



September

2021

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St. Mary's School

Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me

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September 10, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year at St. Mary's. Classes have been underway for approximately two weeks and it is fantastic to see students engaged in learning, sports, leadership, and the usual extra-curricular activities at St. Mary's.

We are continuing to follow our Latin motto: "Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me." In English it translates as: "Here I am, send me." It is Isaiah's response to God when he calls him to bring His word to the people of Israel (Isaiah 6:8). The motto embodies the purpose of education from a Catholic-Christian perspective. At St. Mary's, we believe that all people are created by God for His purpose, and that God calls us to that purpose every day. Education serves us in preparing to respond to God's vocational call in our lives.

Further to this, it is our intention to encourage a culture of after-school academics. While we have always had thriving extra-curricular programming in sports, band, and volunteerism at St. Mary's, apart from a few remarkable students, many have not taken advantage of opportunities for further learning and understanding in courses. To support after school academics this year, all teachers are available for an additional half-hour each week according to the enclosed office hours schedule. Please encourage your child to develop strong study habits by accessing their teachers for additional instruction. Parents are also welcome to make appointments with teachers during this time to discuss student progress and support.

As we continue through this school year, I encourage parents reach out to the school administration to discuss any questions or concerns that may come up. Thank you for your continued support of our staff and students through volunteering and communication. Please continue to pray for our school community and the success of all of our students.

Sincerely,

Mark DeJong

Mark DeJong
Principal
St. Mary's School





TABER POLICE SERVICE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Hello, my name is Juanita Fudge and I am grateful for the opportunity of being the Taber Police Service's School Resource Officer in partnership with the Horizon and Holy Spirit School Divisions.

I have been a Police Officer since September 2011. After graduating from the Atlantic Police Academy, in Prince Edward Island. I began my career with the Taber Police Service moved to Taber from a small fishing community in Nova Scotia to join this popular Taber corn community.

The majority of my career has been spent in Patrols, which has allowed me many opportunities to interact with and become involved in various organizations. I am the first female senior constable for the Taber Police Services, which afforded me to attend many Women in leadership and Women in policing conferences. Some of these conferences were held in Calgary, Los Vegas and even as far away as Alaska.

Before my policing career, I was a librarian and a single mom of two boys. I have also worked as a radio personality and a column writer for a local newspaper. I am a two-time cancer survivor. I grew up in a fishing home, with my father being a lobster fisherman. My two boys are now involved in the fishing community. My oldest is a fisher of clams on a large fishing trawler and my youngest is the captain of his own lobster-fishing vessel.

I believe that lasting communities are built upon strong foundations where family structure, honesty, faith and respect are instilled in our youth through the support of our valued educators and community. "It takes a community to raise a child"

I am proud and eager to support the education and development of our community's future leaders and look forward to building many lifelong relationships, through laughter, a lot of love and support.

Sincerely,

Juanita Fudge
Senior Constable (#00127)
School Resource Officer
Taber Police Service



OFFICE HOURS FOR SMS TEACHERS SEMESTER 1 (2021-2022)

Do you need extra help with any subjects or assignments? Check out this chart for extra time the teachers are putting in for just that reason. Stop in and ask your questions, or get the help you need. Parents are also welcome to stop in for a chat during these extra hours.



Mr. Bergenhenengowen	Tuesdays	3:35 - 3:45 p.m.
Ms. Buit	Mondays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mr. Doolittle	Thursdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Ms. Gatz	Tuesdays	3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Mr. Kraemer	Mondays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mrs. Lagler	Thursdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mr. Makarchuk	Wednesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mr. Marchesin	Mondays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mrs. Meier	Wednesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mrs. Siemens	Mon/Wednesdays	3:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Mrs. Smith	Thursdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Ms. Vienneau	Wednesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mr. Vornbrock	Thursdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.



NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF RELIGIOUS PERMEATION

Section 58.1 of the *Education Act* requires a school board to give notice to a parent or guardian when courses of study, education programs, institutional materials, instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion. All of the schools in this division are Catholic Separate Schools, the essential purpose of which is to fully permeate Catholic theology, philosophy, practices and beliefs, the principles of the Gospel and teachings of the Catholic Church, in all aspects of school life, including in the curriculum of every subject taught, both in and outside of formal religion classes, celebrations and exercises. Every course of study and educational program, all institutional materials, instruction and exercises will at all times include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.



