt | Toothpicks | pom poms | Cable ties |
| Embroidery floss | Popsicle sticks | Unused play doh | Q-tips | Perler beads and trays | Small toaster oven | wire |
| Wire cutter | dowels | sandpaper | Wood pieces | Safety glasses | magnets | |

Items are most easily used if they are sorted when they arrive.
Your support of this amazing space is most appreciated.

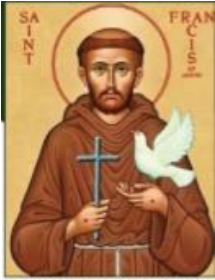
Thank you
Mrs. Calder



TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY

As we continue to explore our faith journey this year, the theme of Be Committed, Be Accountable takes on new resonance as we navigate the challenges of Covid-19. We continue to pray together for understanding, courage, and strength.

Our faith plan this year allows us to explore the holy saints special to our school division, those for whom we have named our schools. This exploration provides us with a true model of commitment and accountability through the lives of those who lived their mission to love God to its fullest. Last month we focused on St Teresa of Calcutta, whose love for the poor gave us a model of compassion in challenging times. This month, we will focus on St Francis of Assisi.



School: St. Francis Junior High

St. Francis of Assisi was a Catholic friar who traded wealth for poverty. He was born in Assisi, Italy in 1182 and grew up 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 held prisoner in a dungeon for a year before his father paid the ransom to set him free. God later called Francis to devote his life to serving the poor.

St Francis also loved 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.

Prayer to St Francis of Assisi

Good St. Francis, you reminded us to see God in all of the goodness of his creation, especially those living in poverty and other vulnerable situations.

Inspire us to look for new ways to serve those living in poverty - whether material or spiritual.

Guide those facing temptation or distraction to reorient their lives with God as their focus.

We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

St. Francis, pray for us.



FOOD BANK

We will be collecting non-perishable food items from October 4 – 8, to be donated to the Food Bank.

The class that brings in the most items will enjoy a PJ day.

Please help us to help others!

SAFE DROP OFF AND HANDICAP STALL

The safety of our students is of the utmost importance. Drop off time in the morning is a hectic and busy time. Please do your best to park in a designated spot to bring your children to the front door if needed or at least pull to a safe spot along the playground to drop students. This will help to ensure that students are not running in front of traffic.

Additionally, we do have a number of families who require the use of the handicap stall. Please keep that stall, and perhaps the one next to it, open for those who are permitted to use it.

BUS FEES

Reminder that bus fees for October are now due. Please login to your School Cash Online to pay.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those families that have already paid their school fees. School fees are now due. Please register with School Cash Online to pay all fees. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marina Miller at the school office. Email: millerm@holyspirit.ab.ca or phone: 403-327-5028.



SUPERVISION

Morning supervision – starts at 8:00 am
Afterschool supervision – there is no after school supervision on the playground.

NO SCHOOL DAYS

There is no school on Monday, October 11, Thanksgiving Day, Tuesday, October 12, Professional Development Day and Monday October 25, Divisional Professional Development Day.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch School Photography will be at the school on Wednesday, October 6, to take student photos. All students will have their individual picture. Proofs will be sent home approximately two weeks later. At that time, you may choose the package you wish to purchase. All orders are placed through Lifetouch online.

Picture retakes are scheduled for Monday, November 8. If your child was absent or you are not satisfied with your pictures, please return the proof package and new pictures will be taken.

TURKEY TROT



Our annual Turkey Trot will take place on Friday, October 8. Students are encouraged to dress like turkeys and will participate with their class in a fun run around the school.

HALLOWEEN

Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Friday, October 29. We ask that students do not bring any form of weapons or props (stuffies, etc.) and refrain from wearing gory costumes. When deciding on a costume remember that students will still be doing their school work and need to be comfortable sitting at their desks.

COOLER WEATHER

With the weather being unpredictable this time of year, we ask that you send your children dressed for cooler, windy days. All students are expected to be outside for their breaks and being warm can make this time more enjoyable.

HOT LUNCH

School Council is organizing a hot lunch for Thursday, Oct. 21 from Lakeview Bakery. All orders will be placed through School Cash Online. Watch your email for further information.

STAY INFORMED

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Webpage - ola.holyspirit.ab.ca

HAVE YOU OPTED-IN TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES FROM US?

Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 978338

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.

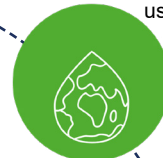
7) Community Engagement and Participatory Action

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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



“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

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...



School: St. Francis Junior High

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 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?



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.



Sources: *Daily Lessons from the Saints* by Fr. Brice Higginbotham, ducksters.com/history/middle_ages/saint_francis_of_assisi.php

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



OLA School Council News

Volunteers Needed!!

We challenge you to join our School Council and help make your child's year the best ever.

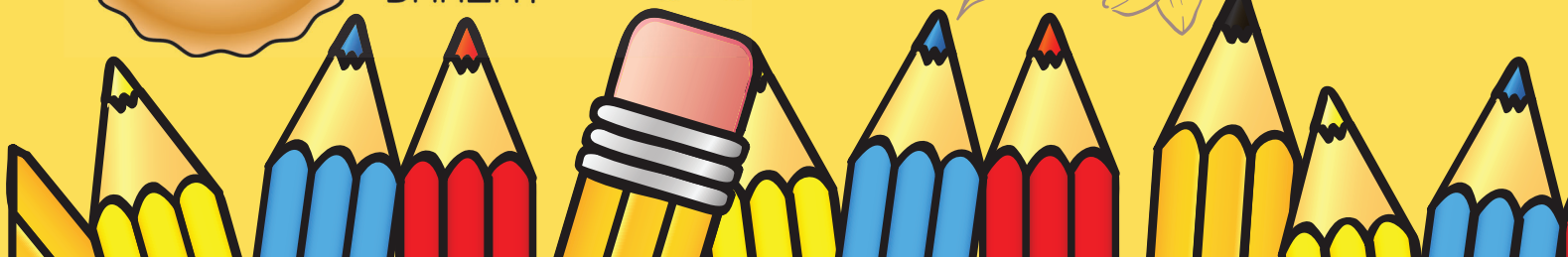


OLA Needs You -

Next meeting is on October 20th @ 7 pm

Thank You

A big thank you to the following donors who helped make our Welcome Back Hot Lunch a success!!



FriYAY CLUBS

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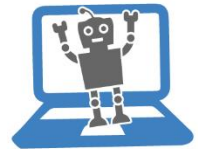
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Friday Afternoons from 1:00pm - 4:30pm

destination exploration
UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE



Science Experiments



Coding & Robotics



Building & Design



REGISTER TODAY!

uleth.ca/destination-exploration/clubs



Lifetouch

PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Wednesday, October 06, 2021
Our Lady of the Assumption School

What to Expect:



Students are photographed on Picture Day



Pictures are sent home with your child



Review pictures & purchase on mylifetouch.ca

Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 866-457-8212.



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All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school.

Ages 4 - 12
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Full Day & Half Day Options

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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

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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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