

St. Mary's School

Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me

November 2025

November 10th:
Wellness Day - No
School

November 11th:
Remembrance Day -
No School

November 13th:
Parent/Teacher
Interviews (4-7 PM)

November 18th:
School Council
Meeting @ 5 PM

November 18th:
Grad Parent
Meeting @ 7 PM

November 19th:
Soup Day

November 26th:
CTF Switch

November 26th:
Academic Awards
Night @ 6 PM

♪ News from our St. Mary's Band Booster Club ♪

The St. Mary's Christmas Concert is not that far away. The concert will be held on Wednesday, December 17th, at 7:00 in the school gym. Please mark this date on your calendar. All band students from grades 6-12 will be taking part in this concert. Parents are reminded that students must have a white dress shirt or sweater with no writing on it, as well as a black pair of pants or skirt. Tickets are not required but there will be a silver collection at the door to help support the St. Mary's Bands.

The St. Mary's Senior Band will be performing at the Town of Taber Remembrance Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11th. The ceremony starts at 10:50 and students need to be at the Civic Centre in full uniform by 10am with their instruments. Thank you to our students for helping support our veterans with this honour.

The St. Mary's Jazz Band meets every Tuesday from 3:15 to 4:20 in the St. Mary's Band Room. We are always looking for new members. If you would like to give it a try, please see Mr. Makarchuk.

Is your son or daughter looking for something different to practice at home? The St. Mary's School library has a collection of music books that can be signed out. These are mainly geared for students from grades 8-12 and come in a variety of styles. Please see Mrs. Sawatzky in the library for more information.

St. Mary's



Class of 2026

Follow here for updates and reminders for your Grade 12 year.

grad parent Meeting

NOVEMBER 18, 2025
7:00 PM
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
ROOM 2



SMS Grads & Grad Parents, please follow the SMS Grad 2026 account on instagram to stay updated with all things grad!!

<https://www.instagram.com/smsgrad2026/>

SOUP DAY



November 19th

If any parents would like to bring a pot of soup, please contact our school office at 403-223-3165

Please consider signing up to bring a pot of soup for the following soup days:

Nov. 19th
Dec. 17th
Jan. 14th
Feb. 11th
Mar. 18th
Apr. 15th
May 13th

Contact our school office to sign up.

A big THANK YOU to Lycee Marguerite Yourcenar School, Alsace, France

Our partnering student exchange school donated these two books to our school library.

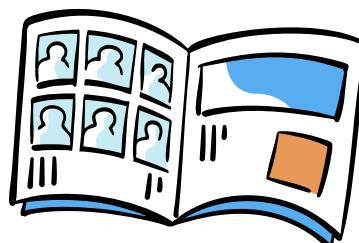


Parish Connection: St. Augustine Church

2024-2025 Year Books Are Still Available



We still have some 2024-2025 Yearbooks available. Come grab your copy! (\$40)



YEARBOOK

Past SMS Yearbooks for Sale

We have extra copies of past SMS Yearbooks that could use a new home. These are all new or very gently used yearbooks that have been sitting in storage. Grab a copy of any of the following years for only \$10:

2001-2002

2008-2009

2017-2018

2003-2004

2010-2011

2018-2019

2004-2005

2013-2014

2019-2020

2005-2006

2014-2015

2020-2021

2006-2007*

2015-2016

2021-2022

2007-2008

2016-2017

2023-2024

*2006-2007 - This yearbook is a 50th anniversary yearbook that also celebrates SMS history from 1956-2006.



The poster features a yellow school bus on the left with the text "STUFF-A-BUS food drive" in black, slanted letters. To the right, there's a white area with the "TABER Food Bank" logo in red, which includes a stylized green wheat stalk. Above this, the text "Thanks to support from our Taber:" is followed by logos for "First Student", "NOFRILLS", "IGA Taber", and "CO-OP". At the bottom, the text "Tuesday, December 2nd 9am - 7pm" is displayed in large, bold, black letters.

STUFF-A-BUS
food drive

TABER
Food Bank

Thanks to support from our Taber:

First Student

NOFRILLS
Tony & Sam's
won't be beat*

IGA
Taber

CO-OP

Tuesday, December 2nd
9am - 7pm

POEDs at SMS

Definitions:

POED: Personally Owned Electronic Devices we are referring to personally owned cell phones, tablets, laptops, and wearable technology such as smartwatches or earbuds.

The following will be the policy followed at SMS:

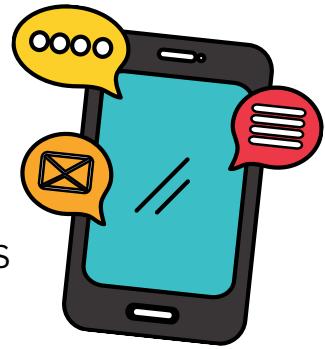
Grade 6-9

SMS will be moving to a “no cell phone use during the school day” policy for Grades 6–9. Students may bring phones to school, but they must remain stored in lockers during the day, including morning wait time and lunch breaks. If a student needs to contact home, they may use a classroom phone or receive special permission to use their own device.

