

St. Mary's School

Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me

March 2024



 **St. Mary's**
SCHOOL

Help us **Build** a Classroom for
St. Odilia School for the
Visually Impaired

 **Chalice**

 LEARN MORE

 DONATIONS

March 8 and 11
No School

March 13
Grade 6 band
workshops @ Civic

**Help Us Raise Money to Build a School for the
Visually Impaired! Deadline is April 15!**

We have set the following goals:

Raise \$1000 = We will buy lunch for the entire school

Raise \$1500 = Mr. Van Uden will get pied in the face at one of the liturgies

Raise \$2000 = Mr. Van Uden & Mr. Dejong will get pied in the face at a liturgy!

Scan the QR Code to donate or visit our office

March 28
Stations of the Cross
2:00pm

March 29
First day of Easter
Break. School
resumes Apr. 8

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).

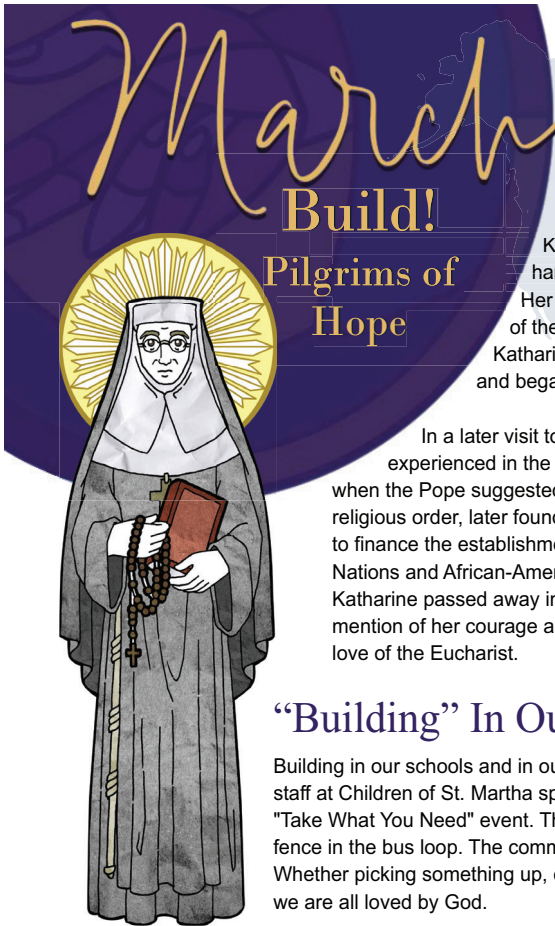
To inquire about Kindergarten, you can contact your local school.

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.



“Out of our common todays and yesterdays we are building for eternity. No thought, no work of ours ever dies. We shall meet them all again, and in the world to come shall find our gathered harvest.”

- St. Katharine Drexel

St. Katharine Drexel 1858-1955 (Feast Day: March 3)

Katharine Drexel was born into a wealthy American family, and despite some personal hardship, grew up in relative comfort, with private tutors and the ability to travel widely. Her family was also very dedicated to prayer and service; they supported the poor and needy of their community from their abundant wealth. During a family trip to the western states, Katharine saw the plight of the Indigenous peoples of the west, met the Sioux leader Red Cloud, and began to send financial support to western missionaries.

In a later visit to Europe, Katharine met Pope Leo XIII and, after describing what she had seen and experienced in the western United States, asked him to send more missionaries to that area. She was surprised when the Pope suggested that she become a missionary! After prayer and spiritual direction, Katharine indeed joined a religious order, later founding another order known today as the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She used her wealth to finance the establishment of over 60 schools and missions across the United States that served the various First Nations and African-American communities, never hesitating to speak out against racial injustice and discrimination. Katharine passed away in 1955 at the age of 96. When Katharine was canonized, Pope John Paul II made specific mention of her courage and initiative in addressing social inequality, her perspective on the unity of all peoples, and her love of the Eucharist.

“Building” In Our Schools

Building in our schools and in our communities! On Tuesday, February 13th, students and staff at Children of St. Martha spread love and kindness to the community by hosting a "Take What You Need" event. The students created "heart art", which was placed on the fence in the bus loop. The community was invited to stop by and take whatever they wanted. Whether picking something up, or simply driving by, the art is a creative demonstration that we are all loved by God.



