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Principal's Message

The staff and students at Catholic Central are extremely excited to announce that the history and legacy that is Santa's Anonymous will continue this year! In fact, our cohorted classes have already been busy collecting items that are required for each carefully prepared hamper. This year's version of the Santa's Anonymous Project has been appropriately named the "Blitz(en) Edition" as it will be a short blitz of activity, which will run over five weeks and will endeavor to support a third of the families from the total number of families supported in year's past. Last year, Santa's Anonymous delivered Hampers to 97 families. This year, Santa's Anonymous will have Hampers ready for pick up from schools within the Holy Spirit School Division for around 30 families. While the pandemic has forced us to think differently about how we can still ensure that this good and important work is done in a scaled down version, it cannot not keep us from doing what is needed to spread kindness, especially during this time of year. We must remember that for most Christmas might be a time of joy, of blessings, of hope, and of celebration but, for some, it can be a time of stress - emotionally, physically, and financially - on others...and even more so in 2020.



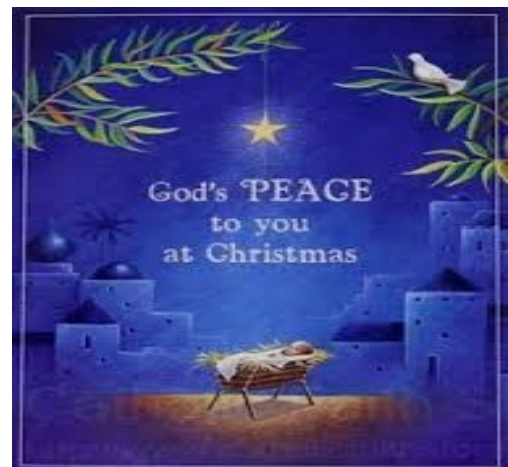
**Blitzen
Edition**

Although it has become even more challenging to fulfil our goal, given the most recent announcement of transition to at-home learning for all students, we would like to thank you all for doing what you could to support the collection of hamper items. Should you have any other items you would like to donate, please contact us at the school (403-327-4596) and we would be happy to arrange a drop off time as both campuses will remain open during operational hours of the school day. If donations of hamper items are not feasible at this time, we ask that you continue to pray for our students and their families. This has already proven to be a challenging year but I continue to believe that our school community will continue to support and care for each other through even the most difficult of times.

It is moments like this that I am truly humbled by the big, giving hearts of our CCH community. Thank you. A special thank you to Mr. Skretting, Mr. Spiess, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Rosen, Mrs. Barrajon, and Mrs. Yearous for helping to oversee this year's Blitzen Edition of Santa's Anonymous.

And on that note, on behalf of all of us here at Catholic Central, I would like to wish each and every one of our students and all of our families a blessed Christmas and a joy-filled New Year!

May peace be on your lips and in your hearts.
- Mrs. Polec



DECEMBER

- 4 - Advent Service #2
- 9 - Midterm For Quarter 2
- 11 - Advent Service #3
- 16 - Advent Mass & Blessing Of Santas
Anonymous Hampers
(live streamed on CCH YouTube channel)
- 18 - Advent Service #4, Last Day Of
Classes Before Christmas Break
- 21-31 - Christmas Break
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Boxing Day
- 31 - New Years Eve



- 1-3 - Christmas Break
- 4 - First Day Back (on-line/at home
learning platform)
- 5 - Blessing Of Classrooms / Rooms
- 11 - First Day Back (in school learning)
- 19-28 - Diplomas / Exams
- 19 - Last Day Of Q2 Classes
- 27 - Division Board Meeting
- 28 - First Day Of Q3 Classes



ADVENT SERVICES

Catholic Central High School is pleased to present our regular Advent services each Friday by streaming online. Information for viewing will be available in students google classroom.

Friendly Reminder...

This year's school fees are now due. Kindly remit as soon as possible. Fees may be paid using School Cash On-line. Should you have any questions or issues, please contact Mrs. Fehr

AWARDS 2019-2020

We would like to thank the following donors
for their support of Catholic Central's Awards Program:



- * Avail CPA
- * CCH - School Council
- * CCH Music Parents Association
- * CUPE Local 1825
- * Ferrari Westwood Babits Architects
- * Genevieve Yates Foundation
- * Holy Spirit Catholic Teachers A.T.A Local #5
- * Knights of Columbus 10547
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- * Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
- * Rotary Club of Lethbridge
- * Vera and Albert Kenwood
- * The Beresnack Family
- * The Weiler Family
- * The Yamashita Family
- * Vittorio, Kathy & Cara Oliverio
- * 1st Choice Savings & Credit Union



