# St. Mary's School

Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me

November 2022



We hosted our first SOUP DAY on Oct. 18. Once per month, staff & parents provide a free lunch for our entire student body. Thank you to the Taber Food Bank for donating the buns for this event!





No School November 11 November 14

The deadline to order SMS merch is Friday, November 4. No exceptions

Stay tuned for an upcoming meeting regarding a Europe 2024 school trip!

St. Mary's Academic Awards will be held on Wed. Nov. 9 @ 6pm



# The Catholic Bishops of **Alberta** and the

### Les **évêques catholiques** de **l'Alberta** et des Northwest Territories Territoires du Nord-Ouest

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October 11, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

As for us, we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever. Micah 4:5

Publicly funded Catholic education is a gift to be embraced with gratitude. As citizens in one of only three provinces and two territories with publicly funded Catholic education, we need to recognize the blessing, responsibility, and opportunity we have been afforded to lead our young people to Jesus Christ and form them in the faith of his Church. Within an increasingly secularistic society, parents are seeking a genuine Catholic education for their children. They entrust them to the educators, trustees, clergy and Catholic community, in the expectation that all will collaborate effectively to ensure that our young people encounter the love of God revealed in Christ. Let us all joyfully accept this challenge!

The theme for Catholic education 2022-2023 is "Walking Together in Catholic Education". One year ago, our Holy Father called the faithful to experience a synodal process of communal listening, dialogue and discernment in relation to the mission of the Church. He described this as an invitation to the People of God to "walk together in faith". In 2022, the Holy Father modelled the synodal experience when he welcomed Inuit, First Nations, and Métis delegates to the Vatican. Then, in his recent penitential pilgrimage to our nation, Pope Francis walked with us on the journey towards truth and reconciliation.

Throughout the synodal process in our respective dioceses, we heard again and again that the People of God are concerned for our children and families. As essential participants in the mission of the Church, Catholic schools have a vital role to play in providing opportunities for our students to encounter Jesus and walk with him. This "walking together" requires listening and dialogue. Yet, as Pope Francis has said, "We cannot create a culture of dialogue if we do not have identity." (2)To fulfill their mission effectively, therefore, our schools must clearly understand Catholic identity and embrace it fully.

Furthermore, our theme, Walking Together in Catholic Education, gives expression to our solidarity and unity in the service of our young people. On the occasion of Catholic Education Sunday, we, the Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, wish to acknowledge with deep gratitude the "workers in the vineyards" of Catholic education. Parents, you are the first and primary teachers of your children. Thank you for your faithfulness and for choosing and supporting Catholic education. Teachers, the influence of your witness is beyond measure. By choosing to be a Catholic educator you have responded to a missionary vocation. Thank you. Clergy and parishioners, your prayers, support and active engagement with Catholic schools are evidence of our unity and commitment to young people. Thank you. To those in leadership roles, the decisions you make and the unity you model aim to foster within our schools a culture of faith in Christ and fidelity to his Word. Be assured of our readiness to support you in this heavy yet beautiful responsibility.

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, is an occasion for prayer, reflection and solidarity, as we acknowledge Catholic Education Sunday in Alberta and the Northwest Territories. As we gather in Eucharistic celebration in our parishes, let us offer prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of Catholic schools, together with petitions for the beloved young people entrusted to our care.

May God bless our Catholic schools.

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT

Most Reverend Richard W. Smith

Archbishop of Edmonton

Most Reverend Paul Terrio

Bishop of St. Paul

Most Reverend David Motiuk

Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of

Edmonton

Most Reverend William McGrattan

+ William M. Shutton

Bishop of Calgary

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Most Reverend Gerard Pettipas CSsR

Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan

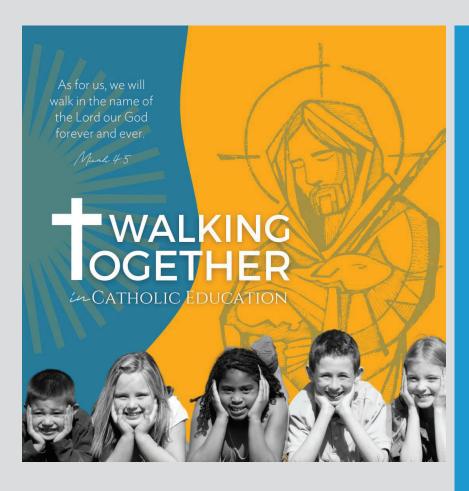
Most Reverend Jon Hansen, CSsR Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith

# OFFICE HOURS FOR SMS TEACHERS SEMESTER 1 (2022-2023)

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 make an appointment to stop in for a chat.