FAIR NOTICE LETTER

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to help a student take responsibility for their actions, change their behavior and learn from their mistakes.

When students' behaviors pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, the Southwest Alberta Regional Violence Risk Threat Assessment Protocol (VTRA) helps principals take further steps to protect the well-being of students and staff. The protocol helps schools respond quickly to threatening incidents such as: possession of a weapon or a replica weapon, bomb threats or plans, verbal, written or electronic (internet, text) threats to kill or injure oneself or others or other threats of violence, fire setting.

The Southwest Alberta Regional VTRA Protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening behavior. Principals may first bring together a School Threat Assessment Team, which ideally includes the principal / associate principal, a school based counsellor / jurisdictional lead and police of jurisdiction. If the situation is serious the principal may also consult the Superintendent of Schools and call in members of the Community Threat Assessment Team. This community team may include representatives of community agencies who work with us to keep our schools safer such as, but not limited to, local police, children's mental health organizations or Child and Family Services. Parents / guardians will be notified as soon as possible in the Stage I - VTRA Process. If parents / guardians cannot be reached, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behavior, the threat assessment may still proceed. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

This letter complies with procedure 2 of *Administrative Procedure 322: Violence Threat / Risk Assessment (V-TRA) Protocol*, which states that parents / guardians will be provided with "fair notice" that each threat will be taken seriously. Should you wish to further review this Administrative Procedure, please visit our website at www.holyspirit.ab.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's use of the Southwest Alberta Regional V-TRA Protocol, please contact the Director of Support Services at the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre. We appreciate your support in ensuring our schools are safe environments for our students, staff and community partners.

Sincerely,
Ken Sampson, Superintendent of Schools

HOLY SPIRIT SMT & SPT 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

AUGUST '21

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Aug 26 First day for staff
Aug 26 Opening Mass

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SEPTEMBER '21

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Sept 1 First day for students
Sept 6 Labour Day
Sept 22 Div. Board Meeting
Sept 23 School PD Day
Sept 24 School PD Day

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OCTOBER '21

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Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 25 Div. PD Day
Oct 27 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (45)
I – 19 (38)

NOVEMBER '21

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Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 12 Non-operational Day
Nov 24 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (65)
I – 20 (58)

DECEMBER '21

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Dec 15 Div. Board Meeting
Dec 17 Last day before break
Dec 20-31 Christmas break
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 26 Boxing Day

O – 13 (78)
I – 13 (71)

JANUARY '22

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Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 3 Christmas break
Jan 4 First day after break
Jan 26 Div. Board Meeting

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I – 20 (91)

FEBRUARY '22

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Feb 16 Div. Board Meeting
Feb 18 School PD Day
Feb 21 Family Day
Feb 22 & 23 Unassigned time for teachers
Feb 24 & 25 SWATCA

O – 17 (115)
I – 14 (105)

MARCH '22

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Mar 4 No busses
Mar 7 No busses
Mar 11 Div. Collab. Day
Mar 14 Div. Spiritual Dev.
Mar 23 Div. Board Meeting

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I – 21 (126)

APRIL '22

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Apr 14 Last day before break
Apr 15 Good Friday
Apr 17 Easter Sunday
Apr 18–22 Easter break
Apr 25 First day after break
Apr 27 Div. Board Meeting

O – 15 (153)
I – 15 (141)

MAY '22

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May 20 School PD Day
May 23 Victoria Day
May 25 Div. Board Meeting

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I – 20 (161)

JUNE '22

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Jun 22 Div. Board Meeting
Jun 28 Last day students and teachers

