

St. Mary's School

Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me

February 2024



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February 13
Shrove Tuesday
Pancakes

February 14
Ash Wednesday
SMS/St. Pats
11am

February 15
McCains presentation
to Grade 11-12 and
SOUP DAY

February 16
No School
PD Day

*Saturday
February 17*

Random Acts of
KINDNESS
day



Take the next step with...

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

2024/2025 REGISTRATION

Re-Registration Starts January 15, 2024

Families with students currently enrolled in our system should expect an email during the week of January 15-19, 2024 asking that the online "Registration Update Form" be completed for each child attending one of our schools in the 2024/2025 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, 2024

All Early Learning to Grade 12 students who are new to the division and wish to enroll for the 2024/2025 school year are invited to register online starting on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

- Through play, our **Early Learning Program** is designed to stimulate the growing curiosity of children 3 and 4 years of age.
- **Kindergarten** is designed for children 5 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2024.
- **Grade 1** registrants must be 6 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2024.
- **French Immersion** is also available. Enrollment starts:
 - in Kindergarten/Grade 1 at École St. Mary in Lethbridge.
 - in Grade 1 at St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek.

For More Information

Contact our Early Learning Supervisor to discuss Early Learning or your child's specialized programming requirements by phone (403-381-8495) or email (earlylearning@holyspirit.ab.ca).

To inquire about Kindergarten, you can contact your local school.

Contact our French Language Consultant to discuss French Immersion programming by phone (403-331-4458) or email (urquhartw@holyspirit.ab.ca).

Contact your child's school, or visit the division's website (holyspirit.ab.ca), if you need assistance with the online registration process or have any questions.



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division
...where children are cherished and achieve their potential.

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Information for parents and guardians

About the survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4, 7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed.

Participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, such as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; student learning engagement; and parental involvement. The survey does not ask for names and cannot be used to identify individual participants.



Why is the survey needed?

Alberta's Assurance Framework requires school authorities across the province to report their performance according to a number of different measures that provide key information about how the education system is doing. A provincial survey allows all school authorities to be measured on the same things at the same time.

Participation in the survey is voluntary:

- All participants may opt out of taking the survey at any time with no repercussions and/or skip any questions they do not wish to answer.
- All responses are anonymous. The survey does not collect personally identifiable information and Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, school and authority.
- Only grouped data where there are more than six responses are reported.
- All data collected will be managed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact your child's school directly.



How will I take the survey?

- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online.
- The code must be used to access the survey and helps Alberta Education group your response as being from a parent/guardian. It **is not** used to identify individuals.
- Monitor your Canada Post mailbox starting late-January 2024 for the survey invitation package from Alberta Education.
- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your school principal once the survey opens.



How will students take the survey?

- Students complete the survey at school.
- Before the survey begins, your child's teacher or school staff will explain to the students that the survey is not a test – there are no right or wrong answers. They will also explain that there are no repercussions for opting out of participating and that they may skip questions they do not wish to answer.
- Responses are submitted anonymously. Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, grade, school and school authority only.

Details about the assurance measures and how to obtain results are available online at

www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact your school principal.



Stay Up-To-Date with Our Schools' Communication!

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is reminding families to ensure you are set up to receive text (SMS) messages from our schools and division. This is one of multiple ways that we send out important messaging to both our families and staff. Please take some time to follow the steps below to ensure you're receiving our text (SMS) messaging.

In addition, for those who have not signed up or utilized our SchoolMessenger App, we've included step-by-step instructions on how to do so. SchoolMessenger helps our parents and families to access important notifications, receive school messages and set your communication preferences.

Text (SMS) Messaging

1) *Did you receive a text from us?*

When a new mobile number is entered by the school, within 24 hours, a text should be sent to that number asking if you would like to subscribe.