Mr. Bergenhenengowen	Mondays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Ms. Buit	Mondays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mr. Doolittle	Thursdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mrs. Lagler	Thursdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mrs. Lequiere	Tues/Thurs.	3:15 - 4:00 p.m.
Mr. Makarchuk	Wednesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mr. Marchesin	Tuesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mrs. Meier	Tuesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mrs. Siemens	Tues/Thurs.	3:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Mrs. Smith	Thursdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Ms. Vienneau	Tuesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Mr. Vornbrock	1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday 3rd Tuesday	3:15 - 3:45 p.m. 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6



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ADVOCATING FOR
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THE MISSION OF
GRACE IS TO
INSPIRE,
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SPIRIT OF CATHOLIC
EDUCATION IN
ORDER TO UNITE,
ENGAGE, EDUCATE
AND ADVOCATE
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### **ALUMNI PROFILE: Corey Persson Graduated 2002**

I was born and raised in Taber and graduated from St. Mary's in 2002. My last day at St. Mary's was the ground breaking and sod turning ceremony for the new school. I did not follow a traditional post-secondary school path after graduating. During high school, I worked at the local McDonalds, was awarded several promotions and continued down this career path for several years. In 2006, I started a role with Tim Hortons as a District Manager in southern Alberta. I held a variety of different positions during my tenure, living in Edmonton as well as Toronto for several years with the company. I most recently was in the position of Vice President of western Canada.

In August 2020, an opportunity became available to become a Tim Hortons Franchisee, currently owning the locations in Taber, Coaldale. We are under construction in Bow Island. I will always be thankful for the experiences and learning opportunities from St. Mary's. There are many fond memories. I have two children, Olivia and Jaxon. We enjoy spending time at our condo in Fernie as much as possible – especially in the winter to get some skiing in.

# ARE YOU AN ALUMNI OF SMS?

Help get the word out. We are trying to connect to our Alumni... please help spread the word, we can't do it without you!

If you know someone who isn't on the list or you would like to be added please email Kristy Bell

bellk@holyspirit.ab.ca

Be a part of our alumni community...

- -Be included in Alumni events, and community
- -Networking opportunities.
- -Volunteer opportunities
- -Lifelong friendships, and rekindling of old friendships





### ALUMNI PROFILE: Nash Sta. Maria 2022

"Surrounding myself with an environment that supports my religious beliefs is one of the reasons why attending St. Mary's was important."

Hello there, my name is Nash Sta. Maria! I was born and partially raised in Bulacan, Philippines. I went to a Catholic elementary school called Holy Lamb Academy. After moving to Canada, I continued my education in Taber, Alberta. I finished the rest of my elementary years at Central School. From grade six to high school I attended St. Mary's. Here is where I met some of the most caring and loving peers. I also made some of my best memories, including library talks with Mrs. Ulrick, the outdoor ed. camp and sports. St. Mary's helped broaden my knowledge and as well as strengthen my faith. I graduated from St. Mary's in 2022. Currently I am in my first year of the Practical Nursing program at Lethbridge College. Ever since I was younger, biology and learning how our body works has always fascinated me. Taking the Practical Nursing Program at Lethbridge College gave me an opportunity to reach my dream profession, to become a nurse. After receiving my diploma, I plan to work as an LPN for a few years gaining experience and saving money. I will then, continue my studies in post-LPN to RN bridging program to become a Registered Nurse.





#### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

St. Mary's Breakfast Program feeds 200+ students Monday through Thursday. Donations are always welcome, tax receipts issued for donations over \$25.00.

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smt.holyspirit.ab.ca

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# St. Mary's Sports

Congratulations to Petra who attended the ASAA Cross Country Provincials in Edmonton. She walked away with a silver after finishing 4km in 15.59!



**Cross Country** 

After a tough battle in the rain, against the Winston Churchill Bulldogs, the Fighting Rebels came out ahead and are the 2022 Division Champions!!



Footbal

The St. Mary's Curling team started practice last week. On Halloween, Mermaid Man (Sophia Reyes) showed up at practice to throw a few rocks.



Curling



Morgan Bruce is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips.. Morgan is on the JV Storm girls volleyball team. Morgan is very willing to hustle when she's on the court. She is always one of the first girls to help out with drills and practice. Morgan has a good attitude on and off of the court, and is ready to play whenever you need her. Her skill level has improved so much since the first practice. Morgan is always willing to learn new things and better her skills on or off the court. Great job Morgan!