Corporal Works of Mercy – Clothe the Naked –

Living in southern Alberta in the wintertime is a clear reminder of our basic human need for clothing! When we think of Clothing the Naked, we often think of that literal level which is very important - but so also is the wider work of mercy that can be applied. This is outlined by Philip Kosloski in [this article](#) from the National Catholic Register. In it, he notes:

“When we search out the “naked” of our local community, we shouldn’t only be looking for those without clothes. We should also look for those who are rejected, alone, and forgotten. They too are “naked,” without friends or family, stripped of all meaningful human relationships. They are like the man in the parable of the “Good Samaritan.” He was not only stripped of his clothes, beaten and left for dead, but also completely alone. Numerous people passed him by and no one extended a hand. He was treated like he was invisible.”

Consider one of the following suggestions from the McGrath Institute at Notre Dame:

- Give up a particular item that you might normally spend money on and donate the funds to an organization that might be in need.
- Donate clothing (new or in good condition)
- Hold a baby shower for a mom in need.
- Consider reaching out to organizations that help children who might be in foster care or living in a shelter.

Pope’s Prayer Intentions - For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

For more information: [Works of Mercy](#)

[Home Page](#)

“...Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” (Luke 3:11)

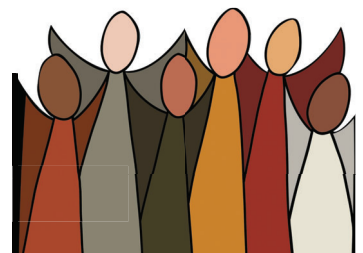
Catholic Social Teaching – Economic Justice –

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 solidarity as the need to recognize our interdependence, to see ourselves in others and to seek to secure their good. One area in which we can see this specifically is economic justice. Many papal encyclicals that are now part of the magisterium of the church speak to economic justice. In 1891, with the release of the encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, Pope Leo XIII responded to the conditions of the Industrial Revolution by highlighting both the need for private property as well as the rights of workers to fair wages and unions. More recently, we have seen Pope Francis write encyclicals such as *Laudato Si* and *Fratelli Tutti*, in which he is critical of our ‘throwaway culture’ and speaks of a need for integral ecology in which to balance economic development with the environment. Throughout all of these encyclicals, we see the Church advocating for just economic systems that are rooted in the need to address both individual human dignity and the common good.

Learn more about economic justice with one of these resources:

- [Rerum Novarum](#)
- [Laudato Si](#)
- [Fratelli Tutti](#)



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.



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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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OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



Lethbridge College Events

Dual Credit Discovery Night



March 7 · 6 - 8 pm

Come discover the wide range of Dual Credit opportunities at Lethbridge College, as they highlight new courses, explore career pathways and tour exciting campus locations.

Register at: <https://give.lethbridgecollege.ca/event/dual-credit-discovery-night-2024/e561474>

Wind Turbine Discovery Night

March 7 · 4 - 7 pm

This event includes a career fair and open house in TT1951, in the Trades, Technologies and Innovation Facility. Stop by and explore the tools, equipment and technology used in the wind turbine industry, including their full-size, 309,000-pound nacelle. The \$100 application fee for programs in the School of Renewable Energy will be reduced by 50 per cent for those who attend. For more information contact:

windturbine@lethbridgecollege.ca

U of L Grade 11 Merit Award

Apply for this award even if you aren't sure you will be attending the U of L.

\$800— 80% and above average
\$500—75-79% average



Deadline is **JUNE 30** of your Grade 11 year.
Apply at: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/future-student/high-school-student-awards>

February Virtual Career Sessions

Psychologist - March 7 at 4:00pm

Air Traffic Controller - March 20 at 4:30pm

Art Gallery Curator— March 21 at 5:00pm

Roofer—March 26 at 5:00pm

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

<https://careersteps.ca>



Alberta Junior Forest Ranger

JFR is now accepting JFR Crew Member positions from Alberta High School students ages 16 - 18 years old. Applications will close on **April 1st**. Not only are you paid to be a JFR but you can earn up to 10 high school credits. For information and application forms go to: <https://alis.alberta.ca/junior-forest-rangers/applications/>



YQL Aviation Day

May 25, 2024 10:00 am—5:00 pm

at the Lethbridge Airport

Are you interested in a Career in Aviation? Then this day is for you! For more information go to: <https://www.lethbridgeairport.ca/aviationday>



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CAREERS: The Next Generation**

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

Meet Our Student Teachers!



My name is Miss. Clarke, I am a 4th year kinesiology and education student at the University of Lethbridge, and I am currently partaking in PS2 here at St. Mary's. I am originally from Taber and graduated from W.R. Myers High School.

In my free time I enjoy skiing, golfing, and I also play on a competitive ringette team in

Medicine Hat. I am also a big traveler, last summer I spent three months in South America and this summer I will spend three months in South-East Asia. The last three-weeks of my trip I also get to volunteer in Vietnam.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to teach here at St. Mary's, and I am excited to be back in a classroom!