Simply respond with your preference:

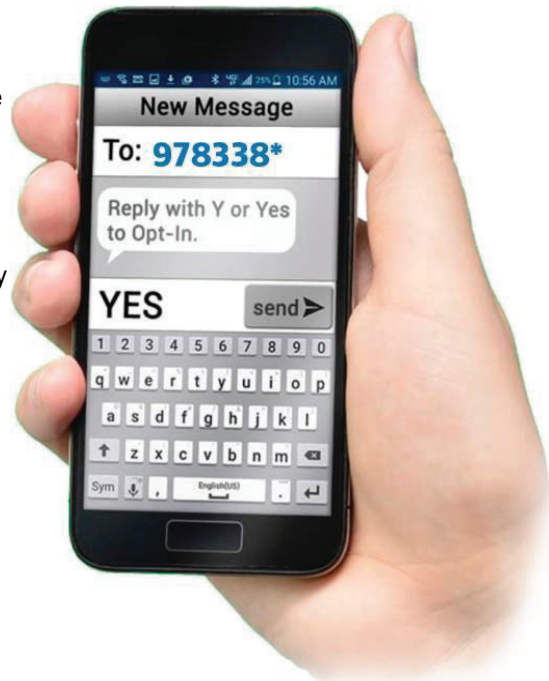
- Type "Y" or "Yes" to receive messages by text.
- Type "N" or "Stop" if you'd prefer not to receive messages by text. You can do this to unsubscribe at any time.

2) *You haven't received a text and you'd like to?*

You can always subscribe to receive texts from the school by sending a "Y" to **978338**. You will receive a notification that your opt-in is complete if successful.

3) *Do you have a new or different device you'd like to receive texts to?*

First, make sure your child's school has this new number in their system! You should receive a message in 24 hours asking you to respond with a "Y." If you don't, send a "Y" directly to **978338**. You will receive a notification that your opt-in is complete if successful.



**While this service is free, standard message and data rates may apply. Please check with your device's data provider if you have any questions related to charges.*



SchoolMessenger App

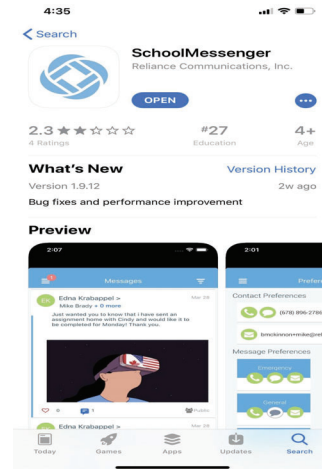
The School Messenger App allows parents to:

- Access important school notifications 24/7/365
- Set your communications preferences for calls, emails, texts, and more
- Receive all kinds of school messages in one single app (classroom and group updates, activity alerts, school and division notifications)
- Review your messages on any device (smartphone, laptop, etc...)

1) Download the School Messenger App:

Go to the GooglePlay or Apple Stores to download "SchoolMessenger" (the version with the blue logo).

You can also download the app, or set up your account, from <http://go.schoolmessenger.com>.



2) Sign up for an account:

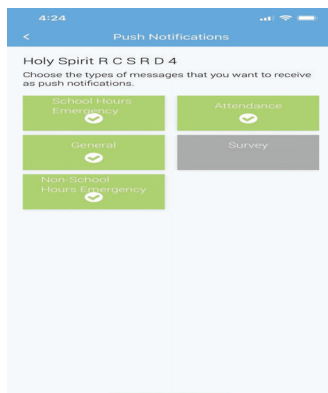
Make sure you enter the email address that the school has on file for you. This will allow the app to find all of the students associated with you. Also, make sure you select "Canada" as your location.



3) Set your preferences:

When you first log in, click on the ☰ icon in the upper left corner of your screen and select "Preferences." For each category, you can select how you would like to be notified:

- *School Hours Emergency* –For urgent messaging during school hours
- *Non-School Hours Emergency* - For urgent messaging before and after school hours
- *Attendance* – For calls regarding your child's attendance.
- *General* – Day to day information from the school.

