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Principals Message

For the next three newsletters, our Associate Principals will be providing the Principal's Message. Mr. Vercillo brings greeting for February.

Well, the second semester (third quarter) is finally here! After perhaps the most unique time in Catholic Central history, the first half of the 2020-2021 school year has closed, and we have experienced and overcome so many new and never encountered before challenges. While we realize that it has at times not been easy, and perhaps even difficult, the staff of Catholic Central would like to thank students and parents for their steadfast resolve and continued support, and we extend ours similarly to you and your families during these unprecedented times. Through the grace of God we have never relented in pursuing our Basilian Father's motto of teaching Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge; while at the same time continuing to hold high our commitment to Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships. We commend you all for your achievement thus far, and look forward to continued success as the school year progresses.

February is always a busy time at Catholic Central. Administration is already hard at work in preparing for the next school year in the fall. Yes, while only half completed the current school year, planning is well underway! We will soon see course selections for the next school year in our current student's hands which ultimately inform administration in building the next year's timetable. As always, this is a time for reflection and preparation for what is to come. As someone who is quite involved in student timetabling, I would like to offer a few pointers and suggestions when making course selections with your child/student:

- ◆ Talk and have an open dialogue with your student. As student's mature and start to evaluate their academic strengths and interests, they recognize where their educational passions lie. Take the time to talk together as a family about what courses interest them and where they feel they best excel. Make course selections that meet the needs of the student and position them to experience success as they define it
- ◆ Reference our school handbook (it can be located on our website, and a copy is always available in either of our offices). In it you will find detailed information about high school graduation requirements, course offerings and information, and course prerequisite information that is vital to planning toward high school completion. It is a fantastic and sometimes overlooked resource to all
- ◆ It is not just all about "core courses". Yes, the cores (Religious Education, Social, Sciences, English, Math) are significant, but there is so much more to consider. Remember, a minimum of 10 Career and Technology Studies credits are required to graduate (along with others). Our staff is among the best you will find at providing unique non-core courses that are designed to engage your student and provide learning opportunities to foster their passion for learning and develop key areas of interest in their educational journey
- ◆ Feel free to contact the school and ask to speak with an administrator or counsellor if you have questions or inquiries in regards to how to best plan your student's journey toward becoming a high school graduate. We have many years of experience and are happy to help you!

Our third quarter begins with new experiences. We welcome the grade tens fully to the west campus for the first time this year, and our grade elevens and twelves transition into their respective areas on campus east. As we continue this school year remaining committed to the highest quality of education possible, we also recognize that (as my esteemed colleague Madame Schmidt would say) kindness and grace will spread faster than the virus.

Blessings,

Anthony Vercillo
Associate Principal

Important Dates

February 2021

Feb 1—March 5 —Online registration for the 2021-2022 school year is scheduled to open for students already within Holy Spirit School Division - all current students **MUST** be registered online. This is not a sign-up for online learning for next year.

Feb 8—March 5—Administration will begin the course selection process with next year's grade 10s, 11s, and 12s. Virtual presentations will be provided for grade 9 students attending feeder schools. In-person presentations (for face-to-face learners) and virtual presentations (for at-home learners) will be provided for current grade 10 and 11 students.

10—School Council Meeting at 7:00 via Google Meet. Please email Sheryl-Ann Giacchetta if you wish to attend. All parents and guardians are encouraged and welcome! Sheryl-Ann can be reached at sagiacchetta@gmail.com

15—Family Day, No School

16 & 17—Ash Wednesday,
—Reading week, No School,

18 & 19 —SWATCA—No School

22—Online registration for the 2021-2022 school year is scheduled to open for students outside the Holy Spirit School Division

24 —Division Board Meeting

March 2021

3—Midterm

4—Lenten Mass (virtual)

5— Deadline for all course selections

17—School Council Meeting

19—Division Collaborative Day, No School

22—No School, Division Spiritual Development Day (please note that this is a change from the originally scheduled day of March 16th)

24—Division Board Meeting

April 2021

1—Last Day of Q3 Classes

2—Good Friday, No School

5 to 9 — Easter Break

12—16—Exams

19—School PD Day

20—First day of Q4 Classes



**CRUSH FOR
YOUR**

CRUSH

From Monday, February 8th
to Tuesday, February 9th,
purchase a can of Crush or
Sprite for a friend

Cans will be delivered on
Friday, February 12

Cost: 50 cents a can

No change will be provided

Pop can be purchased during lunchtime. A designated student will be chosen to take orders and money in each class. The money and orders will then be given to the student council

Brought to you by CCH Student Council

Welding & Fabrication at CCH

This exciting class is offered at CCH campus west. Throughout the quarter students will explore the basics of welding and fabrication including project design and production. The class will tour different manufacturing facilities to see where a career in this trade can take them.