WELCOME

Hello, my name is Kennedy Koshuta and I am a student teacher from the University of Lethbridge. This is my second professional semester and I am so excited to be able to be teaching at St. Mary's! Some of my hobbies include reading, playing guitar, hiking, and doing anything outside! I am also a business major which I have really enjoyed over the last four years. I'm really looking forward to the next 6 weeks at St. Mary's getting to know both the students and school community better!

JOB BOARD

Advertise your student summer positions with us!

Call 403-223-3165 for details!

SMS Sports!



Athlete of the Week



Emmett is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips. Emmett is recognized for his participation on the JV boys Storm basketball team. Emmett is one of the most consistent members of the JV Boys basketball team. He always took on difficult defensive assignments and his offensive game improved significantly throughout the course of the season. Keep up the great work Emmett!



Connor is our St. Mary's Athlete of the week, sponsored by Harley Phillips. Connor is recognized for his participation on the Celtics basketball team. Connor always gives 100% effort whenever he hits the court. He is a true leader through action, his calm and composed approach is what makes him a staple of the Celtics Basketball Team! Connor was named a River Ridge All Star this week and helped lead his team to a second place finish. Off the court Connor is always willing to help out wherever he can, whether it is scorekeeping games, or working fundraising events, Connor is there.

TABS FOR TOTS

PULL.COLLECT.DONATE

HELP US TURN



Into this



Together We Can



**Helping
Regional
Hospitals
Since 2000**

WHAT IS TABS FOR TOTS?

"Tabs for Tots" is a program of the Alberta Elks Foundation. It provides funds for Pediatric Care & Equipment for regional hospitals and health care units. The items are typically intended for delivery rooms, nurseries or pediatric wards.

Applications to the Tabs for Tots program can be made by any Elks or Royal Purple Elks Lodge through one of its members.

Projects can receive up to \$5,000 from the Tabs for Tots Program.

HOW CAN I HELP

Tabs for tots collects the "tab off beverage cans as well as other recyclable metals. The collection is sold for scrap and the funds collected are allocated for helping local hospitals.

THE POWER OF TOGETHER

Collecting 58,246lbs of tabs is not easy task. Together its is possible. Together we can supply much need medical equipment to local hospitals all over Alberta. Together we can make a difference. You don't have to be a member to help.

Did you know?

Tabs are being collected in communities in a number of different ways involving schools, day cares and by local trades donating materials after a job has been completed

We are still collecting pop tabs!

**The class that collects the most, gets served first
on FOOD TRUCK DAY - MONDAY, JUNE 10
(All new food trucks coming this year!)**



Thank You!

Thank you to the Klok family for donating their gently used books and school supplies to our library for our SHARE SHELVES!



DID YOU MISS ORDERING YOUR GRAD JEWELRY & GEAR @ SCHOOL?

Design & Order Your Jewelry @ www.jostens.com



Or

Contact Your Jostens Representative @
403.252.1774 – sean.kelly@jostens.com



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Interested in other 2024 Grad Products? – www.jostenscanada.com/classof2024



Registration is from
February 6th to March 15th 2024

T-Ball (4-6y) Monday/Wednesday FREE Thanks to the Taber Titans!!

Coach Pitch (6-8y) Tuesday/Thursday \$130.00

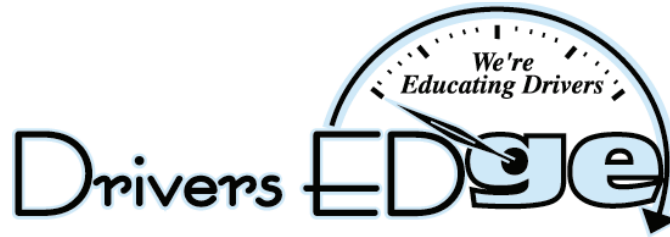
Minor (9-10y) Tuesday/Thursday \$165.00

Major (11-12y) Monday/Wednesday \$165.00

Intermediate (13y) Tuesday/Thursday TBD \$165.00

Teenager (14-16y) TBD \$165.00

Girls Softball U9, U11, U13 TBD \$120.00



#113 1201 Kingsway Avenue SE,
Medicine Hat, AB, T1A 2Y2
(403) 526-9505 / 1-866-999-9505

Driver EDge will be in Taber April 2024 to offer our program!

Classroom session will run April 15 - 18, 2024, Monday – Thursday 3:45 – 5:45 & 6:15 – 8:30 PM at W.R. Myers High School. In-Vehicle Drive times will be scheduled prior and during the classroom session.