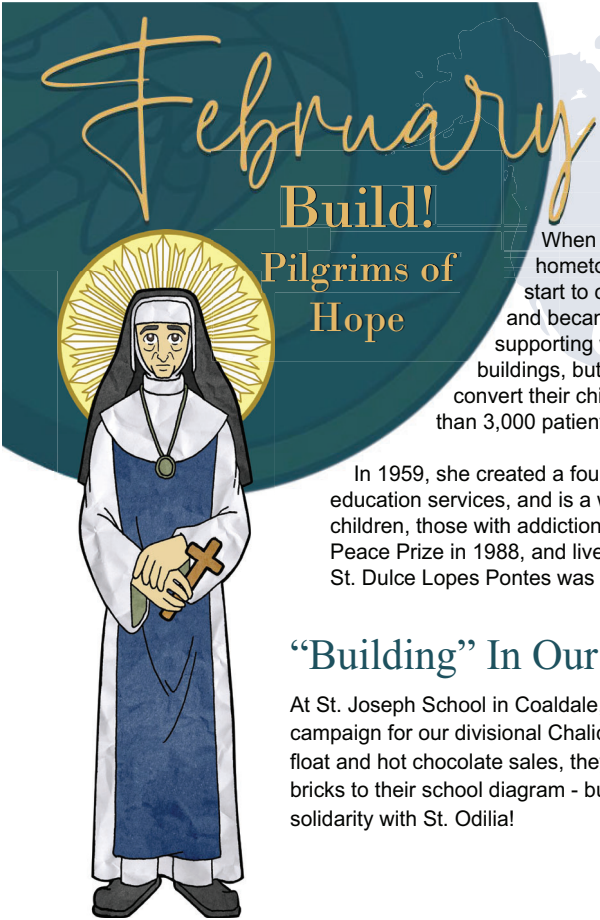


4) Enable push notifications:

Even if you turn off most types of notifications (phone, text, email), you can still receive those messages through push notifications on your phone.

To set your push notifications, click on the ☰ icon in the upper left corner of your screen. Select "Settings," then "Push Notifications."

Click on all of those boxes for which you would like to receive push notifications on your device.



“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.”

Matthew 4:23

St. Dulce Lopes Pontes 1914-1992 (Feast Day: August 13)

When Maria de Souza Pontes was 13, her aunt took her on a trip to the poor area of her hometown. She was struck by the poverty and need that she encountered, and began to start to care for the homeless in her own neighbourhood. At 18, she joined a missionary order and became known as Dulce. Immediately, she began to serve the neediest in Salvador, supporting workers and housing those in need. Initially, this was done in abandoned homes and buildings, but each time they were evicted. Finally, she asked the permission of the convent to convert their chicken coop - which over time became a hospital. That hospital today serves more than 3,000 patients per day and is the largest free hospital in Brazil.

In 1959, she created a foundation known as OSID, which oversees the hospital, as well as other welfare and education services, and is a well known and respected organization in Brazil. It serves the homeless, elderly, children, those with addictions and disabilities and other marginalized groups. Dulce was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1988, and lived the last years of her life with respiratory problems prior to her death in 1992. St. Dulce Lopes Pontes was canonized by Pope Francis in 2019, becoming the first Brazilian female saint.

“Building” In Our Schools

At St. Joseph School in Coaldale, their Leadership class is spearheading a fundraising campaign for our divisional Chalice campaign. As they raise funds, through ice cream float and hot chocolate sales, they are visually tracking their contributions by adding bricks to their school diagram - building a school of kindness. What a great way to show solidarity with St. Odilia!



**Corporal Works of Mercy
– Visit the Sick –**

Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them. Consider one or more of these practical ways to show this work:

- Give blood.
- Take time on a Saturday to stop and visit with an elderly neighbour.
- Next time you make a meal that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish who has a sick loved one.
- Spend quality time with those who are sick or homebound.
- Take the time to call, send a card or an e-mail to someone who is sick.

