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Principals Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year! In all of the well wishes for a Happy New Year going around through social media channels, there was one that resonated personally with me. It was the following:

Ditch the resolutions.

To resolve means to find a solution to a problem. You are not a problem.

The way you showed up for your life the past year was necessary for your growth.

Now is a time to reflect. To learn. To create an intention, a positive call to shift, a spark of magic and manifestation rooted in self-love and backed with action.

tinybuddha.com

The statement, “The way you showed up for life in the past year was necessary for your growth” put all things related to 2020 into perspective for me and the time I had over the Christmas break allowed me to pause and reflect upon not only my own personal growth but the collective growth of our staff, students, and community. For instance, while the directives from the Minister of Education have required so many to quickly pivot, we more than managed and survived. In fact, we continued on with what needed to be done and, here we are, close to the end of quarter 2. I truly believe that it was because of the positivity and collaborative efficacy of staff, students, and parents/ guardians that allowed us

to now stand before the remainder of the school year with many tools, strategies, honed skills, and an attitude of gratefulness. We are well equipped for what is to come and whatever challenges this new year will bring.

As I write this, we have officially celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord and, as is tradition at Catholic Central, we have blessed our classrooms, learning spaces, and common areas. This tradition encourages us to focus on the concept of life as a journey of discovery and change. Like the Magi, who set out on a journey without knowing how long it will be, where it will lead them, and what challenges they may face, we, too, are on a journey... and on that journey, we will, inevitably, face many trying times, times where we must adapt. So, while we can continue to commiserate on “what could have been,” we also have the choice to be intentional in shifting our perspectives and reflect on what has been gained and learned.

To all of you, may 2021 be a year filled with beautiful moments, treasured memories, and all the blessings a heart can know... and maybe a little bit of magic.

- Mrs. Polec

Important Dates

January 2021

- 11th—All students who were in face-to-face learning platform return
- English Exam, Part A (a.m.)
- 12th—Social Exam, Part A (a.m.)
- 13th— French Lang. Arts Diploma Exam, Part A (a.m.)
- 19th— Last day of Q2 Classes
— French Lang. Arts Diploma Exam Part B (a.m.)
- 20th—Math Exam (a.m.)
- 21st—English Exam, Part B (a.m.)
- 22nd—Social Exam, Part B (a.m.)
- 25th—Biology Exam (a.m.)
- 26th—Chemistry Exam (a.m.)
- 27th—Physics Exam (a.m.), Division Board Meeting
- 28th— First day of Quarter 3 Classes,
— Science Exam (a.m.)

February 2021

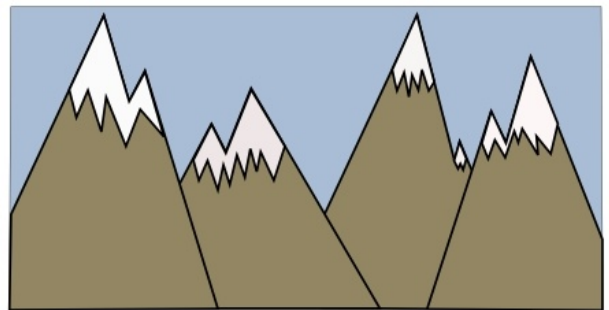
- 15th—Family Day, No School
- 16th & 17th—Reading week, No School
- 18th & 19th—SWATCA—No School
- 24th—Division Board Meeting

School Council Meetings 2021

- January 20th
- February—No meeting due to spring break
- March 17th
- April 21st
- May 19th
- June (date to be announced)

Cafeteria Services Notice

Please note that there will be no cafeteria food services until Monday, February 1st

