

APRIL-Easter- NEWSLETTER



HALLELUJAH, HE IS RISEN!

That is what we are called to do: to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others; to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord, in order to spread his joy in the world."

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis, 04/16/22

One of the 5 Marks of Catholic School Identity is that we are *Sustained by Gospel Witness*. We are called to be living witnesses to the Gospel and intentional disciples of Jesus Christ and his Church. This can be seen in our Holy Father's homily last Easter. He is giving us all the reminder that we should be sharing the joy of God's love, found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, with the world. How blessed are we that we can educate our children in schools that are built on this joy!

Thank you to 5W for leading our beautiful Holy Thursday Liturgy today in our gym. They asked us as a community to think of how we can serve our family, friends and neighbours as we reflect on the words of Matthew to guide us in our work of doing good deeds, which lead us to heaven.

Parent Feedback -School-Wide Presentations

In June we asked parents what else our school could do for our students. We heard from you that you would like us to have more school-wide presentations. WE HEARD YOU... This year we have already had 2 school-wide presentations: September - 7 Habits Presentation "Motivational Magic" and December - PULSE Faith Retreat. We are excited to welcome Mary Lambert for our 3rd school-wide presentation to perform for our community on April 19th **GO GO Green** in recognition of Earth Day



Student Update Forms - Please Take a Moment to Complete

Please check your email (including your junk mail folder!) for a notification that you have outstanding forms to complete in SchoolEngage (via your PowerSchool Parent Portal account).

No email means you are up to date, and have no forms to complete. Hooray! THANK YOU!

If you have received an email, please ensure you complete the required forms as soon as possible. If you need any help accessing your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, please contact the HFS Office for assistance.

Parent Intent Forms - Please Take a Moment to Complete

We are still waiting for a small number of parents to complete this form. If you have already completed it THANK YOU and you do not need to do it again.

As we look forward to next year, we start to gather input and information from all of our stakeholders in order to make the best decisions possible for Holy Family School. Part of this information gathering is looking to you, our parents and guardians, to try and determine what our enrollment will look like in the coming year.

If you have not yet, please fill out this [FORM](#) letting us know if your child(ren) are returning to Holy Family School for the 2023-2024 school year. Whether you are returning or not, please fill out the form at your earliest convenience to help us in our decision-making process.

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Registration - [2023/2024]

Registration is now open for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2023/2024 school year. If you want to register, you can access the Kindergarten Form [HERE](#) or the Pre-Kindergarten Form [HERE](#).

Grade One to Five Registration - [2022/2023]

Registration is open March 6th for Grade 1 - 5 for new families for the 2023/2024 school year. If you have new neighbours or friends moving into our catchment area please encourage them to register.

Word of mouth is the best advertisement, you can access the Grade 1-5 Form [HERE](#). Check our school boundary [HERE](#)

Joint RDCRS School Council Events - April 19 & May 30

This year, the Government of Alberta once again provided funds to all School Councils to help them provide engagement opportunities for parents. Through discussion and collaboration, the school councils of Red Deer Catholic have chosen to pool their resources in order to bring bigger headline presentations to you that would not have been possible with any one School Council's funds. Please see the information below for the next two events and book your free tickets.

Supporting Children and Youth through a Mental Health Literacy Lens

Presented by Rania Page (SPARC)

[April 19 @ 6:30 PM - In Person @ Fr. Henri Voisin School] [Click HERE for the Eventbrite Booking!](#)

Empty Your Backpack - Hope, Mental Health, and Kindness

Presented by Sam Demma

[May 30 @ 6:30 PM - In Person @ St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School] [Click HERE for the Eventbrite Booking!](#)

Parent Volunteers - Vulnerable Sectors Check

As we get closer to the end of the year, we enter into Year-End Fieldtrip territory. Many of you have already submitted your Criminal Record Checks to volunteer with the school, and for many of you, this will be enough to get you through the Year-End Fieldtrip should you want to volunteer. HOWEVER, some of our field trips will require parents to be working with a group of students without the supervision of a staff member. In these cases, a VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK will be required. If your child's field trip requires this extra documentation, your teacher will let you know and then you can contact the office to start the process. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new RCMP protocol.

Looking Ahead - School-Wide Events & Activities

*** remember to check your child's classroom-specific communication in Schoology for upcoming activities**

Friday, April 7

Good Friday - No School

Monday, April 10

Easter Monday - No School

Wednesday, April 12

Spring Photos - schedule link

Thursday, April 13

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Easter Liturgy @ HFS led by 1W

Friday, April 14

Mon/Wed Kindergarten

Friday, April 14

Hot Lunch - BPs

Monday, April 17 - May 18

READ-A-THON

Monday, April 17

Spirit Day - dress as your favourite book character

Wednesday, April 19

GO GO GREEN Musical Performance

Friday, April 21

Tues/ Thurs Kindergarten

Friday, April 21

Hot Lunch - OPA!

Saturday, April 22

HFS Staff serve at St. Mary's at 5 pm Mass

Tuesday, April 25

T/Th Kinder - Parkland Nursery Field Trip

Wednesday, April 26

M/W Kinder - Parkland Nursery Field Trip

Thursday, April 27

Spirit Day - Superhero Day

Friday, April 28

PD DAY- No School for students

Thank you for your support and we are so grateful to work together with you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Rori-Lynn Daniel - Principal

Mrs. Stacey Martz - Vice Principal

Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture and Serve.