Pope’s Prayer Intentions - For the Terminally Ill
Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



“We are like a pencil with which God writes the texts He wants said in the hearts of men.”
(St. Dulce Lopes Pontes)

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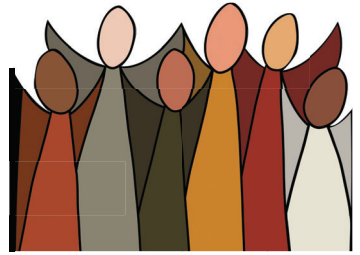
**Catholic Social Teaching
– Solidarity –**

Through the course of this year, we will look each month at one of the Catholic Social Teachings. The aim of Catholic Social Teaching is to shine the light of the Gospel on our contemporary world, allowing us as disciples of Christ to look at the world around us with new eyes, and to take action.

Last month, we looked at the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. We saw how keenly interested God is in those at the margins. When we act in ways that align with this, recognizing our interdependence, seeing ourselves in others and seeking to secure the good of others, we are showing solidarity. As St. Pope John Paul II wrote,

"[Solidarity] is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."

Learn more about Solidarity with one of these resources:
CST 101 - [Solidarity](#)
Development and Peace - [Solidarity](#)
USCCB - [Solidarity](#)



OFFICE HOURS FOR SMS TEACHERS SEMESTER 2 (2023-2024)

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.
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Mrs. de Jong	Mondays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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Mr. Doolittle	Tuesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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Mrs. Lagler	Wednesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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Mr. Makarchuk	Wednesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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Mr. Marchesin	Tuesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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Mrs. Meier	Mondays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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Mrs. Siemens	Mondays/Wednesdays	3:15 - 3:30 p.m.
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Mrs. Smith	Tuesdays	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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Ms. Vienneau	Tuesdays/Thursdays	3:15 - 3:30 p.m.
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Mr. Vornbrock	1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday	3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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SMS Band News

The Grade 6 Band Annual Band Workshop will take place Wednesday, March 13th at the Taber Civic Centre. We will be leaving the school at 8:35 and be returning around 3:00. Please look for the parent letter which was sent out at the start of the month.

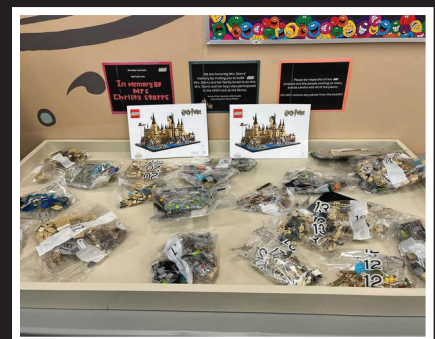
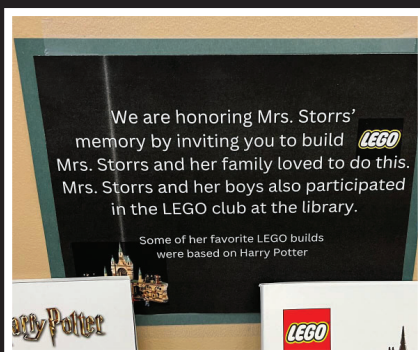
The next Home Performance Assignment is due Friday, March 1st. Please ask to hear your son or daughter play at home.

The St. Mary's Grade 7-12 students are selling Ben's Beef Jerky as a fundraiser for their trip to Calgary in March. Each pack is \$22 and comes in Original, Teriyaki, Smoky River and Sweet and Spicy. Students are reminded that all of the orders are due Thursday, February 15th. The jerky will be delivered in the second week of March.

All Grade 6-8 students are reminded that they should be practicing at least 70 minutes per week. Practice sheets are available in the band room and should be handed in every week. Practice sheets form 10% of a student's mark.

The St. Mary's Jazz Band meets every Tuesday from 3:15 to 4:20 in the band room. It is open to students from grades 7-12, however students in grade 6 with a higher ability are also welcome to join (please talk to Mr. Makarchuk if you are interested).