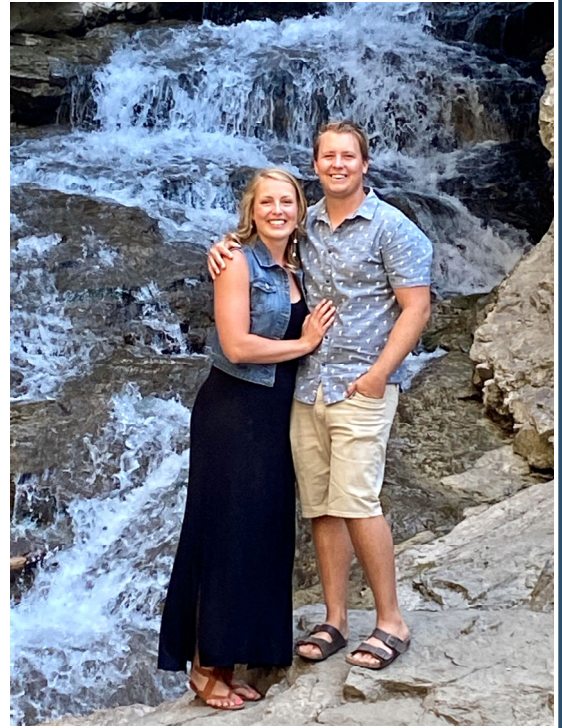


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A Warm Welcome to CCH's Newest Staff Members

Matthew Hammel

I graduated from the University of Lethbridge in 2016 with a BSc. and BEd majoring in Mathematics. I then took the next year to go teach abroad in London, England teaching Years 7-11 Math. Upon returning back to Canada the following year, I got a job at Brooks Composite High School where I spent the next 3 years teaching all levels of High School Math and some Physical Education while coaching the Varsity Girls Volleyball team. I made the decision to give up my contract in Brooks to move back to Lethbridge this year to be closer to friends and family and took a temporary job at Noble Central teaching some Junior High Math and PE. I am very excited to get back to teaching High School math classes and can't wait to be a part of the CCH family!



Jane Marzetti

I am pleased and excited to be joining the CCH community. I was born and raised in Calgary, I did my BSc. in Edmonton and my BEd in Lethbridge. I really enjoyed my time in Lethbridge, and am looking forward to getting to know the community better. I worked as a geologist in Alberta for ten years before switching to become a teacher. While I am a science major, I spent the last semester teaching grade nine math, and now looking forward to the challenge of teaching Math 10/20. Outside the classroom, I can be found training for running races, cross country skiing and mountain biking. I have run five marathons and have cycled from Vancouver to Calgary. I enjoy travelling, and some of the highlights have been Central America, Middle East and Southeast Asia. I can't wait to meet and get to know everyone at CCH.

Samantha Tinworth

Welcome back to Samantha Tinworth, who has recently graduated with an Education degree from the University of Lethbridge despite the efforts of COVID-19 to delay her. She loves to share all kinds of science facts, especially those about nature, with anyone who will listen to her. This is why she is so excited to be returning to CCH to share her love of science and learning with her future students!



Career Transitions Survey

Career Transitions is an organization that is a partnership between Southwestern Alberta school jurisdictions, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge College, and local business representatives to improve the school-to-work transitions for Southwestern Alberta youth through career exploration.

Career Transitions is looking for parents, students and teachers to complete surveys to help develop and deliver better programming.

Surveys need to be completed by January 11, 2021.

Parent Survey - <https://bit.ly/3nbEjMV>

Student Survey - <https://bit.ly/36YQInf>

Teacher Survey - <https://bit.ly/344Lwqv>

Thank you for taking the time to support Career Transitions.



Still I Rise is a one-day virtual event focused around positive mental health and wellbeing for students. Hosted by Ever Active Schools and partners, participating students can attend an opening Elders circle and 3 workshops with guest presenters. This

event is for students from grades 7-12 in Alberta; high school students have the opportunity to **earn credits** with support from their home school. Teachers and Support Staff may register multiple students at the same time.

To register, visit the Ever Active Schools website at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/still-i-rise-registration-132840370123>

GRADUATION 2021

The staff at Catholic Central are committed to ensuring that there will be a celebratory culminating exercise for our Graduating Class of 2021.

We recognize the importance of providing our graduates with a graduation ceremony to:

- acknowledge 13 years of commitment to their academic journey from K-12
- provide closure to the school year and a means to celebrate their individual accomplishments
- honor this milestone in their lives and bless them as they continue beyond our school community

While we cannot commit to any ONE scenario, we can outline our options at this point. However, please note that our options will be impacted by whichever government public health measures are in place at the time of planning/ decision-making. It is important to note that much of the work and planning for grad is typically front-loaded and, as such, there are certain dates in place for us to make decisions by. We will continue to monitor the government public health measures and remain as flexible as possible throughout the process.