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JULY '22

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

St. Mary's School Fees 2021-2022



Junior High		Senior High	
General Fees		General Fees	
Caution Fee	\$10.00 (refundable)	Caution Fee	\$10.00 (refundable)
School Council / Leadership	\$5.00	School Council / Leadership	\$5.00
Parent Council	\$5.00	Parent Council	\$5.00
First Aid Fee	\$2.00	First Aid Fee	\$2.00
Technology Integration	\$12.00	Technology Integration	\$12.00
		Graduation Deposit	\$100 (non refundable)
Yearbook (optional)	\$40.00	Graduation	\$250.00
		Graduation Banquet	\$400.00
		Yearbook (optional)	\$40.00
Fees For Optional Courses		Fees For Optional Courses	
Art	\$30.00	Art (\$10 per credit)	\$50.00
Band (if rental required)	\$70.00	Band (if rental required)	\$70.00
Construction	\$30.00	CTS Shop (\$15 per credit)	\$150.00
Foods/Fashion	\$30.00	CTS Foods/Fashion (\$10/ credit)	\$100.00
Phys Ed	\$25.00	Phys Ed	\$45.00
Extracurricular Fees		Extracurricular Fees	
Badminton	\$50.00	Badminton	\$60.00
Basketball SV	\$150.00	Badminton Provincials Fee	\$75.00
Basketball JV	\$120.00	Slo-Pitch	\$75.00
Cross Country	\$40.00	Basketball	\$400.00
Volleyball SV	\$150.00	Basketball Provincials Fee	\$75.00
Volleyball JV	\$120.00	Cross Country	\$40.00
Track and Field	\$30.00	Cross Country Provincials Fee	\$75.00
Gr.6 Volleyball	\$40.00	Golf	\$75.00
Gr. 6 Basketball	\$40.00	Golf Provincials Fee	\$75.00
Gr. 6 Badminton	\$25.00	Curling	\$100.00
		Curling Provincials Fee	\$75.00
		Volleyball	\$400.00
		Volleyball Provincials Fee	\$75.00
		Track and Field	\$40.00
		Track and Field Provincials Fee	\$75.00
Activity Fees		Activity Fees	
Jr/Sr Band Trip	\$500.00	Jr/Sr Band Trip	\$1300.00
Jr/Sr Band Trip 1	\$500.00	Outdoor Pursuits Camp	\$650.00
Gr. 6 Band Workshop	\$45.00	Cardboard Boat Races	\$20.00
Gr.6 Legislature Trip	\$170.00	Art Gallery Trip	\$10.00
Grade 6 Field Trip	\$70.00	Religion Retreats	\$10.00
Grade 7 Field Trip	\$150.00	Post Sec/Career Transportation	\$40.00
Grade 8 Field Trip	\$150.00	Grade 10/11 Field Trip	\$50.00
Grade 9 Field Trip	\$50.00	Band Trip 2	\$1000.00
Religion Retreats	\$10.00	PE Emergency First Aid(Optional)	\$80.00
CTF Options	\$20.00	Grad Retreat	\$50.00
		CTS Optional Fee	\$25.00

Monday - Thursday	Friday (AM/PM)
<i>Warning Bell: 8:28</i>	<i>Warning Bell: 8:28</i>
Per 1: 8:30 - 9:15	Liturgy: 8:30 - 9:00
Per 2: 9:15 - 10:00	Per 1: 9:00 - 9:46
Per 3: 10:02 - 10:47	Per 2: 9:46 - 10:32
Per 4: 10:47 - 11:33	Per 3: 10:34 - 11:20
Lunch: 11:33 - 12:12	Per 4: 11:20 - 12:06
Per 5: 12:12 - 12:57	
Per 6: 12:57 - 1:42	
Per 7: 1:44 - 2:29	
Per 8: 2:29 - 3:14	

Bell Times for School Year 2021-2022

**Parent Council AGM
September 29 @ 6pm**

**All SMS parents are
invited to attend.**





PAY
SCHOOL
FEES
ONLINE

SchoolCashOnline

HOLYSPIRIT.SCHOOLCASHONLINE.COM



Subject: Online Payment for School Expenses Now Available

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to announce that our school will now be offering *School Cash Online*, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. *School Cash Online* is a great way to pay without the need for cash or checks!

Please follow the link below to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline. (Check off the box to receive email notifications).

To set up an account and explore the system, please follow the instructions below. We look forward to hearing your feedback!