The next executive meeting of the St. Mary's Band Booster Club will be Tuesday, February 27th at 7pm in the band room. Any interested parents are invited to attend. The St. Mary's Spring Band Concert will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 7pm in the school gym. Everyone is invited to attend.



St. Mary's Sports



Auroras won our Black & Blue Tournament that we cohosted with TCHS. Their first game they beat PBHS JV, second was a nail biter win by three over McCoy JV and they had an exciting final against St. Mikes Pincher Creek! Way to play ladies!!



Congratulations to JV Storm boys on their second place finish this weekend at the COLJHAA League Finals. Thanks to coach Mr B and parents for all their support this season!! Shout out to RI Baker for hosting the tournament!!



Congratulations to the Storm girls on a great season!! They won third place this weekend in the COLJHAA League Finals!! Thanks to coaches and parents for all their support this season.



Little Storm Champions!! They beat St. Joes in a nail biter 40-39! Thanks to everyone who helped run the tournament!



Celtics won third in our Black & Blue Tournament. In their first game they beat FP Walshe, took a heart breaking one point lose to Coalhurst in the semis, and beat Rosemary to take third!! Way to be Celtics!!



Congratulations to our curling team on their silver medal win at ASAA Zones! Way to play boys!!

**GREAT
JOB!**

Athlete of the Week



Kaden is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips.

Kaden is recognized for his participation on the Celtics basketball team. Kaden

is coming off a great volleyball season supporting his team in a third place win at Zones, and he has continued to bring his athletic ability to the basketball court. He helped the Celtics to earn a third place victory in their first basketball tournament this past weekend in Stirling. Kaden continues his efforts as a force on the boards and in his defensive position.



Nixen is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips. Nixen is recognized for his participation on the SV Storm boys basketball team. He is a two sport athlete right now playing

both basketball and double A hockey on the Taber Golden Suns. Nixon is a tenacious defender and takes pride in guarding other teams' top players. He is an iron man of sorts. In three days, he had two hockey games and five basketball games in which he played all but five minutes, producing at both ends of the court. Nixen always brings 110%.



McKenzie is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips. Kenzie is recognized for her participation on the Auroras basketball team. She is dedicated and consistent

when it comes to practices and game play. Kenzie is always ready to give 100% for her team. Kenzie leads by example through her effort, determination, and passion for the game. She recently earned Festival All Star at the Kate Andrews tournament this past weekend. Way to be Kenzie, St. Mary's is proud of your successes!



Brady is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips. Brady is recognized for his participation on the SV boys Storm basketball

team. Brady had a breakout weekend last weekend. He has improved his ball handling and driving the ball to the hoop. He is a crucial member of our press. Brady can run for days!! We had a lot of tic tac toe plays ran through Brady this past weekend. He is a great teammate on and off the court!! Congratulations to Brady on being St. Mary's Athlete of the Week.



Regan Meirr St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips. Regan is recognized for her participation on the JV girls Storm basketball team. Our

entire team has continued to show exceptional growth this season, however Regan's scoring ability and defense leads the team. She cheers on her teammates and is always willing to follow the coaches instructions. Congratulations to Regan on being St. Mary's Athlete of the Week.



Nathan is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips. Nathan is recognized for his participation on the JV boys Storm basketball

team. This season Nathan's play has been exceptional. He has been a great leader for the JV team, and has been our rock on the defensive end. He received a player of the game award at a recent tournament. Congratulations on your achievements Nathan and continue the hard work!

