

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2 Groundhog Day Winter Walk / Global Play Day 	3	4	5	
6	7 Panago Pizza Night STEAM Day 	8	9	10 Hot lunch orders due today School Council meeting 7:00pm	11 Science Fair forms due	12	
13	14 	15	16 Jersey Day Assembly 9:15am Board Mtg	17 Boston Pizza hot lunch 	18 Mass 9:00am 	19	
20	21 	22	23	24 Teacher Convention	25 Teacher Convention	26	
27	28	No school for students					
					 FEBRUARY		



Looking forward to a new year with ...

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

2022/2023 REGISTRATION



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 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.



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.



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

...where students are cherished and achieve their potential.



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

CALDER'S COMMENTARY

With February upon us, I continue to reflect and feel blessed to be part of our amazing OLA school community. We continue to pray for those who are sick or have sick family members. While it has been a tough January for everyone, I must commend everyone on their willingness to continue to follow recommendations and be flexible in making sure OLA continues to run as smoothly as possible.

As has been our practice, I will continue to update you via email as recommendations change. Thank you for continuing to communicate with us regarding your child(ren)'s health and supporting their learning. Should your child(ren) need to stay home due to illness or close contact, please call the office to report their absence and contact their classroom teacher via email for information regarding learning materials and expectations.

We are looking forward to spring and hope that warm weather is on the way.

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow Your healing Hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others; touch my heart with Your courage and infinite Love for all; touch my mind with Your Wisdom, and may my mouth always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs, and help me to lead others to You by my example.

*Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever.
Amen*

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1325>

TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY

The new year has already given us a number of challenges! Not only are we struggling with our own personal fears and concerns, we face the constant uncertainty of a fluctuating situation. We are so blessed to work and learn together in a Catholic community, where we do not have to struggle on our own. We are here for each other and blessed to have the communion of saints at our backs.

In our short January, we learned about St. Paul, an incredibly influential saint responsible for most of the writings in the New Testament. St. Paul was no stranger to adversity himself, and serves as a great model for us in our current situation.



Appropriately, our saint for February is the great warrior Saint Michael the Archangel, who protects us from evil and darkness. Although not a traditional saint, we acknowledge Saint Michael as such because he is in Heaven in communion with God.

Archangels have unique roles as God's messengers to people at critical times. Among all the angels, they have the most special and protective love for all people and for the earth. The Church recognizes Michael the Archangel as one of the greatest of the archangels. He is the guardian of the Church. This makes St Michael a most appropriate guardian for challenging times, and allows us to remember that God and the entire Christian community, living and dead, surround us in their love.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

*Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the
world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

SCIENCE FAIR

We are continuing the tradition of our school science fair this year and it will take place on Wednesday, March 16. Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 who wish to participate must complete a registration/project proposal and permission form by Friday, February 11, 2022 and return to Mrs. Baptista or Mrs. Calder. We are encouraging students to work on their own projects, but they may work with a partner from their cohort (same class or sibling) if they choose. Parents are encouraged to provide assistance and guidance; but please remember it is your child's project.

The 2022 Lethbridge Regional Virtual Science Fair is scheduled for April 13. Projects submissions will be accepted until April 2, 2022. More information will follow.

WINTER WALK DAY

On Wednesday, February 2, we will be participating in Winter Walk Day as well as Global Play Day. Students will be spending time outdoors and we ask that you send your child to school with appropriate warm winter clothing.



BOSTON PIZZA HOT LUNCH



Our next hot lunch will be from Boston Pizza and is scheduled for Thursday, February 17. All orders are due by Feb 10. **NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.** All meals are \$5.00. Please check your SchoolCash Online account for choices.

If you are having trouble logging in, please contact the school office.

PINK SHIRT DAY

On Thursday, February 17, 2022, we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day. We encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that we do not tolerate bullying.



DONATIONS

We are looking for donations for our March STEAM Day. We need sticks (about a foot long), seashells, and smooth stones (any size) to make a nature craft. If you are able to help us out, please send your items to the school as soon as you can. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING WITH SAFETY IN MIND

School Council will be selling first aid kits from Canadian Safety Supplies with lots of options for everyone's needs. Money raised will go towards classroom virtual field trips, school activities such as holiday events, sports day, etc. All orders will be placed through SchoolCash online. Watch your email for more information.



February

Together on the Journey



St. Michael

Schools: St. Michael's Pincher Creek and St. Michael's Bow Island



ST. MICHAEL

This month brings us to a different kind of saint as we turn our attention to the holy archangels. St. Michael is the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank. St. Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition: 1) to fight against Satan, 2) to rescue the souls of the faithful from the Devil, especially at the hour of death, 3) to attend the dying and accompany them to judgment, and 4) to be the champion of God's people; the Israelites under the Old Law, and now the Catholic Church.

"But I am to tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince."