GRADUATION 2021

Grad Option A: Grad in its “traditional” form on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15, 2021 at The Enmax Centre - this is pretty much “back-to-normal” option. For this option to be “a go,” we will need to decide by Friday, February 26th. This decision will be heavily dependent on the public health measures in place at the time.

<p>No restrictions on indoor gatherings in any setting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, convocation, and grand march all at the Enmax with adherence to maximum capacity of Enmax. • As the deadline to commit to banquet providers and online ticket vendors has passed and the logistics of serving “pre/individually-packaged food in a “drive-thru” method is not feasible, we will NOT be offering a graduation banquet this year.
<p>No restrictions on outdoor gatherings in any setting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, convocation, and grand march at the Enmax with no limit on guests.
<p>No mandatory masks for indoor or outdoor gatherings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks would be optional.
<p>No consideration of physical distancing required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In our planning, there would be no need to socially distance students, staff, families, guests.
<p>Other important information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that in speaking with the Enmax, there are absolutely no alternative dates available for the rest of May or for all of June. They are completely booked with, potentially, delayed concerts, sporting events, etc. So, the “original” weekend would be what we would have to proceed with.

GRADUATION 2021

GRAD OPTION B: A “Drive-In” Graduation option in an outdoor setting on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the Exhibition Grounds (South Pavilion/ parking lot)

Restriction on outdoor gatherings of anywhere between 10-100 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have tentatively booked the South Pavilion/ parking lot at the Exhibition Grounds• Students would get the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with a “walk across the stage” to receive their convocation box from CCH administration.• Each grad would be invited to attend the event with one vehicle with family members (natural cohort). Only the grad would be allowed out of his/her vehicle.• FM radio would be used for guests to listen to the event.• This event would also be livestreamed for those who could not attend.
No indoor gatherings or very limited numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A virtual prayer service and convocation slideshow would be made available for graduates.
Mandatory masks for indoor or outdoor gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masks would be mandatory.
Heavy adherence to physical distancing required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical distancing measures would be applied.

GRADUATION 2021

GRAD OPTION C: This is the scenario most akin to what the directives for Albertans are to date. This would be a full lockdown with limited services.

No outdoor or indoor gatherings of any kind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A virtual prayer service and convocation slideshow would be made available for graduates. • Grad boxes with certificates, caps, tassels, eagle feathers (for First Nations graduates), Metis sashes (for Metis graduates), and other items related to graduation would be made ready for pick up.
Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would endeavor to have all events offered in a virtual platform by June 30th, 2021.

Important information and dates moving forward:

Grad Requirements: in order to qualify for graduation, a student must

- have attained or be in position to attain 90 credits by the end of quarter 3,
- have completed Religious Education 35 by the end of quarter 3, and
- have attained or be in position to attain 100 credits by the end of quarter 4, or
- be in a special program (ie: Certificate of High School Completion vs. High School Diploma)

Grad Requirements: Administration and guidance counsellors are busy working on the creation of a grad list. This list indicates who is eligible to participate in the graduation ceremonies. There are three categories that a student might fall into:

1. Has met all grad requirements (as outlined above) and therefore may opt to participate in graduation ceremonies.
2. May be eligible should all requirements (as outlined above). These students will be issued a “maybe” letter, which outlines the expectations required prior to any decision on graduation eligibility has been made.
3. Is not eligible to participate. These students will be contacted directly to work through a plan to graduate in the following year.

GRADUATION 2021

- **Grad Parent Meeting:** will be held virtually sometime in early February. Once the details have been worked out, we will share the information with our parents/ guardians/ graduates.
- **Grad Hoodies:** will go on sale through SchoolCash Online on February 1st - February 19th. More information to come.
- **Grad Photos:** Booking for grad photo sittings will open on January 4th, 2021 through LifeTouch, through their website: <https://lifetouch.ca/> Once the site is active, students can go in and select their location (Lethbridge, Catholic Central High School) and select a day and time to book. If none of the dates or times listed work, please call LifeTouch directly at (403) 327-2658 to arrange an alternate day and time. All photos will be taken at the LifeTouch studio in Lethbridge.

