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Holy Spirit Catholic Schools

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Our Mission

We are a Catholic Faith Community dedicated to providing each student with an education rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership with home, parish and society, our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will live, celebrate and proclaim their faith. Our Catholic Faith is the foundation of all that we do.



HOLY SPIRIT STARS



It is important to acknowledge the many excellent accomplishments of our staff and students. Please join us in congratulating the following on their achievements:

NAME	SCHOOL	ACHIEVEMENT
Adam Sundberg Michael Svab	St. Michael's School, Pincher Creek, Students	Won the Most Innovative Award at the TeamUp Science Interdisciplinary Science Competition at the University of Alberta recently.
Danika Smallbones Ella Mulroy	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Students	Their U12 Soccer Team won silver at the Red Deer Family Day Tournament.
Ambreah Kelly Nicole Gray Keira McCulloch	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Students	Their U14 Soccer Team won gold at the Red Deer Family Day Tournament.

Calleigh Marshall Sierra Lee Brihanna Borland Taylah Gilbert Raiya Scott	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Students	All these girls finished first with their respective Cheer teams at the Cheer and Dance Challenge in Red Deer.
Krya Collier Kelby Terry	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Students	Tried out along with 110 girls from across the province and were chosen to play for the Girls Alberta Basketball Team in their age category.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PRINCIPAL- Catholic Central High School

This position is open to all qualified internal and external candidates. If chosen as the successful candidate, external applicants must provide a current criminal record (including vulnerable sectors) check, and a current child intervention check prior to receiving a contract.

A Principal is required at Catholic Central High School, located in Lethbridge, Alberta to commence the start of the 2017/18 school year. Catholic Central High School is a dual campus high school serving approximately 800 students with a full time staff equivalent of 62. For more information on this dynamic school please see their website: www.holyspirit.ab.ca/cch/.

The Individual

You are a proven and active promoter of the Gospel values in the life of schools, as well as a dynamic, student-focused leader dedicated to excellence in student achievement in all areas of education. You are a strong advocate for youth and their success in learning. You demonstrate by interest, lifestyle, and growth involvement within a Christ-centered working environment.

Qualifications

- Student-focused leader, dedicated to excellence in student learning in an inclusive environment;
- Ability to provide effective leadership which will foster innovation, collaboration, respect and trust;
- Ability to establish a school environment that supports the development of students to be confident, collaborative, creative, adaptable and resilient;
- Evidence of a strong commitment to Catholic education, including a vision of Catholic Education;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both spoken, written and on-line means;
- Successful teaching and school administrative experience.
- Strong leadership and management skills;
- Possession of a Master's degree, or actively in a Master's program.

Application package must include the following:

- Cover letter;
- Resume highlighting your personal and professional qualifications and experience;
- One page statement of your vision and beliefs of Catholic Education;
- Names and contact information for 3 references;
- For external applicants include the Holy Spirit Teacher Application Form located on our website: <http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/page.cfm?pgID=41>
- A Pastoral Reference Form located on our website at the following link: <http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/page.cfm?pgID=41>
- Link to online presence if applicable.

INTERNAL APPLICANTS: Please provide a cover letter indicating your qualifications for the position, a letter of reference from your current Principal as well as, any documents specified in the job posting that we may not have on file; including a copy of certificates and/or diplomas relating to education requirements for the position applied for.

For more information regarding this position, please call our Superintendent, Mr. Chris Smeaton at (403) 327-9555.

To be considered for this challenging role in a growth oriented setting, interested, qualified applicants are asked to submit **by email** a complete application package as described above by **noon on Monday, March 13, 2017** to:

Mr. Brian Macauley, Deputy Superintendent
Holy Spirit Catholic School Division
Email: kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca

Please note: This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. We wish to thank all applicants in advance for submitting résumés, however only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

TEMPORARY FULL TIME TEACHER – St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School

External applicants must provide a current criminal record (including vulnerable sectors) check, and a current child intervention check prior to receiving a contract, if chosen as the successful candidate.

We are currently looking to hire a temporary 1.0 FTE Grade 4 teacher at St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School in Lethbridge, to commence May 1, 2017 and terminate June 30, 2017, or upon the return of the permanent employee, whichever occurs first.

The Individual

You are a strong advocate for youth and their success in learning. You demonstrate by interest, lifestyle, and growth involvement within a Christ-centered working environment. Your participation within the Catholic faith is considered to be an asset.

We are looking for a dynamic educator who believes in supporting positive behaviors through dynamic classroom management, has a strong sense of inclusion, and is willing to build strong connections with parents, fellow colleagues and students.

