



Important Dates in November

2-10	Diploma Exams	9	Non Operational Day - No School
3	Last Day of Quarter 1 classes	10	Non Operational Day - No School
6	School PD Day	11	Remembrance Day - No School
8	Catholic Education Sunday	12	First Day of Q2 Classes



Important Dates in December

9	Midterm	16	Division Board Meeting
16	Advent Mass	21-31	Christmas Break



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Principal's Message

A little over a week ago, I had the absolute honor of being part of a Naming Ceremony for our school. This ceremony all came to be when Ms. Emily Fox, our First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Support Worker approached me with the desire to update our current signage, treaty information, and land acknowledgment in the front entrance of the school. With the guidance of Division Principal, Mrs. Annette Bruised Head, it was quickly realized that our school name did not “translate well.” And so began the story of Catholic Central’s Naming Ceremony. Both Ms. Fox and Mrs. Bruised Head reached out to Kainai Elder, Tom Little Bear, who felt equally honored in selecting an appropriate name; we are grateful for all three of you. Many thanks to Board Trustee, Danny Ponjavic and Superintendent Ken Samspon for attending and, especially, the staff and students of CCH who are very much the reason we were bestowed this name. The following is the media release written by Mrs. Anisha Gatner, Communications Coordinator for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division after the ceremony. - Mrs. Polec

Catholic Central High School Honoured with Blackfoot Name - *Taatsikioyis*

On Wednesday, October 28, 2020, a small group met in the Catholic Central High School Theatre to partake in a smudge, face painting, and special naming ceremony for the entire school by Kainai Elder, Tom Little Bear (*Kaataomaahka* - No Runner)

Mr. Little Bear began by speaking about the cultural significance of the number “four,” and how appropriate it is that Catholic Central High School should be the fourth institution in the City of Lethbridge to receive a name.

He went on to talk about his youth, explaining how fortunate he was to have a strong traditional Blackfoot upbringing, where his grandparents were leaders in the sacred community. Alongside his education at home, he experienced an education rooted in the Catholic faith having been a student of Ecole St. Mary, St. Francis Junior High School, and Catholic Central High School. Models of prayer were everywhere for him - in the morning seeing his grandmother greet Creator and creation, in the evening when his grandfather conducted smudges, and through the kindness and guidance of his teachers at school, some of whom were Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).



Woven into the story of his youth, Elder Little Bear spoke about the annual Sundance held on the Kainai reserve. This significant cultural event brings the Kainai people together to refresh themselves and reinforce their spiritual and traditional ties to the land, the Creator, and each other. He explained that, though many tipis gather at Sundance, it is always centre tipi that is considered to be the most sacred.

And, from this tale, he bestowed Catholic Central High School with its new name:

***Taatsikioyis* - “Centre Tipi”**

The sacred centre of one of the most important events in the Kainai tradition.



Those present were visibly moved.

Principal Joanne Polec remarked that, when she heard the name, “It truly felt like we were on holy ground, a most sacred space. Words cannot express how blessed I feel to have had the opportunity to be present in this moment of reconciliation today. Together with the administrative team, with the continued leadership of our Division First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Principal, Annette Bruised Head, and with the guidance and collaborative support

from our elders and First Nations Workers, I have no doubt that we will endeavor to live up to the name we have been given.”

“I felt so privileged to have been a part of this powerful and beautifully moving ceremony; listening to Elder Tom Little Bear’s wisdom about the interconnectedness of our faith and the cultural beliefs and ways of being of our Blackfoot people,” said Superintendent Ken Sampson. “As a Catholic school division, we continue to be truly blessed by the presence and leadership of the First Nations people of our communities.”

“Many of our Blackfoot Community know the significance of the name and the honor to have received it is incredible,” expressed Annette Bruised Head, Division Principal of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education. “In my experience of the *Taatsikioyis*, it is a place of sacredness, learning and relationship. It is where the Blackfoot gather each summer to renew our relationship with all creation and Creator. Now our school is the place where the spirit of that sacred renewal is lived out. Our Blackfoot students can be connected even further and come to fully realize the significance of learning and prayer, in the way that their parents, grandparents, and relatives who have attended our Holy Spirit Catholic Schools; and to fulfill the wishes of those that went before them...get an education, pray, and have courage.”