Ultimately, Students will gain experience in these areas and have fun while they do it!



New Staff Welcome

Jocelyn Castro

Hello CCH!

I'm born and raised in Lethbridge with Nicaraguan roots. I completed my degree at the U of L in December. My hobbies and interests include: travelling, salsa dancing, badminton, spending time with family and friends, eating delicious food, and drinking good coffee. In addition to English, I speak Spanish and French so be sure to come find me for a chat! I feel blessed to be part of the school community and I am very excited to be here!

- Miss. Castro



Kayla Stellar

Hello CCH!

I had the great privilege of interning at CCH before I graduated from the University of Lethbridge in 2013 as a Mathematics Major. Since then I have taught a number of different grade levels and have grown my family to include 2 wonderful sons. This quarter I will be teaching AHL for Math 30-2 and Math 10C. I feel blessed and excited to be returning to such a wonderful school!

- Mrs. Stellar



Transitioning from Junior High to CCH

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

Your son/daughter will soon be embarking on the next exciting stage in his/her educational journey. We are looking forward to welcoming these new students to Catholic Central High School (CCHS), and being part of their academic, spiritual, and social growth. To help ease the transition from junior high to high school, and to ensure that you have all the information necessary to assist your child in making decisions, we invite you to view our parent information video that will be accessible on our school website <https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/> by the first week of February and for the rest of the course selection period (until March 5th). **Please view the information video and take notes of any questions you might have. Should you still require further clarification, we will have a Google Form for you to fill out wherein we can gather common questions and proceed with a) creating Q&A documents; b) hosting a virtual platform (like a Google Meet or Zoom) to answer your questions; or c) scheduling a 1:1 appointment with you and your child, should that be required.**

In the video, we will provide information about program selection and registration. Students are also welcome (and encouraged) to watch, although they will be receiving similar information during classroom Google Meets with Catholic Central administration. **On February 10, 2021, CCHS administration will be meeting virtually, with your child with your child's classroom teacher present to facilitate the process. St. Francis classes will complete course selections from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and FLVT, St. Catherines, and St. Joes will complete course selections from 1:30-3:00 p.m.** Students will have program handbooks and a copy of their course selection sheets to bring home to you for approval. Please have all course selection sheets submitted back to your child's school no later than Thursday, March 4, 2021.

In terms of how to register your child to attend CCHS, current Holy Spirit students will be completing a registration update ("re-registration") form online. Students from our feeder schools (of which your child's current school is one) will need to indicate the designated school as CCHS. The division is targeting February 1st for these registration update forms to roll out to you via email. Any students new to the division will need to wait until after February 22nd to register. Please note that course selections for CCHS cannot be completed until the registration update form has been submitted online.

While we hope that the video, various ways of answering questions you might have, and the facilitated course selection sessions with your child should provide you and your child with the information you need to transition to high school, we recognize that this can be daunting. We are here to support and guide you through this in any way we can.

At CCHS, we believe that a culture of Rigor, Relevance and Relationships is essential to ensuring the success of all students. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our community.

Blessings, Joanne Polec - Principal

Grade 9 Course Selections

Grade 9 Course Selection Information

- We will have a video for parents of Grade 9 students on our website during the first week of February
- Please watch it and fill out the Google Form if you wish to join a Google Meet Q&A (only if you have any questions after watching the video)
- The administrative team will be presenting information directly to grade 9 classes at St. Francis, FLVT, St. Catherines, and St. Josephs on February 10, 2021.
- Students will be sent home with a program handbook and a blue course selection sheet. This sheet must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and returned to your child's school before March 5, 2021

Graduation Information

- We will have a Grad Information video on our Graduation 2021 website after Reading Week:
https://cch.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/graduation_information/graduation_2021
- Please watch the video and fill out the Google Form if you wish to join a Google Meet Q&A (only if you have any questions after watching the video)





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 during the week of February 1-5, 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.



STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PRESENTS

5th Annual High School Finance Competition

We are pleased to announce the *virtual* 5th annual Dhillon School of Business 2021 High School Finance Competition is open for registration.

