

"Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path."
-Psalm 119:105

God's Story
OUR STORY



"Developing Gifts for Joyful Service"

"All our moments, all our waking – all the globe is a looking glass to God, and the wise keep seeking the presence of Christ, because you only come to yourself when you come to Him"
-Ann Voskamp

Monday, December 16

Advent Chapel "Love" Support Staff leading (9 am)

Tuesday, December 17

Wednesday, December 18

Christmas Sweater Day

Grade 2's St. Therese's 10:10 – 11:30 am

Thursday, December 19

Happy Birthday Mrs. Moradel!

Grades 1, 2 & 3 Singing at Elim 9:50 – 11:00 am

Friday December 20 (Early Dismissal @ 2pm)

Happy Birthday Mrs. Middel!

Christmas Chapel – Grade 4 hosting (9 am)

ICES Parent Notes

There will be no Grade 5 Basketball practices this week. Practices will resume when we return from the Christmas break (details will be emailed out to grade 5 parents).

Note: The league schedule goes from late January to February with each team playing Mondays and Wednesdays.

T shirts are available on School Cash online. To pick up your T shirt, please bring your receipt to the office.



A huge thank you to all of our volunteers! We couldn't do what we do without your support! You are a huge part of our school....again – Thank You!



Thank you for your patience as we have been working through various pieces that impact the programming in Early Education Programs and Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year.

We will be proceeding with registration for **Kindergarten** as follows:

Kindergarten : Registration begins on January 20th for Kindergarten in all Lethbridge School Division elementary schools – **We are not able to accept kindergarten registrations before this time.**

Early Education Program (EEP): There will be an "Intent to Register" process for **Early Education Programs** as we are not yet in a position to be able to know all the details of programming.

January 27th - 31st - "Intent to Register" process for children already in a Lethbridge School Division EEP, who will continue with a second year of EEP in 2020-2021. These children must have been attending EEP during the month of December in order to be considered as a "continuing child". EEP fees for the current year must be up-to-date in order to register for the 2020-2021 school year. All continuing children, including children eligible for PUF, must pay the \$40 registration fee.

February 3rd - "Intent to Register" begins for north and south side EEP programs. Families will need to bring all the necessary registration requirements (\$40 registration fee paid, proof of birth certificate/completion of form to get a birth certificate and showing some other legal document that provides proof of legal name and birthdate).

If you have any questions about any of this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



An ICES EA posting will open on Wednesday, December 18. Due to a recent registrations, we will be hiring a full time EA to start in the middle / later January. In light of this news, if you happen to know of someone who would be interested and qualified (the division generally mandates that any hire has at least some Early Childhood training and/or some school based experience), please let them and me know. Interested applicants would need to apply through the Lethbridge School Division employment page.

<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/employment/career-opportunities> The posting will be open for one week.



Christmas Season at ICES

Once again we are in our Christmas season! ICES is holding its Christmas chapel, on **Friday, December 20 at 9 am**. Our grade 4's will be hosting the chapel. Thanks to those who joined us for our advent chapels, and thanks to Anna Braun – Protestant chaplain at the Lethbridge Correctional Center for speaking at today's advent chapel!

Throughout the advent season ICES students are engaged in a Compassion Canada giving campaign. This is where ICES students are once again challenged to raise money for Compassion Canada. Students are asked to earn money by doing different jobs as opposed to asking for handouts. The different classes collect money raised and determine (from the Compassion Canada catalog) how that money will be spent. The deadline for bringing in Compassion Canada fund will be Thursday, Dec 19 (although Friday donations will still be taken 😊). Mr. John Voort of Compassion Canada will be coming to our Christmas chapel to accept our donations on behalf of Compassion Canada!

Also, throughout December, different classes will be engaging in various Christmas FLEx projects (decorating Christmas bags for people at the Lethbridge Correctional Center, making Christmas cards to share on neighbourhood walks, visiting seniors at St Therese villa, singing at ELIM Seniors Home, Kindergarten Christmas program etc.). As things get even busier, it is our hope and prayer that everyone is able to stop and reflect on **THE GIFT** this Christmas season!





“Lobby Notes” 😊

Visitors who enter our school this week (and part of last week), will see a number of displays in our lobby. The first is our “Interfaith Food Bank” display (top left). We are collecting non-perishable food items until the morning of Friday, December 20 as part of our Christmas Food Bank drive.

We also are displaying our collection of “Lost and Found” (top right). Parents, please take a look and claim any item of clothing that belongs to your child!

Finally, we will continue our skate exchange (below). We have not received a high volume of skates, but if your child needs a bigger pair of skates, please take a look. If you have extra skates, please drop them off as this can certainly help out some of our families!