Catholic Central High School’s new Blackfoot name will be prominently displayed in the school’s front foyer, reminding all who enter that they are in a sacred place.

End of Quarter 1 - Beginning of Quarter 2

As we transition from quarter 1 and into quarter 2, please take note of these important dates:

Last day of quarter 1 classes is Tuesday, November 3. Many teachers are running their in-class finals on Monday and Tuesday next week. So as to allow students every opportunity to succeed and write these finals in a non-distracting environment, we are allowing teachers the freedom to dismiss students upon completion of an exam and/or approval from the teacher. Teachers have been asked to advise parents/ guardians of this (if applicable to their context). Should this apply to your child, please reinforce that upon dismissal, he/she will need to leave the school and head directly home. There is to be no gathering or lingering both within and outside of the school, nor should there be gatherings anywhere else.

- Grade 12 students who are choosing to write their diploma exams should know when and where they will be writing. If you (your child) is unsure, please reach out to your child's teacher(s).
- November 9 and 10 have been declared Division Wellness Days. These are non-operational school days for both staff and students, with the exception of those students who are choosing to write Physics 30 and/or Biology 30 diploma exams.
- November 11 is Remembrance Day and the school will be closed.
- At-home Learner drop-off /pickup of materials will be conducted on November 12 and 13. Students will drop off any quarter 1 materials and collect quarter 2 materials at the same time:
 - ◇ November 12 AM - Grade 12
 - ◇ November 12 PM - Grade 11
 - ◇ November 13 AM - Grade 10
 - ◇ Classes for AHL sections will begin on November 16.
- Trinity learners will follow the same idea as above (drop-off/ pickup) using the following schedule:
 - ◇ November 16 AM - Grade 12
 - ◇ November 16 PM - Grade 11
 - ◇ November 17 AM - Grade 10
 - ◇ Students attending Trinity face-to-face will begin on November 17.



Mrs. Kirkvold and class - Breast Cancer Awareness Day



Rob Jetten

Happy Retirement!

"Mr. Jetten is the reason I finished high school and furthered my education to become a chiropractor."

"As a second year medical student, I am grateful to Mr. Jetten for sparking my passion in biological sciences."

"Mr. Jetten is not only an exemplary teacher, but a role model to all his students."

"Mr. Jetten was undoubtedly the best teacher I ever had!"

"Rob Jetten is a great teacher. He is passionate about his subject area, has a great sense of humour, and he cares about his students. I wish him nothing but the best in his new adventure!"

"Rob has been a wonderful colleague. He is such a positive person and a joy to be around. He will be greatly missed!"

"One of the best to have ever done it. Amazing teacher, mentor, person. A big loss to our community. Congratulations on this new chapter!"

"Rob is a great friend and colleague. He is always very upbeat, and we had tons of laughs over the years. Good luck Rob in your new endeavours!"

"Rob J was loved by his students, and always had a smile on his face and always ready for a laugh with his fellow teachers. I'll miss having him around!"

"Rob Jetten has been a teacher that I have tried to emulate my whole career. The way he teaches, his positivity, the care he shows for his students, his dedication to their learning, and of course the games. I will definitely miss him around the school. I hope one day I can reach his black belt level of teaching."

"Mr. Jetten is the kind of teacher who makes you want to come to school!"



"Mr. Jetten is a kind and encouraging teacher."

"An absolute gentleman, and a great guy!"

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible mark that **Mr. Rob Jetten** has left upon our students, our staff, and our Catholic Central Community as a whole. Mr. Jetten, we will miss you dearly but we know that you have many gifts to share to so many others beyond the walls of CCH. Many blessings to you on the next leg of your journey and all the best in your retirement!

"When I think of Mr. Jetten as a teacher and a friend I think of creating relationships, building confidence, and encouraging life long learning. He is irreplaceable and he will be greatly missed."

"Mr. Jetten not only educates, he inspires. I am grateful I had the chance to learn from him."

"I appreciate that Mr. Jetten was always there for us, no matter what."

"I can honestly say that Rob is one of the most incredible people on this planet! He has a way of motivating people to do their best - not only in their studies, but also in their personal life. Any encounter I had with him left me with a smile on my face and a spring in my step!"

"Rob will leave a legacy here at CCH of putting our students' wellness first. 'Hey Buddy, how are you doing?' was said with sincerity. He truly cared."