Don is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips.. Don is on the SV Storm boys volleyball team. He has developed into an outstanding back row player/passer, as well as improving his overall game. He is looked upon for his leadership and good spirits as we have a very youthful team. Don is very coachable and has the ability to apply feedback immediately. Great job Don!



Holly is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips. Holly is an athlete on the SV Girls Storm volleyball team. Holly always works hard and gives her best at games and practices. She has scored many points with her aggressive serve. She is working hard on the setting position and is improving continuously. She has a positive attitude and treats her fellow players with respect. She has grit and determination which will help her in volleyball for years to come. Way to be Holly!!



Petra is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips.. Petra had an amazing race at last week's Cross Country Zones held in Lethbridge. She ran a personal best beating her time from a race a week earlier, finishing first in the Junior Girls 2km category. Petra has earned many podium finishes at races all summer and is also a competitive swimmer dedicating many days a week to training. This past weekend she competed in Edmonton at the ASAA Provincial meet and recorded a time of 15.59 earning a silver medal finish. Her silver medal win is a huge achievement and we are so proud of her performance! Way to be Petra!



Sam is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips. She is a member of the Aurorus volleyball team. Sam is this year's team captain, and it is well deserved. She continually shows a desire to improve her skills, and is a fierce competitor on the court. Sam plays with a cool demeanor, and is often the first to smile at herself when she makes a mistake. She is supportive of her teammates, understands sportsmanship, and works hard every moment she is on the court. Way to be Sam, St. Mary's is proud of you!

# St. Mary's Band

The St. Mary's Christmas Concert is not that far away. The concert will be held on Wednesday, December 21st, at 7:00 in the school gym. Please mark this date on your calendar. All band students from grades 6-12 will be taking part in this concert. Parents are reminded that students must have a white dress shirt or sweater with no writing on it, as well as a black pair of pants or skirt. Tickets are not required but there will be a silver collection at the door to help support the St. Mary's Bands.

The St. Mary's Band Booster Club would like to thank everyone who supported our latest fundraisers. The Dieleman's order arrived early! Please check your order carefully for any missing or damaged items when you receive it. Also, please do not delay in distributing your orders. Please send an e-mail (makarchuka@holyspirit.ab.ca) or a note with your son or daughter if there is something missing or damaged so we can get it taken care of.

The next executive meeting of the St. Mary's Band Booster Club will be Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm in the band room. Any interested parents are encouraged to attend.

All band students are reminded that they need to complete one Home Performance Assignment EVERY month. Assignments are due the first school day of the new month. These assignments are worth 10% of a students mark, so please do not forget to do them and hand them in. For extra forms, please contact Mr. Makarchuk at makarchuka@holyspirit.ab.ca The next assignment is due December 1st.

All grade 6-8 band students should be completing a practice sheet every week and handing them in to the band room. To receive full marks, students need to practice 70 minutes per week. Extra sheets are available in the band room.



# Breakfast Program



We want to extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who has donated time, energy and resources to help continue our breakfast program again this year. We offer a free breakfast to any students who want it from Monday to Thursdays!

Special thanks to Southland Funeral Chapel for sponsoring the milk program for the year. The Taber Kinsmen Club for their generous donation. A few anonymous donors and the leadership club for helping to serve each Thursday.





Our SHARE SHELVES are rather bare, so please keep us in mind when you are cleaning out your closets and come across paper, binders, pens, pencils, duotangs, etc. We will gladly take those items off of your hands.



# **OFF-CAMPUS NEWS**

**Lethbridge** College

**OLDS COLLEGE** 



#### **Dual Credit**

Courses being offered for the Winter Session are:

Lethbridge College: January 30 to May 9, 2023

Agriculture Finance

Wellness and Health Issues

Anatomy and Physiology 1

Botany

Ecology

Introduction to Aquaponic Principles

Entrepreneurship

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

The Principles of Animation

Interpersonal Relationships and Communication

**Public Safety Communications** 

Marketing Fundamentals for Media

Health, Nutrition and Safety

Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Foundations of Education Assistance

Composition

Writing for the Workplace

**Physical Geology** 

Family Systems and Development

Introduction to Indigenous Studies

Introduction to Coaching

Introduction to Psychology

Deadline to apply is November 30, 2022

Olds College: February 27 to May 19, 2023

**Accounting Principles** 

Veterinary Practice: The Team Connection

Agriculture Electronics and Control Systems

**Applied Ecology** 

Accommodation Management

**Producing Horticulture Crops** 

**Training for Performance** 

Deadline to apply is February 10, 2023

For more information about these courses or the Dual Credit program Contact Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.