There is NO CHARGE to grads to have their picture taken. Pictures are taken on these dates and times:

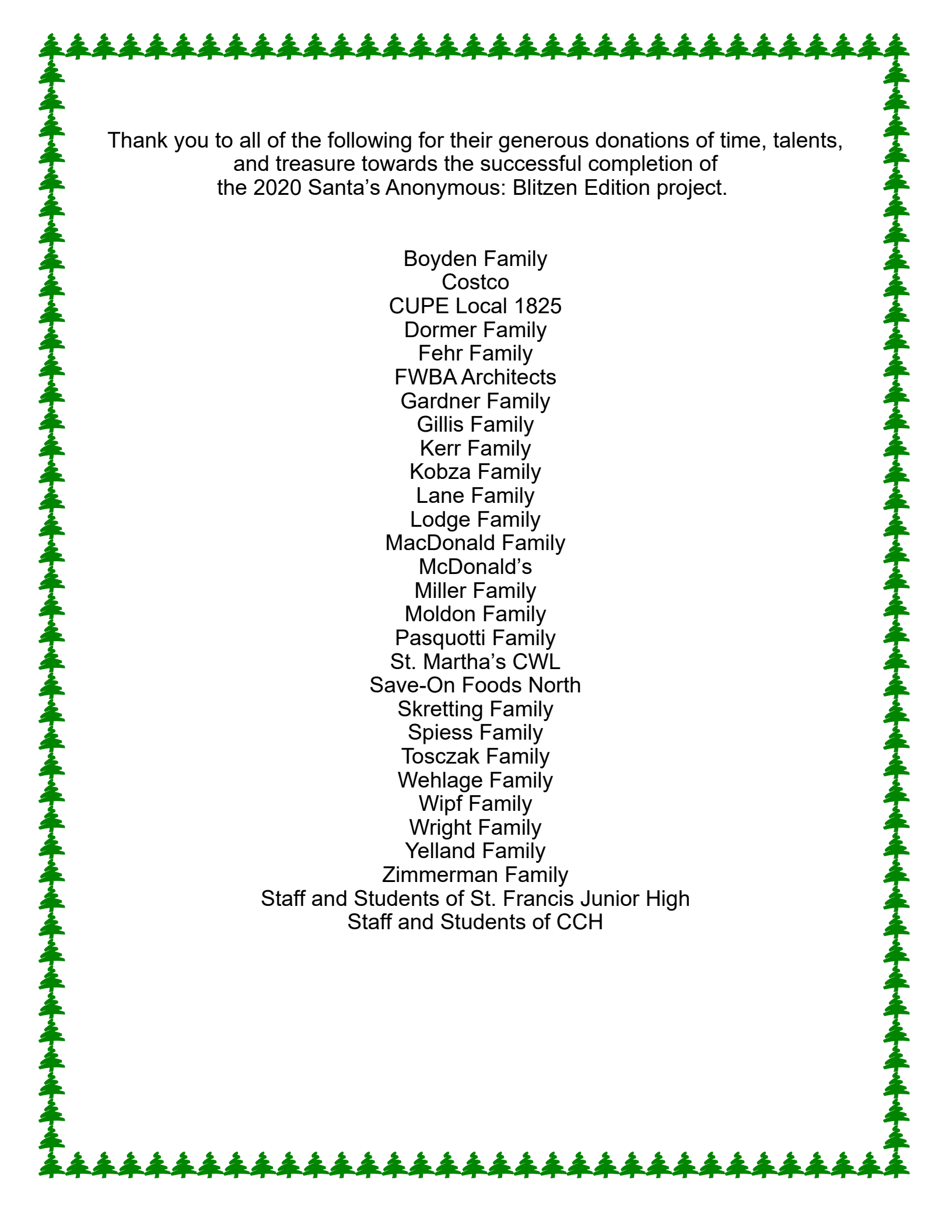
- February 16-19th - these dates/ times will be the first to open for bookings
 - March 1-5th - these dates/ times will be back-up/ alternate dates should the week of February 16-19th not work
- **Grad Fees:** Fees will run anywhere between \$50-\$150 depending on which option we will proceed with. Once we are able to decide on the option, we will set fees. Fees can be paid through School Cash Online, which can be accessed from our homepage: <https://holyspirit.schoolcashonline.com/> Grad fees must be paid in full in order to participate in graduation events.