"Rob is one of the most thoughtful and funny colleagues. I will miss our laughs and his life advice."

"Whenever I talk to any former student of CCH, I ask who their favourite teacher was. Every time I get the same reply - Mr. Jetten! Rob is an all around great guy and I wish him all the best in retirement. Happy Fishin'!"

"Mr. Jetten is one of the most positively impactful teachers on my life. My Biology 30 teacher is more than just that, he is a friend and colleague. Mr. Jetten's teaching style of building relationships with students as both learner and friend transforms the classroom into a relaxing environment. Although Mr. Jetten and I may have some contrasting interests, he always takes time from his day to genuinely ask about my endeavours and passions. When I was struggling during grade eleven, Mr. Jetten offered me a listening ear and helpful advice. He helps every student and treats them with sincere respect, a quality not easily found today. Outside of the classroom, I met him on the street amidst the early pandemic and lockdown. He stopped and we chatted for awhile. That encounter changed my sad day to happy. That's Mr. Jetten, he continuously knows what to say to better a day.

Furthermore, Mr. Jetten goes beyond the ordinary teacher with brain breaks. He is the most convinced teacher I know that sitting is the new smoking. I enjoy his numerous brain breaks, which gives me time to fully understand a topic while moving. They are also very popular among students around the school. Another quality I admire of Mr. Jetten, is that he notices hard work, most notably during his course's exit interviews. He always supports and believes you can accomplish anything with determination. I am grateful Mr. Jetten is one of my greatest supporters, especially when it comes to curling. I will greatly miss Mr. Jetten's happiness, smile, wink and laugh in the hallways. I am losing, what Mr. Jetten would call a "great buddy," at CCH, but never around the community. Thank you Mr. Jetten for your uplifting influence on my education and life."

New staff on Campus West



Steve Payne - I started out working as a caretaker with Lethbridge School District 51 for six and half years before moving over to the Holy Spirit School Division and have been here for the past six years. I am very involved with my busy family which includes my wife, Linda and our two boys Austin 26 and Justin 22, and our black lab, Kona. The focus of most of my time over the last 20 years has been overseeing Justin's home-schooling program since he was diagnosed with Autism in 2001. In my free time I am an avid hunter and fisherman and have spent many summers saltwater fishing on the west coast. I'm excited to be part of the CCH West family and look forward to working with all of you.

Hello CCH Staff and Students.

My name is **Thor Kristinson**. I am the newest



member of the custodial team with the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division at CCH West Campus. Before embarking on this new path, I was the Chapter Manager at the MS Society of Canada, Lethbridge & District Chapter, for over nine years.

Prior to that, I worked at Valentine Volvo in Calgary for over 20 years. Before I started fixing the world's safest cars, I travelled the world playing the sousaphone (also known as a tuba) with the Calgary Stampede Showband, exploring

Western Canada, Europe, and Australia. I even got to play in the opening ceremonies at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. And yes, I know how to play the A&W Root-Bear song. I feel very blessed to become a part of the CCH team and I look forward to meeting you all.

My name is **Julianne Daniels** and I'm looking forward to meeting you all at CCH west soon. I love meeting new people. I was born and raised in rural southern Alberta, and I attended St. Michael's school at Pincher Creek from K-12. I'm a proud Mom of 2 daughters and a son, who attend at FLVT and CCH.

Throughout my career I've enjoyed working in many offices in the tourism, architecture, construction and education sectors. Previously I was employed at Holy Spirit School Division as an Educational Assistant as well, so some of your friendly faces are familiar to me.

In my spare time I knit every chance I get. I also enjoy reading, camping/travel with my family and baking (my latest and greatest success has been sourdough bread!).



2019 - 2020 Annual Awards Night

Although this year might look a lot different than in year's past, we are endeavoring to recognize students for their academic achievements for the 2019-2020 school year. As you might imagine, it has taken some time to re-evaluate and re-organize our Annual Awards Night event. Once we have a better sense of which awards we can distribute and how we can do so in a safe manner, we will provide an update to our students and parents/ guardians. More information to come!



School Council Meeting

Next Virtual School Council Meeting:

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact School Council Chair Sheryl-Ann Giacchetta @ sagiacchetta@gmail.com if you would like to participate as we will need to include you on the Google invite. We will be using 'Google Meet'; 15 minutes before the meeting, all people who have requested to be invited will receive an email asking them to join. We look forward to seeing more parents join us as we navigate this unique and challenging year!