Thank you for your patience as we worked through the logistics of how to proceed with recognition of academic excellence through our annual Awards Ceremony. There was much to work through and many decisions to make but, thanks to our many donors and the collaborative efforts of Mrs. Schmidt, Ms. Magill, Mrs. Aasman, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Hoveling, Mrs. Larsen, and Mrs. Polec, we were able to distribute over \$5000 to extremely deserving students. Due to COVID restrictions, we were not able to gather, but we were able to present honors certificates and special awards to current students (last year's grade 10 and 11 students) in their classes. Last year's grade 12 students will receive their awards, certificates, and letters in the mail.

Congratulations to all of our certificate and awards recipients! May God continue to bless you on your educational journey.



St. Martha's Parish

Nativity of the Lord Thursday, Dec. 24th

3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm

*Please note that the 5 pm & 9 pm Masses will be livestreamed on the parish website

www.stmarthasparish.ca.

Christmas Day Mass Friday, Dec. 25th

10 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 26th, 2020 at 5 pm
Sunday, Dec. 27th, 2020 at 9 am & 11 am

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, Dec. 31st, 2020 at 5 pm
Friday, Jan. 1st, 2021 at 10 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 2021 @ 5 pm
Sunday, Jan. 3rd, 2021 @ 9am & 11 am

www.stmarthasparish.ca.



All Saints Parish

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Masses

6:00 pm Mass at both St. Basils & Assumption

8:00 pm Mass at Assumption

10:00 pm Mass at St. Basils

12:00 Midnight Mass at Assumption

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Masses

9:00 am at Assumption

11:00 am at St. Basils

Registration starts on Thursday, December 17

If the masses fill up, more will be offered.

Attendance will be by registration ONLY.

Capacity is determined by Mandatory COVID Restrictions

www.allsaintslethbridge.org/



Santa's Anonymous Blitzen Edition

Hello!

You may be curious about what is happening this year for Santa's Anonymous. We have had to approach things differently this year and would like to let you know what we have been doing for the last couple of weeks, if you don't already know. Based on the great buy-in that we saw with Quarter 1 religion classes and their culminating projects, we decided to get the whole school involved in Santa's both to build community as well as to reflect the idea that all of our little actions contribute to a large impact.

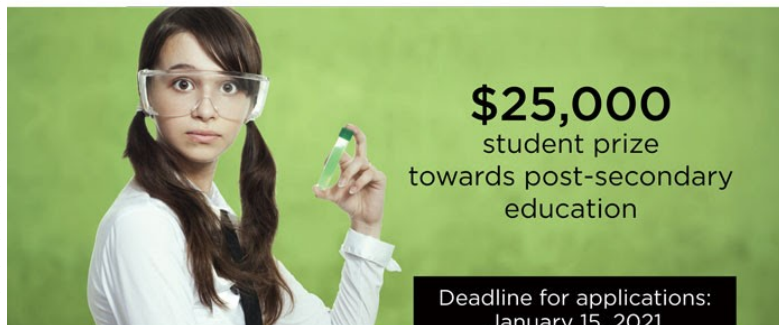
We are calling this year's version Santa's Anonymous: Blitzen Edition, because the concept was to blitz collection of items that the hampers require. The challenge was for each cohort to build a hamper, by encouraging students to bring in the items required during that week. The Religion department graciously offered to assist with some of the coordination, collection, sorting and tracking of the items. We will be constructing the hampers just prior to the Advent Mass held on December 16th, have them blessed, and then distribute them via our colleagues in other Holy Spirit schools.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of this important and longstanding tradition at CCH!

INGENIUM-NSERC STEAM: HORIZON AWARDS

Applications are now open!

Would you describe any number of your students as leaders, achievers, or innovators? Do they have limitless drive, ambition, and determination?



\$25,000
student prize
towards post-secondary
education

Deadline for applications:
January 15, 2021

Founded in 2016, the INGENIUM-NSERC STEAM Horizon Awards invite Canada's youth to promote positive changes throughout their community using science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM).

Five Canadian students will be awarded \$25,000 each, to attend a Canadian university, college or cégep to study in a STEAM field. Two of these awards will be given to Indigenous students. The winners will be announced in the spring of 2021.

More information about the prize program and **how to apply** can be found at steamhorizonawards.ca

Share this opportunity with your students today!



Yearbook Theme Reveal!