Register Online:

Step 1: Please click on this link: holyspirit.schoolcashonline.com

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account. **Please note that you will need your child's legal name, birthdate and ASN in order to add them to your account.** The ASN for:

✓ Convenient ✓ Safe ✓ Secure

If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the **SUPPORT** option in the top right hand area of the screen. You can also access support/FAQ info at <https://schoolcashonline.com/home/support>

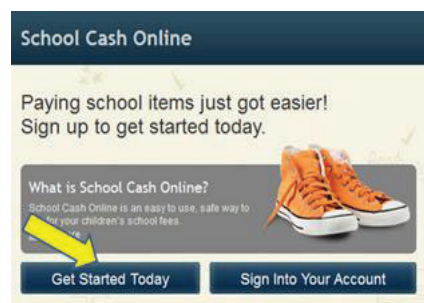
SchoolCashOnline Available Now

For safety and efficiency reasons, Holy Spirit Catholic School District would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Checks coming into our school. School Cash Online is our school's preferred method of payment. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

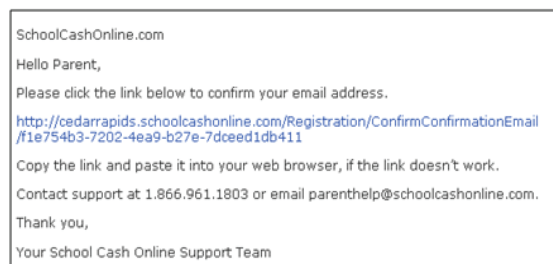
- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://holyspirit.schoolcashionline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Enter Your Child's ASN (available from your school)
- Select *Continue*
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*
- Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number?

Student Number:

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Birth Date: *
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Effective Wednesday, September 8, 2021, and adhering to the Alberta Health CMOH Order 40-2021, buildings in Holy Spirit Catholic Schools will require all staff and all students (K-12) to wear a non-medical mask.

Neon Day is Wednesday, September 15! Wear your brightest clothing for a chance to win prizes!

Speaking of yearbooks, last years books have arrived and are ready for pick up in the office. If you did not purchase one last year, we do have extras available for sale for \$40 each.

Please remember to bring a reuseable water bottle to school this year. Not only does it help the environment, but it also helps prevent the spread of Covid by not sharing the water fountain spout. Bottles can still be filled at these stations.

Cross-Country started on September 7 after school. If you would like to participate, please see Mrs. Muller in the office for more details. It's not too late to join in!

If you are interested in purchasing any SMS Clothing, please stop in at the office to inquire. We have a small selection left.

Our LOST AND FOUND is located by the north entry doors. Please check it if you are missing any items.

Grade 6 Volleyball & Basketball - Depending on numbers and interest, we will be having Grade 6 volleyball and basketball teams. Listen to announcements for more details as Grade 6 volleyball will be starting as early as next week.

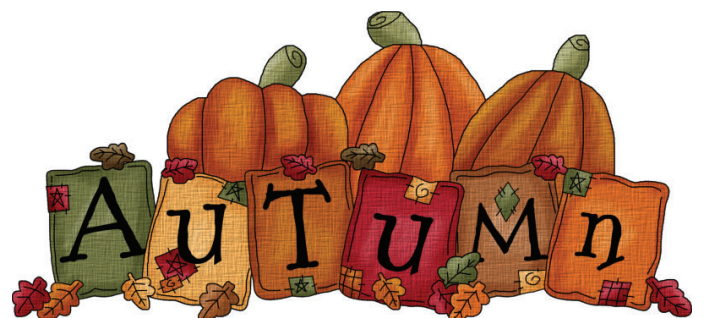
Grade 6 Badminton - Grade 6 students will have a chance to play badminton in April/ May

There will be NO SCHOOL on Thursday, September 23 and Friday, September 24. Both days are Professional Development Day for Holy Spirit Staff.

There will also be NO SCHOOL on Thursday, September 30 in honor and recognition of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. **PLEASE WEAR AN ORANGE SHIRT TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

On Friday, October 1 we will be hosting our annual Terry Fox Run beginning at 8:45 a.m. Please consider donating to the total that SMS collects for cancer research by visiting the link below and clicking on DONATE

<http://www.terryfox.ca/StMarysSchoolTaber>



Band News

Any student who is using a school instrument is reminded to get their instrument rental sheets in, signed by a parent, and their \$70.00 rental fee in to the school so that they can be issued an instrument right away. Grade 6 parents are reminded that if they are providing their own instrument, it needs to be at the school by Monday, September 27th.

The St. Mary's Band Booster Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00 in the band room. Although this meeting will not be long, it is very important to the ongoing strength of the St. Mary's band program. We have almost 100% of our instruments rented out to students. It is important that we start adding to our inventory to ensure all of our students have the opportunity to take band. All students who are in band are asked to have at least one parent at this meeting so we can get this year off to a good start. We will also be discussing our band activities for all grades.