Saint Augustine's

Smoked Brisket

Feast

& Gift Basket Draws

February 11, 2024

Saint Augustine's Parish Hall

Two Dinner Sittings; at 4:30pm and 6:00pm

Ticket Prices: Adults... \$20 • Kids 6-10... \$10 • Kids Under 6... Free

For tickets please ask a CWL member,
or contact the Parish Office: 403-223-2226



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Holy Spirit Catholic School Division
International Homestay Program



Become a

HOMESTAY FAMILY

The BEST thing about memories...
is making them!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO

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Homestay Coordinator
Holy Spirit Catholic School Division
620 12B St. N.
Lethbridge, AB, T1H 2L7
Phone: (403) 330-7382
homestay@holyspirit.ab.ca

HOST FAMILIES PROVIDE...

- Private bedroom
- 3 wholesome meals/day +snacks
- Quiet, bright study space
- Access to common areas
- Laundry
- Emotional/Academic support
- Interaction with family members
- Participation in family activities
- Internet connection

HOST FAMILY BENEFITS...

- Learn another culture's traditions and customs
- Share Canadian culture with your student
- Create lasting memories and experiences
- Spend more family time together
- Develop a new friendship with your student
- Receive \$900 monthly to cover the expenses of hosting your student
- Build an interest in culture, language and future travel opportunities for your family



OFF-CAMPUS NEWS

Olds College Dual Credit Courses Winter Session

Students can now apply for Olds College Dual Credit courses which run from March 4 to May 24, 2024.

Courses offered are:

Accounting Principles 2

Veterinary Practices: The Team Connection

Electronics and Control Systems in Precision Ag.

Applied Ecology

Global and Sustainable Tourism

Managing Landscapes

Training for Performance

Please contact Mrs. Gurr or Mr. Boschee for more information and application forms.

Deadline to apply is February 13, 2024.



CAREERS: The Next Generation Young Women in Trades & Technologies (YWITT)

Youth & Parent Information Night February 13 6:30-8 pm

Join CAREERS at CCH Campus East in the Library to learn more about career and internship opportunities for young women. Girls will find out what it's like on the job and get career planning resources. See Mrs. Gurr for more information.



YWITT Spring Camp

April 2-4 8:30am - 4 pm

This camp is a totally free event and will run for 3 full days this coming Easter break for young ladies in grades 10 -12. Girls will visit 6 different employers within Lethbridge and meet with and hear from female mentors currently in the skilled trades. Lunch and snacks are provided everyday. There will also be the chance for the students to get internships with the employers this summer.

Space is limited to 10 spots so register early at :
<https://www.careersnextgen.ca/events/young-women-in-trades-and-technologies-lethbridge-spring-camp/>

See Mrs. Gurr in the Career Centre for more information.



CAREERS
take on the future

February Virtual Career Sessions

Police Officer - Feb 7 at 4:00pm

Pilot - Feb 14 at 4:30pm

Helicopter Pilot - Feb 15 at 4:00pm

Register for one or all of these sessions, or listen to past sessions, at:

<https://careersteps.ca>



The Off-Campus Team



Mark Boschee - Off-Campus Coordinator - Cell: 587-220-4258 or Email: hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca

Wendy Gurr - Career Practitioner - Cell: 403-593-2903 or Email: hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca



february 24, 2024

coldest night of the year

team up + fundraise!
walk | donate | volunteer
it's cold out there #cnoy24
cnoy.org/register

coldest
*night
OF THE YEAR

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Team up, fundraise, walk, and take a moment to **look closer...** because it's cold out there.

school challenge

Want to use the powers of your local school, college, or university to activate and improve your community? Step up and get involved in the **Coldest Night of the Year**, a winterrific walk-a-thon to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Here's what you can do...

1 pick a leader

You'll need a leader, commander, captain: someone who can steer the CNOY ship and has a natural talent for bringing people together. This can be a teacher, principal, staff member, or administrator - anyone with a big heart who can get students **excited** about CNOY.