### **Upcoming Career Transitions Virtual Career Exploration Sessions**

Tuesday, Nov 1 @ 4:30pm – Librarian

Tuesday, Nov 8 @ 4:30pm – Agronomist

Tuesday, Nov 29 @ 4:30pm—Environmental Scientist

Thursday, Dec 1 @ 4:30pm—Ironworker

To register or to watch numerous recorded past career

sessions go to: careersteps.ca/exploration-sessions/

#### **Scholarships**

The Dalton Camp Award -\$10,000

Deadline to apply is January 6, 2023

https://act.friends.ca/page/90789/action/1?locale=en-US

Schulich Leader Scholarship — \$120,000

Nomination deadline is January 31, 2023

https://schulichleaders.com/apply/

#### The Canadian Coast Guard

The Canadian Coast Guard Officer Training application process for their fall intake in 2023 is now open. Closing date is February 10th, 2023. Graduates will receive: a Bachelor of Technology in Nautical Science, CCG Diploma, Commercial Certification as a Ships Officer and continued employment with the CCG. For more information and to apply go to: <a href="https://ccg.hiringplatform.ca/processes/86949-canadian-coast-guard-officer-training-program-2023?">https://ccg.hiringplatform.ca/processes/86949-canadian-coast-guard-officer-training-program-2023?</a>

#### Hours

All RAP and Work Experience students please remember to hand in or send your October time sheets or pay stubs to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.

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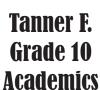
#### **Your Off-Campus Team**

Mark Boschee - Off-Campus Coordinator Cell: 587-220-4258 or Email: boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca Wendy Gurr - Career Practitioner - 403-327-4596 Ext 312 or Email: gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca

Rotary Youth Exchange Program: Would you like to spend a year abroad learning another language in a different country? Students between the ages of 15 and 17 years (under 18 years by September 1st, 2023) have until November 20th, 2022 to submit an application to go on a Rotary Exchange. Please visit the website to apply: <a href="https://rotary5360.ca/page/rotary-youth-exchange">https://rotary5360.ca/page/rotary-youth-exchange</a>. For more information, contact your Local Rotary Club or Mrs. Urquhart at urquhartw@holyspirit.ab.ca.

# Student of the Month







Lyndon K. Grade 10 Academics



Rosie T. Grade 7 Academics

### ST.MARY'S SCHOOL

# MOVEMBER CHALLENGE





Open to anyone who wants to grow a moustache and have a chance at winning a prize.

Place your bets on either Mr. Marchesin, Mr.B or Mr. Dejong, donate for a chance to win a prize.

All proceed will go towards men's health!



CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION

### LIBRARIAN

NOVEMBER 1, 2022 4:30pm









Libraries are a gathering place for people and ideas, enabling a lifetime of learning and leisure. Librarians are professionals who help people and organizations define their information needs, make information seeking more effective, use information tools efficiently, evaluate information and make informed decisions about what to read, and manage knowledge. Librarians can be tech experts, storytellers, community activists, builders, educators, historians, genealogists, or specialize in

Join Barbara to learn more of the many possibilities open should you choose to become a Librarian.



#### Register now for this FREE virtual session!

Once registered, you will receive an email with the link, plus additional information regarding the event.

Questions? Email office@careersteps.ca



CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION



### **AGRONOMIST**



NOVEMBER 8, 2022 4:30pm



Agronomy is the practice of applying soil science and plant science to crop production. Governments and food companies are focusing on climate change and sustainable or regenerative practices. Whether looking to work in government, industry, or running your own farm, agronomy will give you the skills for a career that is in high demand and will continue to be for decades to come. Join Scott from Plants Dig Soil



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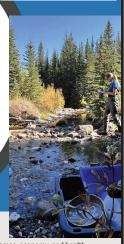




CAREER EXPLORATION SESSION

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2022** 4:30pm











Join Sofie Forsström with the Oldman Watershed Council to explore the path to becoming a natural superhero, and hear about a typical day in the life, training, and more!



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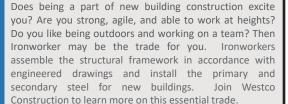
### **IRONWORKER**

**DECEMBER 1, 2022** 4:30 pm











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### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

You could win one of 40 cash scholarships of \$1,000 each





# SCHOLARSHIP

Are you active in your community, or do you have ideas on how to make it a better place to call "home?" Submit an essay\*\* up to 1,250 words, and you could win \$1,000. Answer one of these questions:

- 1. What does a "bright future" look like for you?
- 2. How have you demonstrated leadership or charity within your community to make it a better place?
- 3. How can we ensure fair and affordable housing for all Canadians?