Course consists of **18 hours of classroom instruction** and **10 hours of in-vehicle instruction**. The driving portion of the course will be broken down into five 2-hour lessons. Four of the 2-hour lessons will be in Taber and then one 2-hour lesson will be in Lethbridge to do some highway and city driving. More lessons can be scheduled in Lethbridge if you wish to have more city driving (students will have to provide their own transportation to Lethbridge). Please indicate if you are wanting more city driving.

Registration is now open until March 13, 2024 @ 12:00 PM. To register in the program, you will need to go to our website www.DriversEDgeInc.com Hit the register button on the of the page. Choose the Registration Form - Classroom and select the Taber April 15 – 18, 2024 class after your email is verified. Parents will need to do this with the student, as you will each get a verification code you will need to enter. If you have any issues or questions, please call the Drivers EDge office, Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm at **587-813-5050**. Payment can be made by credit card or e-Transfer. Cost of our program is **\$839 + GST** and we will call for payment once we have enough students registered.

Hope to see you in class!

In case of a request for refund, there is a \$200 non-refundable administrative fee

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

Donna Faulkner
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

PURSUE YOUR PASSION



JOHN HASSELFIELD ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION STUDENT GRANTS

Grants available for:

- Education
- Athletics
- The Arts

Past recipients have earned scholarships for:
Flight school, art camp, basketball training, writing camps and more!

More information and application form available at:
www.johnhasselfield.com
www.facebook.com/johnhasselfieldendowment

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED YEAR-ROUND



Scholarship Program

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



About the 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 of up to 1250 words answering one of the questions below and you could win \$1000!

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 2023 - June 2024 academic year. Entrants must not have previously participated in a commencement ceremony.

How to Apply

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

Go to <https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/>

For inquiries email questforexcellence@remax.ca

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*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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FACE OFF AGAINST HUNGER

MARCH 9, 1PM
TABER ARENA



TABER TITANS HOCKEY FOR A CAUSE

CHEER ON THE TITANS AS THEY TAKE ON

Taber Minor Hockey Taber Fading Suns
Police and Friends

SPECIAL GUEST PLAYERS

Mayor Andrew Prokop. Joel Mlls
Citizen of the Year: Cst. Christopher Nguyen



50/50 Door Prizes: Including Cornstock Tickets

**Exciting Shoot-out to Raise \$\$\$\$
\$5 for a Chance to Win \$10K**

O'Canada Youth Choir: Led by Tamara Melnychuk

Youth 5 -18 are invited to participate. Practise March 9: 12:30pm

Great Family Event to Support the Taber Food Bank

ADMISSION: FOOD OR CASH DONATION



FACE OFF AGAINST HUNGER



Would you like to sing "O'Canada" at the Hockey Game?

Who: Youth age 5 - 18 are invited to sing in the choir

When: Practice 12:30pm, Saturday March 9

Where: Taber Large Ice Arena Lobby

What: Wear a black shirt or jacket, if you have it



To Sign-up scan QR Code or email Choir Director:

tamara.melnychuk@horizon.ab.ca

After puck drop, youth will sit with their families

Sorry, NO Supervision after O'Canada

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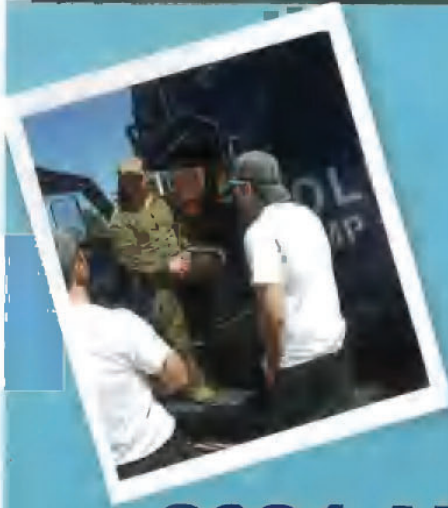
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RCMP



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE



2024 ALBERTA RCMP YOUTH CAMPS

FOR AGES 16-18

WE ARE ACCEPTING PRE-APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024 SESSIONS!

RCMP Youth Camps provide the exclusive opportunity to experience the behind-the-curtain of policing in one of the most highly recognized police forces in the world.

- Learn from Indigenous Police, Emergency Response Teams, Police Dog Services and more.
- Bond with like-minded peers and be presented with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships.
- Learn investigative skills, partake in drills, engage with active members, play games, and more.
- Receive an official certification of completion during a formal RCMP graduation ceremony.