Daniel 10:21

Explanation and Hierarchy of the 9 Choirs of Angels

1ST TRIAD - CONTEMPLATE AND ADORE GOD DIRECTLY

SERAPHIM (meaning "the burning ones"). They are attendants at the throne of God. They praise God singing, "Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts!" - ISAIAH 6:1-7



CHERUBIM (meaning "the fullness of wisdom"). They contemplate God's providence, and are assigned to protect special places. - EXODUS 25:18-21; EZEKIEL 10:14; REVELATIONS 4-6

THRONES represent the steadfastness of the love of God. They contemplate God's love and judgment, and they appear as the most unlike the others when revealed. - EZEKIEL 10:17; COLOSSIANS 1:16; DANIEL 7:9



2ND TRIAD - FULFILL GOD'S PLAN IN THE UNIVERSE

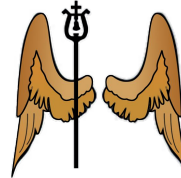
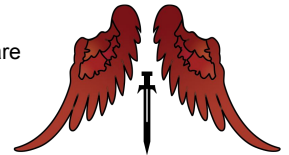


DOMINIONS are lord over the lower choirs and humanity. They take illumination from the higher hierarchies and govern the universe. - EPHESIANS 1:21; COLOSSIANS 1:16

VIRTUES run the operation of movement in the universe. They are often associated with planets, elements, seasons, and nature. - EPHESIANS 1:21



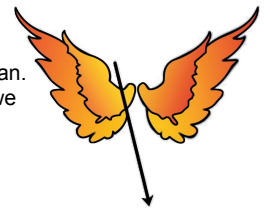
POWERS assist in governing the natural order. They are warrior angels tasked with fighting the war against the demonic choirs. - EPHESIANS 3:10; 6:12



3RD TRIAD - INTERACT AND SERVE HUMANITY CLOSELY

PRINCIPALITIES are of the lowest triad, assigned to care and guard communities, kingdoms, states, and parishes. They are associated with transitions in power. - EPHESIANS 1:21; 3:10

ARCHANGELS are leader angels assigned to communicate and carry out God's important plans for man. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael are the only three names we know. - JUDE 9; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16; TOB



ANGELS are closest to the material world and humanity. The lowest choir is where we get the majority of our personal guardian angels. - MATTHEW 18:10; LUKE 22:43; HEBREWS 13:2



"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

- Psalm 91:11

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Feast Days and Celebrations February 2022

- 8 International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
- 11 World Day of Prayer for the Sick
- 14 Valentine's Day



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

WEEK ONE

It's easy to find ourselves afraid of demons, but there is great comfort in knowing that there are twice as many holy angels as there are demons. Take a moment to pray this prayer to St. Michael. (The [St. Michael Prayer](#) was instituted by Pope Leo XIII after a vision.)

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
 Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the
 heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
 and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
 Amen.

WEEK TWO

In Revelation 12:7-9, Lucifer's pride is contrasted with St. Michael's humility, resulting in Lucifer being cast down to the earth. Pray the [Litany of Humility](#), a contemporary version of the prayer by Servant of God Raphael Cardinal Merry del Val, secretary of state to Pope St. Pius X. What does it mean to be humble?

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. - James 4:6b

WEEK FOUR

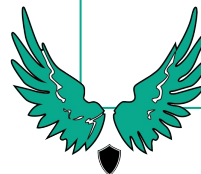
When we sing in church, we are singing in union with the angels, giving to God the praise that is His due. Do you have a favourite hymn or spiritual song that you like to sing, and why is it your favourite?

WEEK THREE

God loves you so much that He employs these powerful spiritual beings to care for, protect, and guide you. Say this prayer today, giving glory to the Holy Trinity for sending us such great helpers:

*"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen."*

Use the space below to write or draw a picture of what it means to you to feel protected by God's holy angels.



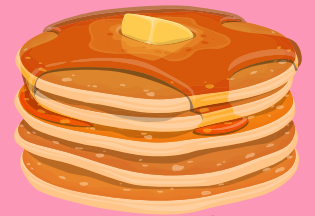
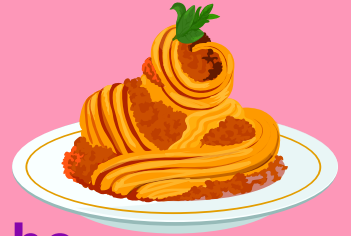
Sunday Gospel Readings

- Feb. 6th/5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 5:1-11
- Feb. 13th/6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 6:17, 20-26
- Feb. 20th/7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 6: 27-38
- Feb. 27th/8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 6:39-45

OLA School Council News

Upcoming Events:

- Next hot lunch will be on February 17th and will be from Boston Pizza. There will be a choice of 4 meals. Meals will cost \$5.
- Shrove Tuesday on March 1st. Pancakes generously donated and prepared by the Knights of Columbus #5726



Fundraisers:

- Panago Pizza Night on February 7th - North location only. 15% of all pizza orders purchased that day will be donated to OLA. Thank you for your support!
- Ability Bottle Depot - North and South Locations - You can donate a portion or all of your recyclables to OLA.

Got a suggestion - forward to olaschoolcouncillethbridge@gmail.com

2022 OUTDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION

Online Registration opens February 1, 2022 – March 6, 2022



www.lethbridgesoccer.com

403-320-5425

Boys and Girls

U4 – U7 (Co-Ed) \$120.00

U9 - U18 (Co-Ed) - \$170.00

Season to start April 16 – June 18, 2022



LFC Competitive information will be made available online at www.lethbridgesoccer.com or visit our Facebook Page at Lethbridge Soccer Association. LFC Registration for evaluations will open online March 1, 2022

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

REGISTER AT:

www.lethbridgeminorssoftball.com

REGISTRATION ENDS MAR 31ST

Lethbridge Minor Softballs goal is to grow the sport of softball while providing a great experience for kids ages 3-19 from Apr -Jun.

We also offer a competitive provincial team for players interested in challenging themselves further.

We believe you are never too old to play and regardless of experience we welcome you to come out and learn the sport of softball that provides fun with physical activity!



LETHBRIDGE LITTLE LEAGUE

HOUSE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Jan 10th - Mar 4th

Register Now at: www.lethbridgelittleleague.com

