FATHER LEONARD VAN TIGHEM, OMI, SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Grade 9 Students:

Our Farewell Celebration has been scheduled for **Thursday, June 15**. The Farewell Celebration is at the school. It will consist of a liturgy, ceremony and slide show presentation. Our Mass for the Grade 9s will be celebrated as part of the year-end Mass; unfortunately, we do not have space for our Grade 9 parents due to the number of students attending Mass. The Farewell ceremony on **Thursday, June 15**, begins at **7:00 pm**. After the slide show presentation, families and friends will have opportunities to take pictures. To prepare for the entrance to the liturgy, please have students at the school by **6:45 pm**.

We celebrate with the Grade 9 students each year at the Farewell as they prepare to advance into high school. We take the opportunity to honour the people they have become and the gifts they have brought to our school community. We encourage you to be part of this celebration with your child. On the Farewell evening, we hope you will plan to be with your child (please complete the Google Form https://forms.gle/nuipLL1HUQ26eFqB7).

As you help your child prepare for this momentous occasion, we take this opportunity to remind you that this is a Farewell Celebration, not a graduation ceremony. We expect that students will choose attire appropriate for the special occasion. Expensive gowns or outfits are unnecessary, and "dressy casual" is acceptable.

Also, as part of the celebration, we prepare a slideshow. We request that parents email baby or toddler pictures of their child to Mr. Craddock craddockt@holyspirit.ab.ca by May 31.

We look forward to celebrating this step in our Grade 9 students' journey, and we feel confident that the Farewell evening will be a fitting recognition of this year's class of students. Thank you for being so supportive of your children.

Sincerely,

Greg Kostiuk Principal, Father Leonard Van Tighem School