From the Student Council . . .

"Thank you for participating in our Halloween event last month! It is you who make our events the success that they are! Be sure to watch out for the first edition of

The Voice - our special Student Council document updating you on important Student Council news and events - this month!"



Where to Access School Updates

As school updates occur quite frequently in our current reality, please be sure to check our website under Featured News/ School Re-Entry Resources. Mrs. Polec will continue to provide updates as more information is available.



A special thank you to the Lethbridge Food Bank, in partnership with LA Chefs, and Mr. Wensmann, Ms. Fox, and Mr. Kobza for providing these free lunches to our CCH students.

Monday and Tuesday sandwiches are made through partnership with LA Chefs and the Wednesday and Thursday sandwiches are made by Lethbridge Food Bank Staff. They say, "Thank you for allowing us to support children and youth who may experience food insecurity".

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Friendly Reminder

This year's school fees are now due and can be paid using School Cash Online. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Joanne Fehr.

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our Future

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IN FLANDERS FIELDS

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Remembrance Day Service

Typically, the Remembrance Day Service is held on the last full instructional day before November 11 (which would be November 3). This year, Catholic Central will hold our Remembrance Day Service on Thursday, November 12 (the first full-day of classes for quarter 2) over a school-wide broadcast. The service will be organized and led by grade 12 students.



Come away and rest a while.

Mark 6:31

Holy Spirit Catholic Schools is honoured to support "The Bench Project" at Martha Retreat Centre. This beautiful place has been an important part of the spiritual journey of so many of our staff, students, families, and trustees over the years. We would love for you to join us as we "make our mark" at the Centre as our way of honouring the legacy left by the Sisters of St. Martha. They were such strong supporters of Catholic Education and we want to show our support to ensure this gift in our community continues to be available for people as they seek spiritual renewal.

We are now gratefully accepting donations for the purchase of a "Holy Spirit Catholic Schools" bench at Martha Retreat Centre where people can come and rest awhile. What a beautiful way for our staff, trustees, and families to consider marking the upcoming Catholic Education Sunday by supporting this project in any way that you can. Tax deductible donations of any amount will be gratefully accepted, and can be made online using the Donations button on the Holy Spirit website.



OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



NEW

Dual Credit Opportunities with Olds College

Holy Spirit School Division is pleased to announce a partnership with Olds College to offer our students the chance to enroll in college level courses while still in high school. Students will receive not only high school credits, but also college credits. These courses will run virtually and start in February.

Courses offered are:

Veterinary Practice (Animal Health)

Solving Technology Problems (AG Techgronomy)

Applied Ecology (Land & Water Resources)

Producing Horticulture (Horticulture Tech)

Contact Mrs. Polec for more information about this exciting opportunity!



Virtual Post-Secondary Open Houses

- **Medicine Hat College** - Nov 18 - 5:30-8pm - register at:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/UKXnc9d/mhcopenhouse>

- **Waterloo University** - Nov 7 - register at: uwaterloo.ca/future-students/tours-events?

- **University of Ottawa** - Nov 7, 14 & 21- Register at: uottawa.ca/undergraduate-admissions/admission-events/open-house#register



Time to Hand in Your October Hours

All Rap and Work Experience students please remember to hand in, email or text a picture of your October hours to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.



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USask Engineering's Live Virtual Event for Students, Parents, Teachers & Counsellors

- Meet profs and students
- Get a sneak peek at our labs
- Win prizes like an Echo dot and more!
- RSVP Online: what-is-engineering.eventbrite.ca

NOVEMBER 17, 2020 from 4 - 7 PM (Saskatchewan)

Young Women in Trades & Technologies Virtual Mentorship Series

CAREERS: The Next Generation is offering a virtual mentorship series for young women in grades 9-12 to become educated on trades & technologies. There are 3 sessions in this series:

Automotive & Mechanical trades—December 15

Industrial Trades—February 17

Information & Communications Technology—March 17

Each of these virtual sessions will take place from 5:00pm—6:30pm.

In each of the sessions they will be talking to women who are working in those specific trade areas about their experiences, education, why they enjoy their trade and what their work day consists of.