<https://www.uleth.ca/dhillon/high-school-accounting-finance-competition>

The competition will include an Investment Challenge, an Investment Challenge Presentation, and a Trading Challenge.

The **High School Finance Competition** is an annual finance-focused competition presented by the Dhillon School of Business at the University of Lethbridge. It is open to Canadian high school students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Represent your high school while competing in a team of 3-4.

Competition Details

Each team that registers will receive an information package explaining the competition in detail, software to download and will be invited to an online training session with an event organizer. In addition, each team is allowed one teacher advisor they may consult with throughout the competition.

The competition will include an Investment Challenge, Investment Challenge Presentation, and Trading Challenge.

This year the Trading Challenge practice servers will be available once the Investment Challenge starts. This will allow everyone ample time to practice before the day of live competing.

****You will be required to download and install client software to access the Trading Challenge. (PC only)**
More details will be made available on the competition webpage, <https://www.uleth.ca/dhillon/high-school-accounting-finance-competition> once the registration closes.

Prizes

1st place team (overall)

\$1000 Dhillon School of Business Scholarships, Team Trophy, Individual Trophies

2nd place team (overall)

\$750 Dhillon School of Business Scholarships, Team Trophy, Individual Trophies

3rd place team (overall)

\$500 Dhillon School of Business Scholarships, Team Trophy, Individual Trophies

Scholarship terms of reference

Payable: *Tenable upon confirmation of part or full-time enrolment in any undergraduate degree program in the Dhillon School of Business, following the recipient's graduation from high school. The University of Lethbridge must be the first post-secondary school the recipient attends.*

Application: *Not required, but students who receive this credit must contact the Scholarships and Student Finance office to confirm attendance at uLethbridge so credit can be issued.*

The contact information for the Scholarships and Student Finance office is here: <https://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance> (right-hand side, phone: 403-329-2585, email awards@uleth.ca).

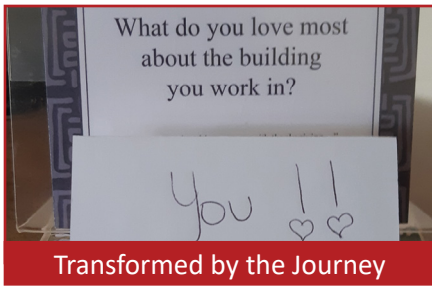
Rules & Disclaimers

- The University of Lethbridge is the official organizer of the event.
- Competitors must be currently enrolled in a Canadian high school and in grade 9, 10, 11 or 12.
- Teams must be made up of three to four high school students, in addition, each team is allowed one teacher advisor that they may use to consult with throughout the competition.
- No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to enter or win.
- Judging will be in accordance with the organizer's set of judging criteria. The judges' decisions are final and no disputes/ correspondence will be entertained before, during or after the competition.
- Participants are taking part in this competition strictly at their own risk.
- One team per school. **Schools can submit multiple teams but only the top-performing team in the Investment Challenge from each school will move on to compete in the Investment Challenge Presentation and Trading Challenge.*
- Team trophies are awarded to the winning high school(s) on behalf of their competing students.
- In the event of registrations exceeding the number of spots available, the organizer reserved the right to process the registrations on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Should the competition be postponed, shortened, extended, or canceled due to circumstances beyond the organizer's control, the organizer and its agents shall not be held responsible for any loss, directly or indirectly, sustained by the participants and sponsors.
- The organizer reserved the right to change the rules and regulations at any time without prior notice.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us by email: dhillon.cfmrt@uleth.ca.



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Transformed by the Journey

FEBRUARY

Monthly Theme: Mercy



Special Days to Remember Month of the Holy Family

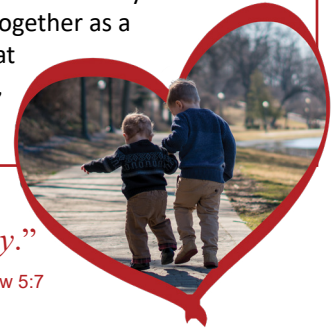
- 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- 14 Feast of St. Valentine
- 17 Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
- 21 1st Sunday of Lent
- 28 2nd Sunday of Lent

Be Grateful

A few years ago, some of you may have seen a movie called *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* It was about Fred Rogers, "Mister Rogers", who had a long running children's show in the US. Mister Rogers was actually a minister and he used his folksy humour and gentle kindness to teach about radical goodness and truth. He was famous for teaching children to "Look for the helpers" in scary times. Knowing his background, I have no doubt that he was pointing these children to look for people who were showing the presence of God through their merciful acts to help others in need. As William Barry observed, Mister Rogers knew that, "People can be the images of God because of the presence of the Spirit of God moving all of us in that direction." So this month, let us be grateful for the helpers — those who show our children how to show mercy to others in times of need. And let's all work together as a community to teach our children that by showing mercy to others in need, they can be the helpers too!

