



FATHER LEONARD VAN TIGHEM, OMI, SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents:

On behalf of all the staff, I want to welcome you to the new school year on September 1, 2021. We are very proud of what we accomplished last year during a global pandemic. Not only did we complete the school year, but we came together as a community to support each other. As I stated earlier, we did not do everything perfectly, but we supported each other throughout the school year.



Like last year, our school staff will work incredibly hard to make student learning a positive experience as the pandemic continues to create some challenges. Please know that your children will be cared for and loved while they are in our care. We will be applying our Van Tighem Virtues of **Honest, Accepting, Wise, Kind, Spiritual** to all we do at school.

Despite the current uncertainty, I still have a sense of excitement and joy for the school year. We need to be aware that many of our students, parents, and staff are very anxious and worried about the start of this school year. We will support the wellness of all the members of our learning community. I welcome all the members of our learning community to the 2021-22 school year at Father Leonard Van Tighem School.

The biggest challenges for us this school year will be continuing to adapt to education in the pandemic and supporting the educational gaps created by the pandemic. Still, we will be focusing on our faith, learning, First Nations, Metis and Inuit Educations, and wellness. Also, we are excited about the third year of our Faith Plan. This year's faith theme is *Together on the Journey - Awakening*. The primary focus is on being committed and being accountable. We will continue to integrate our faith plan with the Van Tighem Virtues of **Honest, Accepting, Wise, Kind, Spiritual**.



Now, for some housekeeping news.

We will not be doing any large gatherings to start the school year; therefore, we will not be holding a Welcome Back BBQ this year. Also, the format of our Family Blessing is still pending.

We are getting bigger, both physically and in numbers. We hope for our two new portables to be in it before December. Our student population, including our Early Learning Program, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 to 9, is close to 700.

Here are some helpful links:

COVID-19 Protocols: <https://gregkostiuk.com/2021/08/30/2021-22-covid-19-protocols/>

Bell Times: https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/bell_times

Calendar: https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/resources_publications/news/whats_new/flvt_full_year_calendar

Bussing

Information: https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/schools/transportation/lethbridge_schools_transportation

Bus Routes: <https://www.southland.ca/lethbridge/>

Class List Information <https://gregkostiuk.com/2021/06/08/class-lists-for-2021-22/>

Fee Payments: https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/schools/school_fee_information

School Supplies: https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/supply_lists

School Website: <https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

Divisional Website: <https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

Principal Blog: <https://gregkostiuk.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/flvthawks/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/flvthawks/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/flvthawks>

Student Dress Code:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K5_2d08A9elew5isqDeJCzz6CNP_MIGq/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101619275982172289171&rtpof=true&sd=true

Student Cell Phone/Devices Policy – Away During the Day:

<https://gregkostiuk.com/2018/12/06/away-during-the-day/>

We look forward to working with you to continue to make Father Leonard Van Tighem School a special place. On behalf of our staff, I wish everyone a successful school year.

Greg Kostiuk