As our school philosophy has a universal focus on the fine arts (art, dance, drama, and music), the successful candidate will be able to integrate elements and attitudes of fine arts education into daily lessons, and demonstrate flexibility while teaching in an environment that prioritizes student experiences in the fine arts.

Qualifications

Certified to teach in the province of Alberta.

For more information regarding this position please contact the Principal of the school, Mrs. Kathy Jones- Husch at (403) 327-4386.

Application package must include the following:

- A cover letter indicating the position applied for;
- Resume, and any other documentation which would support your application;
- Contact information for 3 references;
- Holy Spirit Teacher Application Form located on our website: <http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/page.cfm?pgID=41>
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EDUCATION ASSISTANT – St. Joseph School

External applicants must provide a current criminal record (including vulnerable sectors) check, and a current child intervention check prior to receiving a contract, if chosen as the successful candidate.

The Holy Spirit Catholic Board of Education requires a part time continuous 28.0 hour per week education assistant at St. Joseph School in Coaldale, commencing March 15, 2017. Please quote **Posting #20170301**.

The education assistant provides assistance to children with various degrees of need in the learning environment under the direction and supervision of the Inclusive Education Liaison, the classroom teacher, and the principal. In this position it is necessary to be physically fit in order to actively engage students in all aspects of their educational program. Confidentiality is of utmost importance in achieving the common good for all students. Through collaborative team-based structure, the special education assistant will carry out tasks as assigned by both the daily and program supervisors.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION:

Education Assistant Certificate and/or Diploma or Rehabilitation Practitioner Certificate and/or Diploma or equivalent

WORK EXPERIENCE:

At least one year experience working with students with special programming needs

SKILLS:

First Aid Training; Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachments Training (SIVA) Certificate

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:

- Understands that it is of paramount importance to maintain confidentiality of all aspects of the school community;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Willing to participate in new learning opportunities;
- Ability to take responsibility for individual student needs;
- Ability to contribute in a collaborative team-based learning structure.

Application package must include the following:

- A cover letter indicating the position applied for;
- Holy Spirit Support Staff Application Form located on our website:
<http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/page.cfm?pgID=41>;
- Documentation which would support the education requirements for this position;
- Contact information for 3 references.

For more information regarding this position, please call the Director of Support Services, Mrs. Michelle MacKinnon at (403) 327-9555.

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TEMPORARY 1.0 FTE EARLY LEARNING LEAD TEACHER

If chosen as the successful candidate, external applicants must provide a current criminal record (including vulnerable sectors) check, and a current child intervention check prior to receiving a contract.

We currently are looking to hire a temporary 1.0 FTE Early Learning Lead Teacher. The successful candidate will work closely with the Early Learning Coordinator and the Early Learning Team to provide programming for ECS age children in Early Learning and Kindergarten program settings in various schools in the division. This position will commence as soon as possible and terminate on June 30, 2017.

The Individual

You are a strong advocate for children and their success in learning. You have a passion for education in the early years. You have strong communication skills and are sensitive to the diverse needs of young children and their families. You demonstrate by interest, lifestyle, and growth involvement within a Christ-centered working environment. Your participation within the Catholic faith is considered to be an asset.

Qualifications

Certified to teach in the province of Alberta.

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TEMPORARY FAMILY FIRST FACILITATOR – Children of St. Martha School

This position is open to all qualified internal and external candidates. If chosen as the successful candidate, external applicants must provide a current criminal record (including vulnerable sectors) check, and a current child intervention check prior to receiving a contract.

The Holy Spirit Catholic Board of Education requires a temporary, 35 hours per week, Family First Facilitator at Children of St. Martha School in Lethbridge commencing as soon as possible and terminating July 6, 2017 or upon the return of the permanent employee, whichever comes first. The position includes a flexible work week with evening and weekend availability necessary for scheduled events.

Reporting to the school Principal and the Coordinator of Counselling and Wellness, the Family First Facilitator supports the implementation of School Division and funder goals/priorities through the provision of services to students, parents and staff in assigned schools.

Key responsibilities include:

- Building rapport, developing connections and responding to individual needs with students, families and staff in project schools
- Facilitating programs for students to develop skills and acquire knowledge
- Facilitating programs for parents to acquire knowledge, build skills, and confidence in their ability to provide a nurturing and safe environment for their children
- Providing navigation, advocacy and follow up support to children, youth and families who are referred to agencies within the community
- Participating in data collection and evaluation processes

- Delivering program at multiple sites including home, school and community

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION:

- This position requires a human services degree, diploma or approved equivalent with experience working in an educational setting in a collaborative environment.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Experience providing in home or community support services to young children and their families.