*"Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy."*

Matthew 5:7



Catholic Education

While we follow the traditional calendar of the school year, another important calendar that we follow in Catholic schools is the liturgical calendar. This month, we begin the liturgical season of Lent on Ash Wednesday which falls on February 17 this year. Because we will not be in school to receive our ashes, we encourage you to check with your parish to see about the Ash Wednesday services that your family can participate in. During this season, we are called to repent for our sins and to engage in the three pillars of Lent — prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Consider posting this [Lenten Family Calendar](#) so that you can engage in those 3 calls to action during your family's Lenten journey.



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

Resources: *Experiencing God in the Ordinary*, William A. Barry, SJ
Teaching Kids to Care, Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP

God of mercy,
when there is hurt or anger in our home,
show us how to settle our disagreements.
Remind us to listen to each other.
Help us to forgive each other.
Keep laughter and kindness
a part of our daily lives.
Keep peace in our family.
Amen.

Adapted from *Prayers and Rituals for the Home* (Kathy Hendricks)

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

Be Gracious

One of the days in February that often gets a lot of focus for children is Pink Shirt Day which occurs the last Wednesday of the month. The theme this year is "Lift Each Other Up," which connects so beautifully to our call to action this year — "Be Gracious". In our Catholic faith, one of the ways in which we lift others up is to show them mercy. Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP describes mercy as, "Compassionate kindness and steadfast love shown to others, especially toward people who are suffering or in distressing situations." Perhaps each day this month, each person at your dinner table could share an example of mercy they have seen that day. What a beautiful way to help your child remember to keep their eyes open to the goodness in the world!



Faith & Family



God sent his Son, Jesus to teach us about the great kindness and mercy of God. Jesus showed with his actions who God is and we are called to do the same. As a family, you might consider this month working together to model the way of Jesus by coming up with a plan to intentionally engage in the Works of Mercy. Deanna Bartalini reminds us that it is in our family, the domestic church, "where the faith is first seen and passed on, in all the little things we do each day with and for each other." Check out her [article](#) to see her suggestions for ways to keep your family focused on the works of mercy during the upcoming Lenten season.



"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful."

(Luke 6:36)

OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



Lethbridge College Webinar Series

The College is offering “Be Ready Webinars” for students to discover the programs and services that they are offering. Check out the sessions and register at:



www.tfaforms.com/4875736?tfa

Engineering It's More Than You Think



Want to know more about Engineering? Then attend this virtual event hosted by the University of Saskatchewan on February 10th from 3 to 5 pm, MST. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/engineering-its-more-than-you-think-tickets-132858305769>

Virtual Trades Showcase

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

This month the sessions are:

Electrician - February 9th

**Young Women in the Trades - Industrial Trades
-February 17th**

Register for one or both of these sessions at:

www.careersnextgen.ca



Medicine Hat College Virtual Open House

Join them online on Wednesday, March 3 at 5:30 pm.

Register at: mhc.ab.ca/FutureStudents/OpenHouse



U of L Virtual Open House

Saturday, March 6 from 10 am.—1 pm.

Register at: <https://www.uleth.ca/enrolment>

Anyone who applies is eligible for a \$1000 tuition prize.

Dual Credit Courses

Holy Spirit School Division in partnership with Olds College are offering 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 held February 22 to May 14, 2021

The courses being offered are:

Veterinary Practice (Animal Health)

Intro To Veterinary Profession (Animal Health)

Electronics & Controls Systems (AG Techgronomy)

Applied Ecology (Land & Water Resources)

Producing Horticulture Crops (Horticulture Tech)

Contact Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr for more information on any of these courses.



Career Exploration Sessions

Career Transitions are offering virtual exploration sessions for students to explore careers. Students will hear from professions in their field about their career.

Next Sessions:

Pediatric Nurse—Tuesday, March 2 at 4:00 pm

Veterinarian— Thursday, March 4 at 5:00 pm

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



Job Opportunity

Southland Trailer has openings for work experience and RAP students. See Mr. Boschee in the Career Centre for more information or contact him at 587-220-4358



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

