

NEWS LETTER



MESSAGE FROM The Director of Education



As we enter this holy season of Advent, we are reminded that it is a time of hopeful anticipation and intentional preparation. Advent invites us firstly to slow down and reflect while readying our hearts for the coming of Christ - our source of peace, joy, and light in the world.

In all five of our schools, we see this spirit come alive each day through the kindness of students and the dedication of staff. Further, the support of families and community partners is ever-present. Together, we accompany our children as they grow not only academically, but also spiritually and in their understanding of what it means to love and serve others.

Scripture reminds us: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of deep darkness, light has shined." (Isaiah 9:2). This passage speaks powerfully to the heart of Advent. In a world that sometimes feels uncertain or challenging, we are called to be bearers of light, through acts of compassion, patience, forgiveness, unselfishness and generosity. As we prepare for the birth of Christ, may we be inspired to reflect that light in our homes, schools, workplace, and community.

During this season of Advent and Christmas, I invite all families to take moments of stillness amidst the busyness. This could perhaps be in prayer, simple conversation, or just being together. Let us support one another with grace and encouragement and remember that the heart of Advent is rooted in Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love together.

On behalf of the Holy Family School Division, I offer prayers for a blessed Advent and Christmas season. May the coming weeks bring you peace and joy in your hearts and homes, and the comfort of knowing that we journey toward Christmas with Christ at the centre.

Wishing you and your loved ones a holy Advent and Christmas season filled with hope and abundant blessings.

Ken Sampson



December 22-January 2, 2026:
No school
December 24-January 2, 2026:
Division Office closed

FUELING BRAINS

Early Learning

Fueling Brains Is Growing!

We're excited to share that Fueling Brains has expanded into our Pre-K classrooms this year—joining ECIP and Kindergarten in building strong executive function skills through playful, brain-boosting learning.

Fueling Brains includes brain development tracking, executive function activities, an online teacher portal, and alignment with the Saskatchewan Curriculum—all designed to help every child shine. This fall, we also welcomed the Fueling Brains team from Texas, who spent time training our teachers and visiting classrooms to support high-quality implementation across all early learning grades. Together, we're helping our youngest learners get ready, set, grow!



PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Brain Assessment & Development Tracking
- Online Teacher Portal
- Executive Function Activities
- Aligned to the Saskatchewan Curriculum
- Parent Participation
- Development Activities Library

Please visit

www.fuelingbrains.com
for more information

Fueling Brains is excited to continue partnering with Holy Family RCSSD for the 2025 - 2026 school year; with and expansion into Pre K classrooms. For over a decade, we have been leading the way in brain development research and practice to maximize human potential and build a better world.

With Fueling Brains, we focus on executive function development. We integrate Left Brain, Right Brain, and Movement (LRM) activities into classrooms. This year we will test, track and measure your child's brain development. We work with educators directly to improve the academic potential of each child in their classroom.

Our system is designed to build up your child's executive functions: working memory (WM), cognitive flexibility (CF) and inhibitory control (IC). It develops the 9 areas of intelligence and works on 48 skill components that research shows lead children to become well-rounded, contributing members of their community.

Our program systematically builds the brain of each child. Students will engage in learning through Left Brain, Right Brain, and Movement (LRM) activities that align with the Saskatchewan Curriculum.

Our technology platform allows teachers, school division leaders, and parents to proactively engage in individualized intelligence plans to maximize the learning potential of each child.

We have a small window to make a big difference.
It's time to **Ready Set Grow!**



Advent

As we get ready for Christmas, we hope your family can find a few moments to slow down together. Whether you have an Advent wreath at home or just want a peaceful moment before a busy weeknight dinner, these prayers are for you. Below is a prayer for each week, written for our students and families to help you celebrate Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love together.

Week 1: The Prayer of Hope (For the first purple candle)

Dear Jesus,
As we light the first candle, we ask for Your Hope. Sometimes school feels overwhelming, and the world feels a little dark. Help us to remember that You are the Light. When we get impatient waiting for Christmas, remind us that we are actually waiting for You. Keep our hearts hopeful and our eyes open for the good things You are doing in our family this week.
Amen.

Week 2: The Prayer of Peace (For the second purple candle)

Prince of Peace,
As we light the second candle, we ask for Your Peace. Our schedules are packed, deadlines are coming up, and sometimes our home feels busy. Please calm our racing minds and our busy hearts. Help us to be peacemakers in our classrooms and in our living room. Teach us to take a deep breath and remember that You are with us through any stress.
Amen.



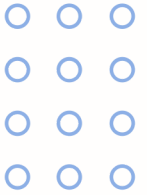
Week 3: The Prayer of Joy (For the pink candle)

God of Joy,
As we light the pink candle, we ask for Your Joy. We are so excited that Christmas is getting closer! Thank You for the fun of this season, for music, lights, and time with family. But more than that, thank You for the joy of knowing You. Help us to share a smile and a kind word with everyone we meet this week, spreading Your happiness to those who might be lonely.
Amen.

Week 4: The Prayer of Love (For the final purple candle)

Loving Father,
As we light the final candle, we ask for Your Love. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be with us. As we finish our preparations, help us remember that love is the most important decoration. Help us to be kind to our siblings, patient with our parents, and grateful for the people around our table. We are ready to welcome You.
Amen.

NEW!



Student Accounts in Edsby

1 Students use Single Sign On

Students use their Holy Family Email Address and Password to sign in. Students use our Holy Family server:
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Then, click 'sign in with google' and enter their Holy Family credentials.

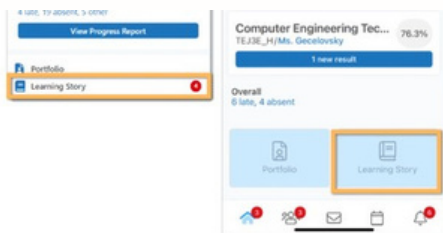
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2 Students Can Track Their Progress

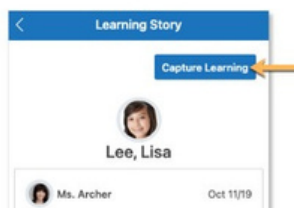
MyWork: Click the "My Work" button in any class to see current grades and list of assignments.
Teacher Feedback: Read comments from teachers on submitted work.

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3 Students are able to capture learning for their Learning stories



At the top right of the Learning Story, click Capture Learning.



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4 Students Can Stay Organized

Look at the calendar to see upcoming due dates, tests, and school events all in one place.

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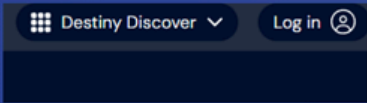
DESTINY DISCOVER



Destiny Discover is our Holy Family online platform that provides students and families with one easy-to-use search tool for all library resources, including both physical books and a growing collection of eBooks and audiobooks. Knowing how to access this resource as a family is great because it allows you to see what your child currently has checked out, and you can collaboratively browse and place holds on new reading material 24/7. This helps everyone find the perfect book for leisure or school work and fosters a consistent culture of reading and exploration at home.

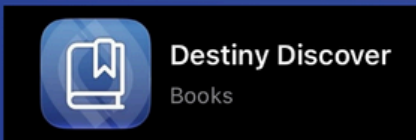


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CLICK THE DESTINY DISCOVER LINK PROVIDED BELOW.
CLICK "LOG IN" ON THE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF THE PAGE.
SELECT THE "SIGN IN WITH GOOGLE" OPTION.



LOG IN USING THE STUDENT'S @HOLYFAMILYRCSSD SCHOOL EMAIL AND PASSWORD.

 **HOW TO SIGN IN TO THE DESTINY DISCOVER APP**
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