Heroes are defined by their selflessness, courage, determination and faithfulness in the face of adversity. The 2020-2021 school year has already proven to be a hero-building year; whether students are helping others or working on their own internal battles, we have seen the potential that each of us holds increase with every passing day. So it is with great pride that the CCH Yearbook Club announces the 2020-2021 Yearbook theme as **“Heroes Among Us”**

☛ Pre-order now on SchoolCash online, you don't want to miss this years edition!

Holy Spirit Stars

★ Allison Baptista ★

Has been appointed to the Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council as a second representative of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division for a two year term

Student Surveys

What is the purpose of a survey?

Surveys provide a snapshot of attitudes and behaviours - including thoughts, opinions, and comments - about the target population/ group. Survey results provide valuable feedback and can provide a baseline to measure and establish a benchmark from which to compare results over time.

What are the types of surveys administered to students at CCH?

- Two snapshots (one before Christmas and one around Easter) using The Learning Bar's OurSchool Survey. The survey is focused on measuring the factors that have been proven to directly affect students' academic achievement, health and well-being, engagement and attainment.
- The February administration of Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar. This survey goes out to teachers, parents, and students. The data in the Accountability Pillar gives a good idea of school and school authority performance, including successes and potential challenges. Schools and school authorities use the data to find ways to improve student learning and achievement.
- Any other educational research studies that we are approved to engage in, in order to support our educational partners like the University of Lethbridge.

Educational Research Study

Currently, permission has been granted to support a 15-minute research study that may be done on smartphones or tablets. The survey is completely optional for high school students and completely anonymous. By following the link to the survey, a student has provided consent (if he/she is 18 or over) or assent (if he/she is under 18) to participate in this study. If a student changes his/her mind about participating in this study, he/she can stop completing it and close the browser. If you (the student) wish to participate in the survey, please proceed to the questions now at https://uleth.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJRD5lov4TmlQ33. Thank you in advance for your participation.

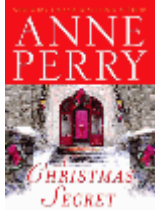
Very Merry Holiday Reads

Snuggle up these great Christmas reads from the Catholic Central High School Library. Contact Mrs. Lavkulich in the library if you would like to borrow any of these.



Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Pope Francis : Daily Scripture and Prayers Together with Pope Francis' Own Words by John J. Cleary. Liguori Publications, 2015. 112 p.

Twenty-eight daily readings for the Advent season are followed by materials for the twelve days of Christmas which follow.



A Christmas Secret by Anne Perry. Ballantine Books, 2006. 198 p.

A Victorian era mystery in which Dominic Corde and his wife fill in for the Reverend Wynter who is away on a three week Christmas holiday, but their enthusiasm turns into something sinister when they find the Reverend may not have gone on holidays after all.



Advent Conspiracy : Can Christmas Still Change The World? by Rick McKinley. Zondervan, 2009. 151 p.

A reaction to how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas, this book helps us understand how to make Christmas what it should be--a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us.



Merry Christmas, Alex Cross by James Patterson. Little, Brown, 2012. 323 p.

Alex Cross and his family are celebrating Christmas Eve when a father takes his ex-wife and children hostage, but soon a second situation explodes that puts millions at risk and Alex is forced to make a decision that may end as many lives as it saves.



The Christmas Thief by Mary Higgins Clark. Pocket Books, 2004. 298 p.

The decision to choose an eight-foot blue spruce from Vermont to be Rockefeller Center's famous Christmas tree causes difficulties for Packy Noonan, a scam artist released from prison as he hid stolen diamonds in the tree.



A Christmas Homecoming by Anne Perry. Ballantine Books, 2011. 212 p.

A Victorian mystery with Charlotte and Thomas Pitt who travel to a Yorkshire fishing village to watch a Christmas theatrical presentation but are faced with tempers, wind and snow, and ultimately a murder.



An Amish Christmas by Cynthia Keller. Ballantine Books, 2008. 239 p.