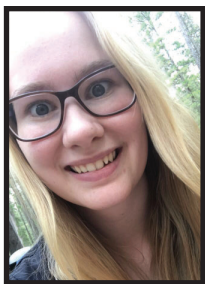
The St. Mary's Band Booster Club will begin our first fundraising activity if this year in the last week of September. We will also be selling Dieleman's chocolates and gift products at that time. Funds raised from that project will go into the students' individual accounts. More information will be available in a few weeks.

The St. Mary's Jazz Band will hold its first rehearsal on Tuesday, September 21st from 3:20 to 4:20 in the band room. Students registered in band class at St. Mary's from grades 7-12 are welcome to attend. Traditionally, only saxes, trombones, and trumpets play in the jazz band, but we will accommodate any instrument played in the St. Mary's Band. In addition, drummers, piano players, electric and bass guitar players are welcome. Anyone interested in playing in the Jazz Band must be enrolled in band at St. Mary's. If you are interested, please see Mr. Makarchuk before this date.

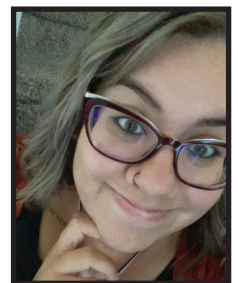
All band students, from grades 6-12 will be completing a Home Performance Assignment every month. Students will be required to take their instrument home and play for a parent, grandparent, or other adult and have them fill out an evaluation form. Students will also be completing a self evaluation of their performance. Forms will be available the second week of September and are due back the first school day of the next month. (September's form is due October 1st) Grade 6's do not have to complete the September assignment.

Grade 6-8 band students will be required to fill out a weekly practice sheet. Students need to practice 70 minutes per week to receive full marks. Sheets are available in the band room. Grade 7-8 students start practice sheets September 13th, while grade 6's will start October 4th.

Please help us welcome our new staff!



I am Karli Gatz, and I will be teaching Social 8, Social 10-1, Social 30-1, and Com-Tech at St. Mary's this semester, as well as coaching volleyball. I grew up in Bow Island and graduated with my Education Degree from Mount Royal University in 2019. In my free time I enjoy golfing, camping, figure skating, and spending time with friends and family. I look forward to meeting everyone at St. Mary's!



Hi, my name is Kaitlyn and I have been an EA with Holy Spirit since 2018 working in early learning. I am originally from BC but moved to Lethbridge to attend the University of Lethbridge where I obtained my BA in history. I love Disney and Harry Potter and in my free time, I can be found crocheting or crafting. I am looking forward to joining the St. Mary's team and working with and learning from all the students and staff.

September

Together on the Journey

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:14



School: St. Teresa of Calcutta



ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Born Anjeze Gonxhe (in English, “Agnes Little Flower”) Bojaxhiu in what is now called North Macedonia, Agnes was fascinated by stories of saintly missionaries. By age 12, she was convinced she should give her life completely to Jesus as a nun. After many spiritual conversations with her mother and her priest, who guided her in this discernment, Agnes left home at 18 years old to join the Sisters of Loreto, where she took the name Teresa. Soon she was sent to Ireland for her formation as a nun and as a missionary. She later left the convent to devote herself to caring for the sick and poor, a ministry she selflessly continued until her death in 1997.

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

	01 FEED THE HUNGRY
	02 GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY
	03 CLOTHE THE NAKED
	04 SHELTER THE HOMELESS
	05 VISIT THE SICK
	06 VISIT THE IMPRISONED
	07 BURY THE DEAD

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY



We do not perform good works in order to please God. We do not do good works in order to earn grace or salvation. We do good works because God is love and we yearn to live in God. By sharing love with others, we encounter the living God. The Catholic Church identifies for us various works of mercy - the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy. The Corporal Works of Mercy can be traced to the Parable of the Last Judgment in Matthew 25. These works are kind acts by which we help our neighbours with their everyday material and physical needs. The following are some suggestions for how we can practice these in our everyday lives.

1 & 2 Feeding the Hungry/Give Drink to the Thirsty - Support and volunteer for food pantries, soup kitchens, and agencies that feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty; make a few sandwiches to hand out as you walk through areas of your city or town where you may encounter people who are in need of food.