FREE FOR ALL SELECTED APPLICANTS
TRANSPORTATION MAY BE AVAILABLE

2024 CAMP DATES

July 22-26 & August 5-9

INDIGENOUS YOUTH CAMP

August 12-16



SCAN HERE ^

Apply before April 30, 2024

> OR EMAIL KYOUTHCAMPS-KCAMPSDEJEUNES@RCMP-GRC.GC.CA TO APPLY!



Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada

2024 Alberta RCMP Youth Camp Application



APPLICATION CUTOFF DATE: APRIL 30th, 2024

Applicants must be within the ages of 16 – 18 years old as of July 2024.
(Exceptions can be made for younger applicants who fit the required criteria)

ALL COSTS COVERED!

TRIVIA *Night*

Taber Public Library

Thur March 21

6:30 pm

Taber Legion

for small groups or families

prizes to be won



EXPLORE

Skilled Trades & Career Fair



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
SKILLED TRADES & CAREER FAIR

April 24, 2024
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Fort Macleod, AB

TRADES - SUMMER EMPLOYERS - WORK EXPERIENCE
COME PREPARED TO ASK QUESTIONS & WIN COOL SWAG!

2024

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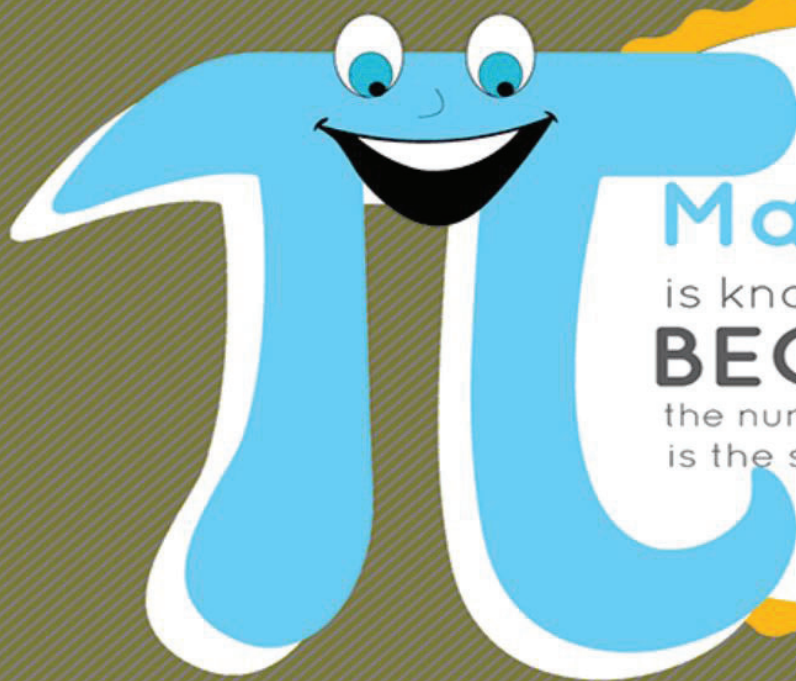
Lethbridge Regional Science Fair
and Science Olympics

April 26-27th

University of Lethbridge

More information and registration at <https://www.scifusion.ca/>

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March 14

is known as Pi Day

BECAUSE

the numerical date 3/14,
is the same as Pi - 3.14!

SMS Band

It is not that far off! The St. Mary's Spring concert will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 in the school gym. Please mark your calendars and ensure that your son or daughter is available.

The Grade 6 Band will be going on their annual music retreat on Wednesday, March 13th. Students will be working with the staff and students from D.A. Ferguson and Barnwell school for the day at the Taber Civic Centre. They will be learning from instructors from the University of Lethbridge as well as spending some time in the pool as well as rehearsing as a massed band. We look forward to the day!

The St. Mary's Junior and Senior Bands will be performing at the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival on March 12th (Junior) and March 14th (Senior). We wish them luck in their performances. They will be playing at 11:30 at Southminster United Church in Lethbridge. Please feel free to drop in and hear the students!

The next executive meeting of the St. Mary's Band Booster Club will be held on Tuesday, May 28th at 7pm in the band room. Any interested parents are invited to attend.

Looking for something to help keep your son/daughter motivated with their practicing? The school has purchased several play-a-long CD's. These CD's provide a professional accompaniment while your son/daughter plays their part. There are a variety of styles and ability levels to choose from. The books and CD's are available to be signed out through the library. Please check them out.

All band students are expected to hand in a Home Performance Assignment every month. The deadline for the March HPA is April 3rd. Please ask to hear your son or daughter play.

Grade 6-8 band students should be handing in their practice sheets every week. Extra sheets are available in the band room. Remember, practice sheets are worth 10% of the Junior High band mark.