2 connect with your local charity

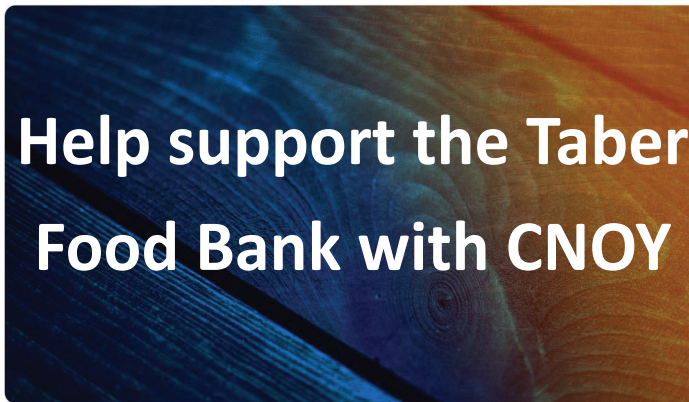
Reach out to a local charity in your community that is already participating in Coldest Night of the Year. (You can find an official CNOY charity close to you by visiting cnoy.org/locations.)

Talk to them about supporting their work through your own school CNOY - they'll be overjoyed! The charity is your main CNOY contact point; they'll supply you with resources to help make your walk fun.

3 pick a route, date, and time

Create a route for your school walk that is easy for your students to access - in most cases, this should be on **your school's campus**. Outdoors is best (around a soccer field for example), but in a pinch you can even walk the halls or around your school's gymnasium.

Then, select a date and time that fits in well with your school's schedule. We highly recommend walking **between February 19 and 23** - this is the week preceding CNOY's official event date. Closer to the evening is better (since this is the Coldest **Night** of the Year).



an event by blue sea
blueseafoundation.org
helping charities thrive



HOW TO CAPTAIN A TEAM FOR TABER FOOD BANK

Once you've registered, your team and name will show up on the Scoreboard and on our location page too! (Note: it takes 5-10 minutes to appear.)

- Visit cnoy.org/ and click the big **REGISTER** button
- Create your new account (or sign in to your account from last year)
- Select the **LOCATION** where you'll be walking and continue
- Click to accept the **WAIVER** and continue
- Under **REGISTRATION TYPE**, click **CREATE A TEAM**
 - Name your team (and write a brief description)
 - Accept or increase your fundraising goal (this can be edited later!)

Once you've registered, your team will show up on our CHARITY PAGE, which is:

cnoy.org/location/taber

You can begin recruiting team members and raising funds immediately!

HOW TO JOIN A TEAM FOR TABER FOOD BANK

If you would like to walk with us but don't want to start a team, please join our general team called Fabulous Food Bank Foodies

- Visit cnoy.org and click the big **REGISTER** button
- Create your new account (or sign in to your account from last year)
- Select the **LOCATION** where you'll be walking and continue
- Click to accept the **WAIVER** and continue
- Click **JOIN A TEAM** (or register individually if you wish and join a team later)
- Search for you **TEAM** by name or captain name
 - Select that team from the list and proceed to complete registration

If you have any questions or need promotional materials please contact the food bank office at 403-223-1833 or email asstmgr@taberfoodbank.ca

JANUARY 2024





Mail or drop off completed form and payment to:

Taber Food Bank
5512 48 Avenue
Taber, AB
T1G 1S4

2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME (required):
EMAIL (required):
ADDRESS:
TOWN:
POSTAL CODE:
PHONE NUMBER (mobile):
PHONE NUMBER (home):
\$5 ENCLOSED: CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHEQUE <input type="checkbox"/>

NAME (required):
EMAIL (required):
ADDRESS:
TOWN:
POSTAL CODE:
PHONE NUMBER (mobile):
PHONE NUMBER (home):
\$5 ENCLOSED: CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHEQUE <input type="checkbox"/>

Membership is only \$5 per person!

WHY BUY A MEMBERSHIP?

