

HOLY SPIRIT



CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS

About Us

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division has:

- 5023 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- 462 children in Early Learning Programs.
- 292 teachers and 315 support staff.
- 15 schools and 2 outreach programs.
- We proudly serve the communities of Bow Island, Coaldale, Lethbridge, Picture Butte, Pincher Creek, Taber, and surrounding areas.

Links

The division website:
<http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca>

The Combined AERR/TYEP:
http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/_cabinet/2/14/105/Combined_3_Year_Education_Plan_2016_2019_and_AERR_2015_2016.pdf

Detailed financial information:
<http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/page.cfm?pgID=294>

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Annual Education Results Report Summary 2015/2016



Student Success

According to the October 2016 Accountability Pillar results:

- The High School Completion rate for our students of First Nations, Metis or Inuit heritage "Improved Significantly," increasing by 34.8%
- Over 90% of parents, students, and teachers agreed that our schools are safe and caring, and that the quality of education is excellent.
- A "Very High/Excellent" rating was seen in the following measures:
 - Safe and Caring
 - Program of Studies
 - Education Quality
 - Drop Out Rate
 - Citizenship
 - Parental Involvement
 - School Improvement
 - High School Completion
- A "High/Good" rating was seen in the following measures:
 - Diploma Exam Participation
 - Transition Rate
 - Work Preparation



Our Priorities

Our Catholic Identity:

- We will maintain and enhance a strong Catholic Christian Faith culture by continually providing opportunities to engage in our Faith.

Preparing Students for Their Future:

- Beginning with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy, we will prepare our students for an ever-changing world through high quality teaching, outstanding leadership and program flexibility. Students will become confident, resilient, and engaged learners that can create, communicate effectively, collaborate, and be critical thinkers.

Engaging and Effective Governance:

- The school board will provide strategic, fiduciary, and generative governance to meet the needs of our communities.



Engaging Our Community

Various means of face to face and computer mediated communications are used to consult with administration, staff, students, parents, and community partners. This year, an online ThoughtExchange process was used to gain feedback on three questions:

- What aspects of our school life best demonstrate that we are authentically Catholic schools?
- What are some ways our division and schools can strengthen our Catholic identity?
- What are some ways we might better prepare our students for a changing future?

The results of this survey yielded rich qualitative data from 643 participants who provided 1,138 thoughts.



Fiscal Stewardship

Our finances must always reflect our values. To support excellence in learning and ensure that each student has opportunities to become the person God has created him/her to be, our financial allocations must support a maximum allotment of dollars to the classroom and complete equity within the distribution of these dollars.

Within the 2015/2016 division budget:

- The total operating reserves increased to \$860,793.
- The ending balance was \$2,325,795.
- Facility priorities included the completion of the construction of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Lethbridge), the continued modernization of St. Michael's (Pincher Creek), and the continued modernization of St. Patrick (Taber).