

Affirm, Refine, Aspire

HS4 Learning Services ~ August 31, 2021

Welcome Back!

On behalf of all of us here in Learning Services, **I want to welcome everyone back for the 2021-22 school year.** We have no way of knowing what this year will bring, but we are certain that our students will be eager to reconnect and learn with us on this journey. I hope the summer provided you the opportunity to rest and recharge, and I know that we are all excited for the year ahead.



Learning Services will continue to share our ***Affirm, Refine, Aspire* Newsletter** on a monthly basis. Our goal is to provide you some bite-sized information to encourage reflection, timely resources to support you and your students, as well as information about high-quality professional learning opportunities. **This first edition is very brief just to remind you of the many supports and resources that are available to you in order to get this year started in the best way possible.**

Have a wonderful first day with your students. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Carmen Larsen
Director of Learning

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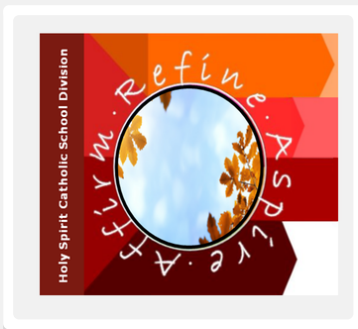
HS4 Learning Services Help Desk

HS4 - we are here for you contact us with any questions to support professional growth & student learning!
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HS4 Technology Department Help Desk

The HS4 Technology Department is available for general technology support here:
HelpDesk@holyspirit.ab.ca



Digital Subscriptions

For questions related to Digital Subscriptions contact Tia Wever (WeverT@holyspirit.ab.ca)

Mathletics, Learning A-Z, Raz Kids, Zorbits, (access beginning about October 1st).

Read & Write for Google Chrome and Audio Cine Films are available to use in the classroom now.



What does a Learning Coach Do?

A Learning Coach:

Provides support for your professional learning. Check out the **Coaches Menu** [here](#)

"**RELATIONSHIPS** before rigor, **GRACE** before grades, **PATIENCE** before programs, **LOVE** before lessons"
Brad Johnson, Educator

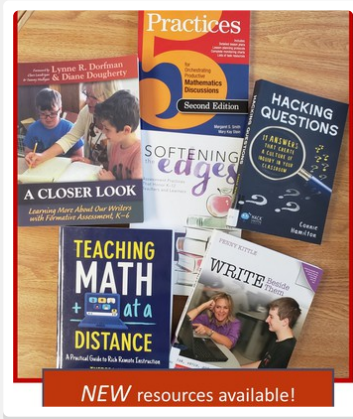


September - A Time to Get to Know Students

Remember...

1. Connection Before Content
2. Check in Regularly
3. Allow Students to Connect with each other
4. Allow Silliness
5. Grace and Forgiveness

Scholastic's Top Five Tips [here](#)



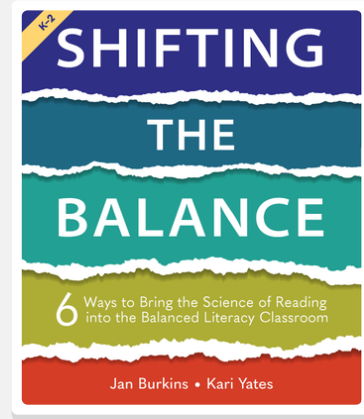
New Resources Available!

The HS4 Professional Development Learning Resource Centre has been updated! There are **many NEW** items: books, resources.. book study kits, (French and English!), and more! See the instructions below to access the catalogue.



Updates Coming Soon!!!

HS4 Professional Learning Calendar. This calendar will be updated in the next few weeks with remote learning opportunities & items of interest for Holy Spirit Schools Admin/Teaching Staff. Posts will include [SAPDC](#), [ARPCD](#), [ATA](#), [EdTech](#) offerings and more!



Shifting the Balance - Book Study Group

Focus: K-2 Teachers
Shifting the Balance by Jan Burkins and Kari Yates shares a research-based approach to literacy instruction, integrating reading science and balanced literacy. Space is limited - click [here](#) for more details, or to register, click [here](#).



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