- Show your support of the Taber Food Bank
- Your fee contributes to our grocery costs
- Be the first to know what's happening
- Keep informed about volunteering opportunities
- Receive updates on fundraising and events
- Vote at the AGM
- Eligible to run for a Member at Large Director

Purchase your 2024 membership anytime within this year by mailing in the above form, dropping it off at the food bank or connecting with a board member or church representative. To be eligible to vote and allow your name to stand as a member at Large Director, you must purchase your membership a minimum of one month prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Have a question? Contact the Food Bank at (403)223-1833 or by email at: director@taberfoodbank.ca

New year, new location! The Vegetable Garden has moved out by Trout Pond! We will need volunteers to make this new location as successful as the last one! In 2023, 19,339 pounds of produce was harvested and utilized by over 18 different agencies and organizations, from Taber up to Leduc and beyond. This is where you step in! Many hands make light work, and we will need lots of hands! Planting day is planned for May 11th. Watch our social media for details on the garden schedule! You can challenge your friends, family, and other businesses to get a chance at a picture with the Golden Shovel!



We will be **closed** on Friday,
February 23rd.

Save the date: our Annual General Meeting will be
on March 26, 2024.



The food bank greatly relies on the generosity of community members that give of their time. Without volunteers, we would not be able to operate! There are a variety of jobs that volunteers help with—food sorting, food breakdown, stocking shelves, cleaning, non-perishable and frozen hamper preparation, and more! We could use some extra hands! If you can spare a few hours on a regular basis, we would love to have you join our amazing team of volunteers. Not sure? Come take it for a test drive!

Call 403-223-1833 for more information.

Wish list:

- Peanut butter
- Jam/jelly
- Ready-to-eat/canned stews, soups, pastas and chilis
- Bars of soap
- Pasta
- Condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, relish)
- Granola bars
- Canned fruit
- Baking supplies (icing sugar, brown sugar, pie fillings, corn starch, chocolate chips)
- Powdered coffee creamer
- Personal hygiene items (3-in-1, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, men’s and women’s deodorant)
- Cooking oil
- Canned meat (chicken, turkey, ham, tuna)
- Cheez Whiz
- Fruit cups
- Pudding cups
- Laundry detergent
- Coffee
- Multi-purpose cleaner

Food bank information:

Hours for pickshelf: Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm walk-in

Hours for Hampers: Tuesday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm by appointment only

Address: 5512 48 Ave, Taber, AB, T1G 1S4

Phone: (403)223-1833

Visit us on social media!



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TABER GOLDEN SUNS HONOUR THE LEGACY OF LOGAN BOULET

Sunday, February 18, 2024

10:30am U-13 AA - Taber Golden Suns vs. Okotoks Oilers
 1pm U-15 AA - Taber Golden Suns vs. Central Alberta Selects
 3:30pm U-18 AA - Taber Golden Suns vs. Airdrie Lightning



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AIR CADET SPRING REGISTRATION NIGHT

Come join us at 7211 50 St (the Cadet Hall) on February 28 at 7 pm to learn more about this FREE youth opportunity for teens aged 12 – 18.

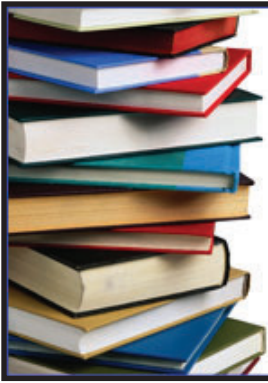
Air Cadets get to spend time from September to June on aviation, aircrew survival, air rifle marksmanship, sports and citizenship activities, learning about the military and developing into leaders.



If you are ready to join already you can also visit the Cadets Canada website with your parents to complete your registration application now and we will get in touch further on next steps (simply Google Search for Join the Cadet Program)

Have questions?

Email us at 225Air@Cadets.gc.ca



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SCHOOL PHONE #:

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→ LETTER OF REFERENCE		
→ ESSAY		

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MAIL TO: Attention: MR. DON ELSE, President & Director
 John Hasselfield Endowment Foundation
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How to Apply

Submit an essay online between September 12, 2023 and March 13, 2024.

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