Graduation Information

CCH Grade 12 Parents and Students, information regarding Graduation 2021 can now be accessed on our school webpage:

[https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/graduation information](https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/graduation_information)





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Wipf Family
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Zimmerman Family
Staff and Students of St. Francis Junior High
Staff and Students of CCH



WINTER 2021 ONLINE DUAL CREDIT COURSES

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS IN HIGH SCHOOL

AHT 1140 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021
VETERINARY PRACTICE: THE TEAM CONNECTION

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Animal Health Technology Diploma

Students will become familiar with the aspects of the service cycle within a veterinary clinic. Students will explore veterinary software and their specific application to operating a veterinary practice. They will apply communication skills to create positive experiences for veterinary clients.

EVS 1210 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021
APPLIED ECOLOGY

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Land & Water Resources Diploma

This course provides an introduction to ecological principles at the species, population, community and ecosystem levels. Specific application of ecology to sustainability and the management of forest and grassland ecosystems are studied.

AHT 1050 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021
INTRO TO VETERINARY PROFESSION

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Animal Health Technology Diploma

Students will become familiar with selected animal health organizations and will adhere to the regulations of veterinary medicine in Alberta. Students are introduced to strategies and techniques for managing self and interacting with others. Students will examine animal welfare and ethical issues. This course provides students with foundational veterinary medical terminology they will use throughout their career.

ATG 1007 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021
**ELECTRONICS & CONTROL SYSTEMS
IN PRECISION AGRICULTURE**

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Precision Agriculture Techronomy Diploma

Students will investigate foundations of control systems, electronics and practical applications in precision farming. Through experiential learning, students will demonstrate the uses and applications of geospatial technology, identify and troubleshoot components within hardware and devices used in precision farming, test control systems and their role in product application, evaluate hardware and software used in precision agriculture systems, program farm equipment, demonstrate a proven process for identifying and troubleshooting components in Agricultural Technology equipment and interpret digital diagnostic data

HRT 1700 / TERM: FEB 22 - MAY 14, 2021
PRODUCING HORTICULTURE CROPS

Online, Asynchronous | Windows 10 required

Horticulture Technologist Diploma

Learners research and assess food and ornamental field crop production markets, locations, materials, and processes to achieve a sustainable enterprise.

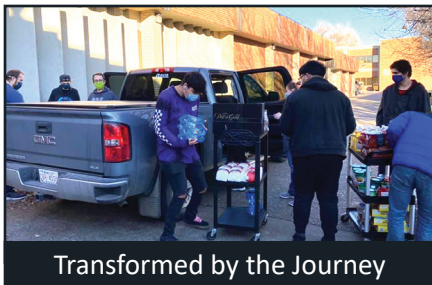
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM



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or your Principal
VISIT: OLDSCOLLEGE.CA/DUALCREDIT



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JANUARY

See, I am making all things new.

Revelations 21:5

Special Days to Remember
Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- 2 Feast of St. Basil the Great
- 3 Epiphany of the Lord
- 10 Baptism of the Lord



Dear Jesus

Please help me to be faithful in all the duties You have entrusted to me this day, fulfilling each with great care and love!
Amen.

golepress.com/2019/pray-for-responsibility/

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

Be Gracious

You do your best each day to teach your children about responsibility. It's very healthy to let your children experience what happens naturally if they are not responsible (as long as their safety is not in jeopardy of course). If they forget things they are supposed to take to school for example, let them discover how to deal with the consequences of their forgetfulness. Give them continual age-appropriate opportunities for responsibility at home like making their bed, putting away toys, helping to prepare dinner, or taking care of pets.

