

HERE IN SPIRIT... Regional Newsletter 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.

Chris Smeaton- Superintendent of Schools



Chris is in his second stint with Holy Spirit Catholic School Division. He served as the Principal of St. Patrick School in Taber from 1996 – 2001 and returned in 2008 as the Deputy Superintendent. He has been the Superintendent of Schools since June 2009 and reports directly to the Board of Trustees. Chris has administrative oversight of the entire division as both Chief Executive Officer and Chief Educational Officer. In order to facilitate his duties, he works closely with his senior administration team and our schools' leaders. Although consumed with meetings in his role, he strives to get out into the schools, his favourite part of his job!

Brian Macaulay – Deputy Superintendent

Brian has been with Holy Spirit Catholic Schools since 2010. He is responsible for ensuring that all of our schools are staffed with the most qualified employees, by being involved in the interview process for all positions in our division. He ensures that employment standards, regulations and terms of the collective agreements are being followed. Brian handles all negotiations and labour meetings with our various unions. He facilitates our Faith Formation Program for all new teachers, as well as the Catholic Leadership Program. You may see him in various school classrooms doing observations to assist with the evaluations of our new teachers.



The Board of Trustees will be sponsoring the annual Long Service Awards on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Mass will begin at 5:00pm followed by the awards presentation and a social gathering. As always it will be a wonderful evening celebrating the hard work and dedication of our Holy Spirit staff members.

Share the Mission Award – Call for Nominations!

Nominations are now welcome for the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's "Share the Mission Award." This prestigious award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

- Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students;
- Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow;
- Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;
- Demonstrated involvement and leadership in community / parish organizations;
- Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions:

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If you know of an individual or group deserving of the "Share the Mission Award," please forward their name to central office by June 16, 2017. Nomination information is accessible on the division's website at: <http://bit.ly/sharethemissionhs4>.





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
Jackson Heimbecker	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Student	Won bronze at the City Badminton Championships for Boys Singles, Grade 6.
Riley Pearce	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Student	Won gold at the City Badminton Championships for Boys Singles, Grade 7.
Dianna Prawdzik	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Student	Won bronze at the City Badminton Championships for Girls Singles, Grade 8.
Noah LeBleu	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Student	Won silver at the City Badminton Championships for Boys Singles, Grade 9.
Matthew Hoffart	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Student	Won bronze at the City Badminton Championships for Boys Singles, Grade 9.
Kyra Collier	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Student	Won bronze at the City Badminton Championships for Girls Singles, Grade 9.
Josh Kabayama Brad Forrest	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Students	Won gold at the City Badminton Championships for Boys Doubles, Grade 9.
Tori Tamayose Jordan Goruk	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Students	Won silver at the City Badminton Championships for Girls Doubles, Grade 9.
Ty Hubka Raine Mateo	Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Students	Won silver at the City Badminton Championships for Mixed Doubles, Grade 9.

“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try” – Brian Littrell

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PROBATIONARY ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL – St. Michael’s School, Pincher Creek (Early Learning-12)

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.

We invite all applicants for the position of Associate Principal at St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek, to commence with the start of the 2017/18 school year. This is a dual track French Immersion and English school.

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

- Evidence of a strong commitment to Catholic education, including a vision of Catholic Education;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both spoken and written;
- Strong leadership and management skills;
- Possession of a Master's degree, or actively in a Master's program is preferred.

Application package must include the following:

- A resume highlighting personal and professional qualifications and experience;
- Your most recent professional evaluation;
- A one page statement of your vision and beliefs as a Catholic educator;
- 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>
- Names and contact information for 3 references.

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, May 8, 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.

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:

- A cover letter indicating the position applied for;
- Resume, and any other documentation which would support your application;
- Contact information for 3 references;

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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:

- 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.

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