TECHNICAL SKILLS (preferred):

- Triple P Parenting Certification
- Protective Factors that Strengthen Families
- Effective Home Visitation
- 40 Developmental Assets

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:

- Demonstrates ethical behavior and maintains strict confidentiality. Position will encompass collaboration with school based team (FSLC and FNMI support worker) as well as with partnering agencies (Child Protective Services, Addictions and Mental Health and Children's Allied Health)
- Proven ability to work in a fast paced environment, be innovative and prioritize;
- Ability to apply a strength-based model in collaboration with consulting professionals;
- Exemplary communication and interpersonal skills;
- Ability to demonstrate genuine respect of families' unique community, cultural and language backgrounds.

RELATED REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid Alberta Driver's License, clean drivers abstract and a reliable vehicle;
- Evidence of 2 million automobile insurance and willingness to transport families if necessary;
- Current First Aid and CPR;
- Valid passport and ability to travel for training.

For more information regarding this position, please call the Director of Support Services, Mrs. Michelle MacKinnon at (403) 327-9555.

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- Holy Spirit Support Staff Application Form located on our website:
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- Contact information for 3 references.

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TEMPORARY EDUCATION ASSISTANT – St. Paul School

External applicants must provide a current criminal record (including vulnerable sectors) check, and a current child intervention check prior to receiving a contract, if chosen as the successful candidate.

The Holy Spirit Catholic Board of Education requires a temporary 29.0 hour per week education assistant at St. Paul School in Lethbridge, commencing March 20, 2017 and terminating June 30, 2017 or upon the return of the permanent employee, whichever occurs first. Please quote **Posting #20170202**.

The education assistant provides assistance to children with various degrees of need in the learning environment under the direction and supervision of the Inclusive Education Liaison, the classroom teacher, and the principal. In this position it is necessary to be physically fit in order to actively engage students in all aspects of their educational program. Confidentiality is of utmost importance in achieving the common good for all students. Through collaborative team-based structure, the special education assistant will carry out tasks as assigned by both the daily and program supervisors.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION:

Education Assistant Certificate and/or Diploma or Rehabilitation Practitioner Certificate and/or Diploma or equivalent

WORK EXPERIENCE:

At least one year experience working with students with special programming needs

SKILLS:

First Aid Training; Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachments Training (SIVA) Certificate

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:

- Understands that it is of paramount importance to maintain confidentiality of all aspects of the school community;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Willing to participate in new learning opportunities;
- Ability to take responsibility for individual student needs;
- Ability to contribute in a collaborative team-based learning structure.

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- Documentation which would support the education requirements for this position;
- Contact information for 3 references.

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FRENCH IMMERSION SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

The successful candidates must provide a current criminal record (including vulnerable sectors) check, and a current child intervention check prior to being added to the sub list.

The Holy Spirit Catholic Board of Education has openings for French Immersion substitute teachers. The successful candidate should be bilingual, and able to communicate fluently in both oral and written forms in French and English. Special consideration will be given to those who have a French Immersion designation in their degree.

The Individual

You are a strong advocate for youth and their success in learning. You demonstrate by interest, lifestyle, and growth involvement within a Christ-centered working environment. Your participation within the Catholic faith is considered to be an asset.

Qualifications

Certified to teach in the province of Alberta.

Application package must include the following:

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SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The successful candidates must provide a current criminal record (including vulnerable sectors) check, and a current child intervention check prior to being added to the sub list.

The Holy Spirit Catholic Board of Education has openings for substitute teachers.

The Individual

You are a strong advocate for youth and their success in learning. You demonstrate by interest, lifestyle, and growth involvement within a Christ-centered working environment. Your participation within the Catholic faith is considered to be an asset.

Qualifications

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CASUAL EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

The successful candidates must provide a current criminal record (including vulnerable sectors) check, and a current child intervention check prior to being added to the casual list.

The Holy Spirit Catholic Board of Education has openings for casual Education Assistants.

The education assistant provides assistance to children with various degrees of need in the learning environment, under the direction and supervision of the inclusive education liaison, the classroom teacher, and the principal. In this position it is necessary to be physically fit in order to actively engage students in all aspects of their educational program. Confidentiality is of utmost importance in achieving the common good for all students. Through collaborative team-based structure, the education assistant will carry out tasks as assigned by both the daily and program supervisors.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION:

- Education Assistant Certificate and/or Diploma or Rehabilitation Practitioner Certificate and/or Diploma or equivalent.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- At least one year experience working with students with special programming needs.

SKILLS:

- First Aid Training;
- Supporting Individuals Through Valued Attachments Training (SIVA) Certificate.

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:

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Why Do Catholics "Give Up Something" for Lent?

Ask nearly anyone who grew up Catholic what they're doing for Lent, and they'll probably tell you what they're "giving up." The notion of giving up some pleasure for the 40 days of Lent is very much in keeping with the penitential character of the season. Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ

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