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, entrants must be a Grade 12 student attending high school in Canada\* in the September 2022 – June 2023 academic year. Entrants must have not previously participated in a commencement ceremony.

### HOW TO APPLY

Submit an online essay from September 12, 2022 to March 13, 2023.

#### Go to

blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence

For inquiries email questforexcellence@remax.ca

### RE/MAX CANADA

\*Except Quebec . \*\*All essay entries become the property of RE/MAX Canada. Photos and names of winners may be used in print publications and media.

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# LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY? JOIN THE YOUTH DO CREW!



# A FREE volunteer and leadership development club for grades 10-12!

- Build your resume!
- Learn work/life skills!
- Meet new people!
- Scholarship opportunities!

For more information or to register:











**Taber Public Library** 

LEGO CLUB

Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm Snacks provided

Come build using our pieces and then put it on display!

Must be school aged to particpate

# St. Augustine's Youth News and Events

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday November 6. We invite students of <u>ALL</u> ages to volunteer serving in any of the ministries; lector, taking the collection, bringing up the gifts and greeters.



### Sacrament of Confirmation

Currently we have 25 students registered. If you have a child in grade 6 or older, who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation we are still taking names for our registration list.

Please contact the church office at 403-223-2226.

Stay tuned for more information....

### Sacrament of Reconciliation and 1st Communion

There are 9 children who are currently preparing for the sacraments.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Bring your family out for the

### Parish Fall Supper

Sunday Nov. 20 from 4:30~

6:30pm at the Civic Centre

Tickets:

Adults ~ \$15.00 Kids age 6~10 ~ \$6.00 Kids under 5 ~ Free

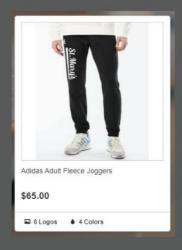
### Children's Liturgy

(Sunday School)

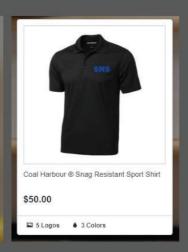
- Sunday's at 9:00am Mass
- Children grade 2 and younger are invited to join us.

Be sure to check out the church website catholic parish.ca

# Deadline is November 4 Use code SMS2022 <a href="https://foteescustomapparel.itemorder.com/shop/home/">https://foteescustomapparel.itemorder.com/shop/home/</a>? (Link on our Facebook page)







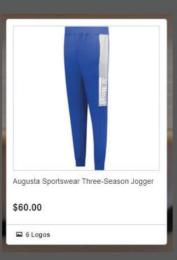
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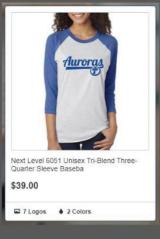


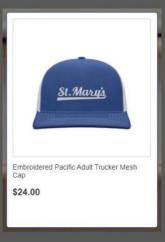
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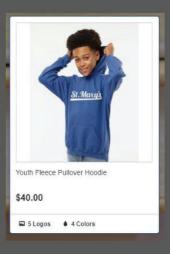




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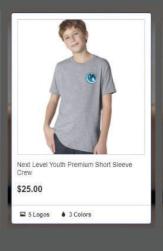
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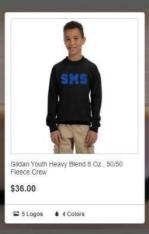
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# FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH COLORING CONTEST #FVPM2022 #TABERGOPURPLEAB

WHAT: A COLORING CONTEST TO AWARENESS FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WHO: EVERY SCHOOL IN TABER & DISTRICT AREA

HOW: LET US KNOW IF YOU REQUIRE A DIGITAL COPY

HOW: ENSURE STUDENTS
PLACE NAMES & GRADES
ON BACK OF SHEET

A WINNER WILL BE CHOOSEN FROM EACH SCHOOL DECEMBER 2, 2022

WHEN: CONTEST CLOSES NOVEMBER 30, 2022

ANY QUESTIONS CAN EMAIL: cyoutreach@tabersafehaven.ca childsupport@tabersafehaven.ca





### **VOLUNTEER DOG WALKERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old



Call LOST PAWS SOCIETY at 403-360-6448



Jostens will be at the school on Nov. 23 @ 9am to take your grad ring orders!

A \$50 deposit is required at the time of ordering