3 Clothe the Naked - Go through your drawers and closets and find good condition clothes to donate to agencies that accept clothing; participate in clothing drives in your community.

4 Shelter the Homeless - Help neighbours to care for their homes and do repairs; support and/or volunteer at a homeless shelter; support and/or volunteer for Catholic Charities initiatives, Habitat for Humanity etc.

5 Visit the Sick - Spend quality time with those who are sick or homebound; take the time to call, send a card, or an email to someone who is sick.

6 Visit the Imprisoned - Support and/or participate in ministries to those who are incarcerated; support programs sponsored by agencies that advocate on behalf of those who are unjustly imprisoned. Visit people “imprisoned” by loneliness, sickness, or old age.

7 Bury the Dead - Be faithful about attending wakes/visitation; support or volunteer at a hospice; participate in a bereavement ministry; spend time with widows and widowers; take friends and relatives to visit the cemetery; support ministries that offer free Christian burials to people unable to afford time.

RESOURCES

[Lukas Storyteller: Mother Teresa](#) (FORMED video)

[Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus](#) (FORMED video)

[Saint Teresa of Calcutta](#) by Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Mark Giszczak (FORMED video)

“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

September

Together on the Journey



School: St. Teresa of Calcutta



Feast Days and Celebrations September 2021

- 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- 5 Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta
- 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
- 29 Feast of St. Michael

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

WEEK ONE

Agnes's (St. Teresa's) mother remembered the words of Jesus and encouraged her daughter to be totally devoted to Him. Write a prayer asking God to help you to be totally devoted to Jesus.



WEEK TWO

How can you go out of your way to share in the experiences of someone else, especially someone different from you who might be struggling.



WEEK FOUR

St. Teresa loved to say, 'Perhaps I don't speak their language, but I can smile.' Who do you want to share a smile with today?



WEEK THREE

St. Teresa's energy and conviction came from her daily visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Write a prayer asking for the grace to show God's love to the people you encounter.



Sunday Gospel Readings

- Sept. 5/23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 7:31-37
- Sept. 12/24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 8:27-35
- Sept. 19/25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 9:30-37
- Sept. 26/26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



OFF-CAMPUS NEWS

Welcome Back.

Listed below are the programs we offer through Off-Campus Education.

We also offer Career, Post-Secondary and Scholarship Information.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about any of our programs, please contact us.

Work Experience

Work Experience is a program designed to create an opportunity for students to earn high school credits and experience the World of Work first hand. Students may be in a paid or a volunteer position. Students can earn up to 15 credits towards their High School Diploma. All students **must have** complete the **HCS 3000 (Workplace Safety Systems) course** before starting work experience and complete the **Off-Campus Work Agreement** form and return it **BEFORE** hours of work will start to be accumulated. Students are responsible for finding their own positions.

Earn while you learn!



Green Certificate Program

This program is a joint endeavor between Alberta Education and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. Participants learn by actively performing the skills required under the direction of experienced farm personal and provides students with credentials that could lead to a career in agribusiness. Students must complete AGR3000 (an Agriculture Safety course). Students can earn up to 16 credits towards their High School Diploma . There are 11 different specializations to choose from. Go to : <https://lethbridgecollege.ca/green-certificate> to read the description's.



Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)

This program provides senior high school students the opportunity to earn credits in high school and gain on-the-job training that can be applied towards an apprenticeship. Students can earn up to 40 credits towards their High School Diploma. All students **must have** complete the **HCS 3000 (Workplace Safety Systems) course** before starting RAP and be paid at least minimum wage for their work. RAP students will also receive their Apprenticeship Blue Book.

Earn while you learn!



Dual Credit - With Olds College and Lethbridge College

Dual Credit courses are an opportunity for high school students to explore career pathways, post-secondary opportunities, get a head start on post-secondary diploma programs and ease transition from high school to post-secondary while still enrolled in high school. Students will earn credits in both high school & post-secondary at the same time. There are no tuition fees for post-secondary courses completed during high school.



Special Projects

Special Projects are projects that students can pursue in which they have considerable interest or ability but which are not within the scope of the regular curriculum. Students can earn up to 15 credits towards their Diploma.



Mr. Boschee will be at St. Mary's on Thursdays.



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