Knowing that they are expected to be responsible at home and at school is a very important life lesson for our children. If they grumble about little inconveniences like wearing a mask, help them understand that thinking about the needs of others and not only of ourselves is a truly gracious way to live. And when your child makes a mistake, the "OWN UP" strategy is a beautiful faithful way to help them learn to be accountable for their actions.

Faith & Family

Parents are the primary educator of their children. Did you realize that when you teach your sons and daughters about their responsibilities at home and in their community, you are helping them learn about an important Catholic Social Teaching? Learn more about rights and responsibilities by watching this [video](#). Consider hanging this poster on your fridge or in your child's room and have conversations about the Catholic Social Teachings often. Here is a [child's version](#) and here is one for your [teens](#). Home + School + Parish = Partners in Catholic Education!



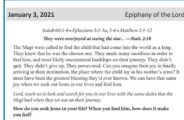
"...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18



Catholic Education

God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life. This means we all have to accept our responsibilities that come from living in communion with others. One of the most important lessons we teach in our Catholic schools is that the dignity of the human person must be foundational to all of the decisions we make in relation to how we live in our community. Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP explains that responsibility is an attitude of accepting that we are all called to participate and respond to the common good. It's an important lesson for children to learn - that life is not all about them and their needs. Pope Francis said it beautifully during his homily at his installation in 2013, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!" What a beautiful reminder for our families as we enter this new year!



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

Resources: *Teaching Kids to Care* by Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP
Faith Perspectives on the Covid-19 Pandemic, [Waterloo Catholics](#)

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

(1 Corinthians 12:12)





LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR WITH ...

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION 2021/2022 REGISTRATION

RE-REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Families who already have students in our system should expect an email on February 1, 2021 asking you to complete the online "Registration Update Form" for all of your children.

This update allows us to make sure the information on file is accurate and that any legal declarations, preferences and consents are renewed. It also allows our schools to plan for the upcoming 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 as they re-register older students.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Students new to the division who wish to enroll for the 2021/2022 school year are invited to register online starting on February 22, 2021.

- Our **Early Learning Program** is designed to stimulate the growing curiosity of children 3 and 4 years of age.
- Our **Kindergarten** is designed for children 5 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2021.

For information about our Early Learning and Kindergarten Programs, or to discuss your child's specialized programming requirements, contact our Early Learning Coordinator, Lynn Saler, at 403-381-8495 or salerl@holyspirit.ab.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you need assistance with the online registration process, or have any questions, contact your child's school or visit the school division's website at www.holyspirit.ab.ca.



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
...where students are cherished and achieve their potential.

OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



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)

Intro To Veterinary Profession (Animal Health)

Solving Technology Problems (AG Techgromy)

Applied Ecology (Land & Water Resources)

Producing Horticulture Crops (Horticulture Tech)

Contact Mrs. Schmidt or Mrs. Gurr for more information about these courses and the advantages to taking them.



Career Exploration Sessions

These sessions are made possible by Career Transitions who invite professionals from an occupational area to discuss their profession and educational background. Sessions will be run virtually and video footage is shot on location whenever possible.

Sessions in January are:

Parts Manager—Tuesday, January 19 at 4:00pm

Welder—Thursday, January 21 at 3:30pm

Data Scientist—Wednesday, January 27 at 5:00pm

Register for these free sessions at: www.careersteps.ca



Virtual High School Finance Competition

Registration for the U of L 2021 High School Accounting & Finance Competition will officially open in January 2021. This competition is open to students in grades 9,10,11 and 12 in teams of 3 or 4. For more information go to: www.uleth.ca/dhillon/high-school-student-opportunities-request-more-information



Virtual Trades Showcase

CAREERS: The Next Generation is offering free monthly virtual trades information sessions.

This month they are offering

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics (HVAC)

January 13 - 6:00—7:30pm

and

Heavy Equipment Technician

January 28 - 6:00—7:30pm

Register for one or both of these sessions at:

www.careersnextgen.ca



STEAM Horizon Awards

Applications are now open for Steam (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). You could receive one of five \$25,000 awards towards your post-secondary education. Deadline is January 15, 2021. For more information go to: <https://steamhorizonawards.ca/>



December Hours

All Rap and Work Experience students please remember to email or text your time sheets or pay stubs to Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their hours.



Your Off-Campus Team

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