

ENCOUNTER  
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ministries



# SCHOOL RETREATS



## ENCOUNTER CHRIST

*"We can all become saints! The retreat inspired me that anything is possible if you just try! It made me believe anything is possible if you just believe in Jesus Christ."* - Grade 5 student



# 2016/17 Bookings

School Retreats booked as of October 19, 2016

September 19 – 23:

Holy Spirit School Division (Lethbridge, AB)

October 3 – 7: Lethbridge, Brooks (Jr. High), & Oyen

October 17 – 21:

Medicine Hat Catholic Division (Jr High),  
Shaunavon, & Swift Current

October 24 – 28:

Holy Trinity School Division (Moose Jaw, SK)

November 7 – 10: Medicine Hat Catholic Division

November 21 – 25: High River, Okotoks, & Stettler

December 1 – 2: Humboldt, SK

December 5 – 9: Holy Family School Division

(Peace River, AB and area) - Gr. 9 Retreats

January 16 – 20 & January 23 - 27:

Elk Island School Division (some Jr. High)  
(Sherwood Park, AB)

February 6 – 10:

Island Catholic Division (Vancouver Island)

February 27 – March 3: Red Deer Area

1 available day for booking

March 6 – 10: Nelson Diocese Schools

March 20 – 24: Lakeland Catholic (Bonnyville Area)

March 24 still available

April 3 – 7: Available for booking

April 25 – 28: Catholic Independent Schools  
(Kamloops area)

May 8 – 12: Available for booking in Edmonton Area  
Booked on May 12 in Edmonton already

May 23 – 25: Holy Family School Division  
(Estevan & Weyburn, SK)

May 29 – June 2: Available for booking

June 9: Calgary High School Grad Retreat

*Note: Saskatoon schools are considered local and are encouraged to book during weeks not included here.*



## FacetoFace Retreats

For the past six years FacetoFace Ministries has been facilitating retreats in Catholic Schools across Western Canada. Our desire is that all people encounter Christ and embrace the call to be saints. FacetoFace School Retreats are incredible retreats for your entire school!

Celebrating our faith through music, activities, keynote talks, and prayer, FacetoFace offers a high-energy retreat that targets each age group perfectly. FacetoFace School Retreats leave every school enriched and challenged. We offer one day whole school Elementary Retreats, Junior High Retreats (individual or combined grades), and retreats for specific grades upon request. (Template Schedules Attached)

*“The FacetoFace Ministry team was a faith-filled enthusiastic duo who engaged our students from Kindergarten to grade 8 with a Gospel message that was entertaining and faithful” - Principal*

Many schools have us lead retreats annually; each year we come with a new theme and content to provide a unique experience every time.

### Costs

The retreat fee is \$1000 + travel expenses (accommodations, meals, travel) per retreat. The travel expense fee is split among the schools that book us in one area at one time, thus saving costs for each school.

### Booking

To book a FacetoFace School Retreat contact:  
schoolretreats@f2f.ca

Or call Ryan Mitchell at 306-203-2216

### More Information

For more information about FacetoFace Ministries or School Retreats go to: [www.f2f.ca](http://www.f2f.ca)



# Retreat Schedule Templates

The templates below can be adjusted to coincide with the regular school bell times

## K - 6 Schools Template

9:00 - 9:45 Whole School Assembly  
9:45 - 10:30 Grades 1 & 2  
10:30 - 10:45 Recess  
10:45 - 12:00 Grades 3 & 4  
12:00 - 12:45 Lunch  
(provided by school)  
12:45 - 2:00 Grades 5 & 6  
2:00 - 2:15 Recess  
2:15 - 3:15 Whole School Assembly

## K - 8 Schools Template

9:00 - 9:45 Whole School Assembly  
9:45 - 10:30 Grades 1-3  
10:30 - 10:45 Recess  
10:45 - 12:00 Grades 4 - 6  
12:00 - 12:45 Lunch  
(provided by school)  
12:45 - 2:00 Grades 7 & 8  
2:00 - 2:15 Recess  
2:15 - 3:15 Whole School Assembly

## Junior High Template

9:15 - 10:15 Session 1  
10:15 - 10:30 Break  
10:30 - 11:45 Session 2  
11:45 - 12:30 Lunch  
12:30 - 1:30 Session 3  
1:30 - 1:45 Break  
1:45 - 2:45 Session 4

## A Lasting Impact

By Michael Smith, Principal at St. Luke Catholic School

Thanks to the financial support of the REAL Foundation and the organizing expertise of our Elk Island Catholic School District's Religious Education Consultant, the students and staff of St. Luke Catholic School were treated to the incredible energy of the team from FacetoFace Ministries. In January of this year, when it was too cold to venture outside for recess, Jon and Ryan warmed all of us from the heart out by sharing with us their absolute 'Joy of the Gospel' and love of Jesus Christ.

From the moment our students entered the gym, Jon and Ryan had them in the palm of their hands. Students from grades 1-8 were enthusiastic participants for the remainder of the day. Even when students were back in class, they kept asking their teachers when they would get to go back with the FacetoFace team.

The day had an impact on all who were fortunate to have the experience. Students who had been re-

luctant to take a leadership role were jumping up to participate in front of the school family.

I was pleased to report the day's events that evening to our School Council. Several of them had the following to say;

*"We are new here this year, and my son in grade 4 said, 'I have had many great days at St. Luke this year, but this was the best!'"*

*"My junior high son, who usually doesn't go for this kind of stuff, came home and raved about the experience."*

Just last week I had occasion to have about 20 minutes of uninterrupted time with my grade 8's. I asked them if after almost 3 months and they were still affected by their experience with FacetoFace. Their collective response was;

*"It was amazing. We were able to experience the joy of God's love in very creative ways. They showed us that religion can be fun."*

How has the teaching staff been affected you may ask? We have come up with a plan to budget the funds needed to have the group back again next year. As Sr. Claire Fitzgerald has told us on a number of occasions, "Show me where your school or school district spends its money, and I will show you what is important to you."



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