Register for one, or all of the sessions at:

www.careersnextgen.ca/ywitt



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NOVEMBER

I can do all things through him who strengthens me!

Philippians 4:13



Special Days to Remember	
Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory	
1	All Saints' Day
2	All Souls' Day
8	Catholic Education Sunday
11	Remembrance Day
25	Feast Day of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Prayer for Catholic Education

Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks for the gift of Catholic Education. May we always appreciate the beauty that we enjoy in having our children attend a Catholic school. Guide us as we labour to bring the virtues of faith, hope, and love into a global society in great need of them. Lead us to proclaim your Good News in our schools, in our families, and in our communities. We make this prayer in your name. Amen.

Adapted from Called to Pray (Justin McClain)

Be Grateful

We are all called to live holy lives but as Pope Francis always reminds us, we are not alone in this quest. Catholics believe in the communion of saints and we know that the saints who walk with us protect and guide us. We are grateful that they sustain and carry us when times are difficult. While we can always pray directly to God, we also know that we can ask that the saints pray for us too.

This month, after your family says your prayers, ask your favourite saint, or perhaps the patron saint of your child's school, to pray for your family. It's as simple as saying at the end of your prayer, "St. Francis, pray for us."



Be Gracious

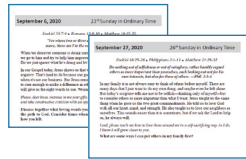
The "fruit of the Spirit" is evidence that our character is becoming more like Christ's. Faithfulness is one of these nine fruits. When we think about this attribute, we cannot help thinking about the saints who so faithfully answered the call to holiness. When saints are canonized, we recognize someone who has been honoured as a hero or model of faith. But guess what? We are all called to be saints by virtue of our Baptism and we are called to imitate Christ by living a life of holiness. Our children though are not called to seek holiness in any particular way but according to their own nature, their own character, and the conditions of their own life.

This month, talk to your children about what their God-given talents are and encourage them to use them to demonstrate in their own special way God's compassionate love. This is how they will learn to connect that when they are being gracious at home and at school, they are actually doing what they can to faithfully live a holy life. Learn more about how you can help your child answer their call to holiness by watching a short video by Joe Paprocki [here](#).

Faith & Family

Living a virtuous life makes salvation possible. Ken Yasinski, a popular Catholic speaker from Saskatoon, reminds us that, "As Catholic parents, our number one goal is to get our children to heaven." He and his wife Janelle have a wonderful video called "How to Teach Virtue to Children" that you can watch [here](#). Each time your children hear our call to action to "be gracious" from our faith plan this year, it is a reminder to use the virtues to guide their day to day actions. This does not just happen at school of course. It is actually in the home where we first learn to live out our vocations. If we want to live each day with holiness, we must start with our own surroundings.

We hope your family is enjoying the Mass Transit Cards to discuss the Sunday Gospel with your family. To access the November cards, click [here](#).



Catholic Education

On November 8, we proudly celebrate our schools as faith-filled learning communities on Catholic Education Sunday. Holy Spirit Catholic Schools has created a booklet to explain the basics of our Catholic faith tradition and how you will experience this being lived out in your child's school. You can access the booklet [here](#).



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

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Resources: Peter Gohn-Good Catholic-Catholic at Home (Peter Gohn); Saint of the Day (Leonard Foley and Pat McCloskey)



"I thank my God every time I remember you."

(Philippians 1:3)

Catholic Central Quarter 2 November 12, 2020 – January 19, 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			12 November First Day of Q2 Classes	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25 Division Board Meeting	26	27
30	1 December	2	3	4
7	8	9 Midterm	10	11
14	15	16 Advent Mass Division Board Meeting	17	18
21 Christmas Break	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas Day
28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break	1 January New Year's Day
4 First Day Back After Christmas	5	6	7	8
11 English - Part A - a.m.	12 Social - Part A - a.m.	13 French Part A – a.m.	14	15
18	19 Last Day of Q2 Classes French Part B – a.m.	20 EXAMS Math - a.m.	21 EXAMS English - Part B - a.m.	22 EXAMS Social - Part B - a.m.
25 EXAMS Biology - a.m.	26 EXAMS Chemistry - a.m.	27 EXAMS Physics - a.m. Division Board Meeting	28 First Day of Q3 Classes Science - a.m.	

*The exams specified are Diploma exams