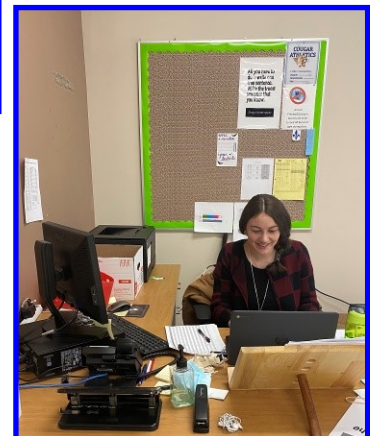
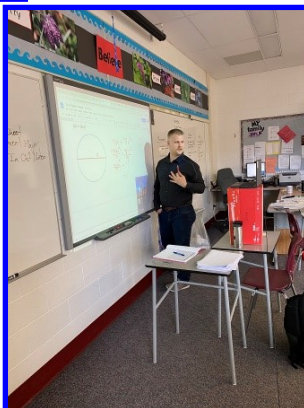
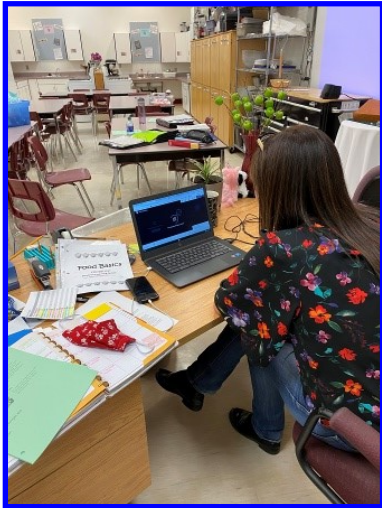
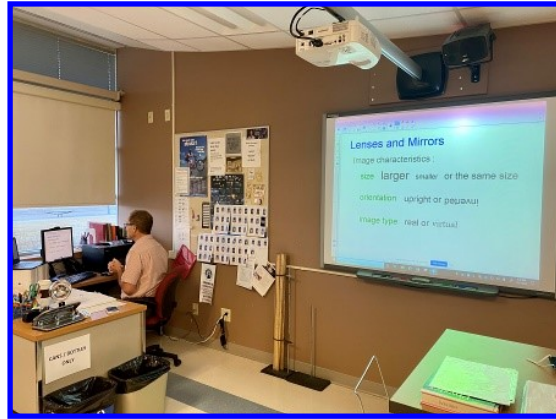
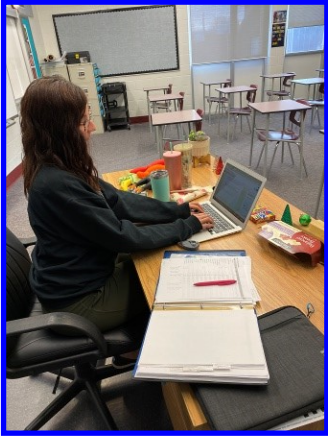
Finding their family in financial ruin, Meg Hobart, finds herself, with her family spending Christmas with a kind Amish family in Pennsylvania through a frightening twist of fate, that allows the opportunity to find value in simpler times.



Let it snow : three holiday romances. "The Jubilee Express" by Maureen Johnson; "A cheertastic Christmas miracle" by John Green; "The patron saint of pigs" by Lauren Myracle. Speak, 2008. 352 p.

In three intertwining short stories, several high school couples experience the trials and tribulations along with the joys of romance during a Christmas Eve snowstorm in a small town.

We're In This Together



OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



University of Lethbridge Admission Scholarship

Apply for admission to the U of L before **December 15** to automatically be considered for up to \$1,000 in student awards!

Apply online at: ulethbridge.ca/future-student



Time to Hand in Your November Hours

RAP and Work Experience students please remember to email or text your hours for November to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.

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. The next session in this series is:

Automotive & Mechanical trades—December 15

Register at: www.careersnectgen.ca/ywitt



Dual Credit Opportunities with Olds College



Holy Spirit School Division is pleased to announce a partnership with Olds College to offer our high schools students the chance to enroll in college level courses while still in high school. Students will receive not only 5 high school credits, but also 3 college credits. These courses will run virtually and are starting in February.

The courses being offered are:

Veterinary Practice (Animal Health)

Solving Technology Problems (AG Techgromony)

Applied Ecology (Land & Water Resources)

Producing Horticulture (Horticulture Tech)

Contact Mrs. Polec for more information about this wonderful opportunity.



Medicine Hat College

Future Student Information Session

On **December 9, 2020 at 6:00pm** Medicine Hat College will be highlighting their programs, answering questions about admission requirements and providing information about all of the services available to you as an MHC student. Registration is required to join the session at:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/aGHaD5m/mhcinfosession>

Virtual Student for a Day

Join the Lethbridge College Culinary Program virtually from **9 -10:30am on Dec. 8,9,10,15 or 16th.**
Email: Kelly.bari@lethbridgecollege.ca to reserve a spot.

BE READY.



*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

*Merry Christmas and best wishes for
2021.*

Mr. Boschee & Mrs. Gurr

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





Transformed by the Journey

DECEMBER

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us...
Isaiah 9:6a

Special Days to Remember Month of the Immaculate Conception

- 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 19 Christmas Break Begins
- 25 Nativity of the Lord
- 27 Feast of the Holy Family

God of Love,
your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.

Source: [Loyola Press](#)

Click [here](#) for a printable version of this prayer.

Be Gracious

Is there any time of year when we feel more joy than during the season of Advent as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas? Joy is one of the Fruits of the Spirit and is a gift from God — it makes us feel so good! When we feel good, we do good; when we do good, it reminds others of what joy feels like, inspiring them to do the same.

Jesus is our Saviour who brings light into the darkness of this world and Advent is a time of preparation as we wait for Christ's coming. During this season, families are encouraged to remember "the reason for the season" and to bring light into the world in their own small ways. What a perfect time to help your children think about ways to be gracious to others through simple acts of charity and kindness. Consider putting this [Advent calendar](#) on your fridge and encourage everyone in your family to act with graciousness each day as you prepare yourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth.



Catholic Education

As you look ahead to the Christmas break, please remember that if you have children in Grades 1-7, you have access to a home portal on our [Growing in Faith Growing in Christ website](#).

There are many wonderful videos and stories to enjoy that will help your child understand the meaning of Advent and Christmas. Please check with your child's teacher if you have forgotten the username/password.



Be Grateful

If you recall the first chapter of the book of Genesis, God was delighted with his created world. "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (1:31) In the season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of God the Son, we are reminded that there is goodness all around us. And that is something to be joyful about!

An important question to ask ourselves in the month of December is, "Do we truly experience God's joy in our daily lives?" Do we see it in our everyday moments or are we expecting trumpets announcing a big "God moment" before we pay attention? Certainly our preparations for Christmas will look different this year, but maybe that's okay. Maybe it's the year to be a little less busy and a little more still — could that perhaps be a gift for us to be grateful for? Have we learned in the past few months to appreciate the goodness that is all around us? Is God giving us a nudge to spend a little more time as a family doing simple things this month to really enjoy the season of Advent with that bit of extra time on our hands. Rather than attending to all of our usual holiday activities, perhaps we could spend more time simply cooking or baking together, playing a board game in the evening, or going for a walk and enjoying hot chocolate with our family.

This month, keep your family focused on the joy that comes from seeing everything that God created for us to enjoy and recognize that indeed, it is very good. Let us be grateful for all of our blessings and let us rejoice!



Faith & Family

A kind word goes a long way! How can we help our children feel a deep, true sense of joy? Give them opportunities to be the face of God and show kindness to others. This month, have your children show their appreciation to those who have been taking such good care of others during the pandemic. Have them make a Christmas card with a heartfelt message of gratitude for those who serve — our teachers, our health care providers and health care staff, our first responders, our clergy, our grocery store staff, our mail carriers and our delivery people. These cards will give a much needed lift to folks who are undoubtedly feeling the strain of serving others during these challenging times. Teach your children that by sharing their gifts, they will bring some joy to others!



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

Resources: *Everyday Stewardship - Reflections for the Journey* by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
Experiencing God in the Ordinary by William A. Barry, SJ
Living Stewardship by Darrin J.G. Gurr

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

(Psalm 118:24)





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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	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

Next School Council Meeting—All Are Welcome To Attend!

In order to accommodate the current AHS regulations, we are inviting you to join us on a virtual platform. The next School Council Meeting will be on:

December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact School Council Chair Sheryl-Ann Giacchetta at 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 hearing from our parents/ guardians in our school community!

Update on Timetables for Quarter 3 & 4 for 2020—2021 School Year

This is a memo that over the next few weeks in December, CCH admin will be working on building the "back-end" of the timetable (Q3-Q4) for the 2020-2021 school year. As such, students/ parents/ guardians will start to see classes populating in PowerSchool. Please note that nothing is set in stone as we will consistently be adjusting class sizes, class allocation to teachers and students, locations (rooms and campuses), etc. as we see how PowerSchool handles various scenarios we build. Also, please note that we have NOT yet sent out parent/student registrations for at-home delivery which will impact course offerings and staffing allocations. This will come in a message out/ update to parents later this month.

We ask that you remain patient as we work through the logistics of this and know that timetables are subject to change given the scenario we are directed to proceed in by Alberta Education at any given time. Once the timetable has been decided upon/ finalized, we will proceed with a communique out and we will entertain questions/ requests at that time.

Thank you for your understanding and patience with us!