POEDs Not Permitted during the following:

- 8:00-3:15 (12:05 on Fridays)
- No POEDs in the atrium in the morning or at Lunch time

Cell phones may be stored in the locker or in the office, but NOT IN POCKETS



Grade 10-12

POEDs Not Permitted during the following:

- 8:30- 11:33 (12:05 on Fridays)
- 12:12- 3:14

It must be more than an arm’s length away from the student, and silenced or powered down and not seen and not heard.

POEDs Permitted during the following:

- 8:00-8:30: School is open for Breakfast Program
- 11:33-12:12: Lunch
- When they have a spare, they are allowed to have them in the hallway, atrium and library.
- Flex Time in the classroom under the teacher’s supervision

If the parent/guardian needs to contact the student, please call our school office at 403-223-3165. We will get your child for you.

SMS Parent Council

St. Mary's School Council is having their next regular meeting on November 18th at 5:00 PM in the SMS Library.

Our School Council encourages all SMS Parents & Guardians to attend. Please consider joining.

Order School Clothing

If you are looking to order some school clothing, you can do so by following these steps:



1. Go to smt.holyspirit.ab.ca
2. Click on "School"
3. then on "School Merchandise"
4. Click on "Fotees Custom Apparel"
5. Click on St. Mary's
6. Proceed with your order.



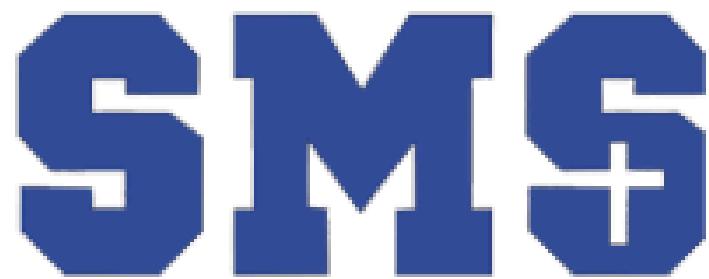
Note: please allow approximately 3 weeks delivery time to the school.

Donate School Supplies



Just a reminder that we accept all gently used school supplies at our school. We place these items out for everyone to access for FREE! It helps to save items from the landfill and with the cost of everything lately, every little bit helps!





THE RESULTS ARE IN!!!

THANKS TO THE EXTRODINARY EFFORTS
OF CHAPTERS INDIGO IN LETHBRIDGE
AND MEDICINE HAT AS WELL AS OUR
STAFF AND STUDENTS...

ST. MARY'S HAS RAISED
\$4619.00 WITH THE ADOPT A
SCHOOL GRANT

TO PURCHASE EXCITING NEW BOOKS
AND MATERIALS FOR OUR LIBRARY!!!!!!

Chapters

Indigo

Across Canada over \$870,000
has been raised for schools this year!



We know the past few weeks have been challenging and truly appreciate your continued dedication and support for our students' learning.

Winter Dual Credit Applications Now Open!

High school students can get a head start on their future by earning both high school and post-secondary credits through the Dual Credit Program. This is a great opportunity to explore college-level learning and gain valuable skills.

Lethbridge Polytechnic

- Application Deadline: November 28, 2025
- Course Dates: February 2 – May 13, 2026
- Application Fee: Can be waived using a promo code – contact Mr. Mark Boschee at boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca for details.

Olds College

- Course Dates: February 25 – May 20, 2026

Don't miss this chance to earn college credit while still in high school!

See [Guidebook](#) for full details. For help with registration, email: Mr. Boschee

Green Certificate Program - Now Available

Lethbridge Polytechnic offers a perfect program for students living or working on a farm!

- Earn up to 16 diploma credits
- Get real on-the-job farm experience
- Boost eligibility for agriculture scholarships
- Receive a Certificate of Completion

Interested? Contact your Off-Campus Coordinator or reach out to Lethbridge Polytechnic

Post-Secondary Fair of the Year!

Catholic Central High School is proud to host an ELAA (Educational Liaison Association of Alberta) event this fall!

Date: Monday, **November 3, 2025**

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: Catholic Central High School

This is a great chance for students and families to meet representatives from Alberta's post-secondary schools, explore programs, and plan for future education and career paths.

Paid Internships - Careers Next Generation

Careers Next Generation offers paid internships to help you gain work experience, build skills, and explore careers.

Apply here: [New Student Enrollment](#)

After applying, check your account regularly for new opportunities!

REMINDER

Students in **Work Experience** and **RAP** must submit their work hours.

Send hours to: hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca

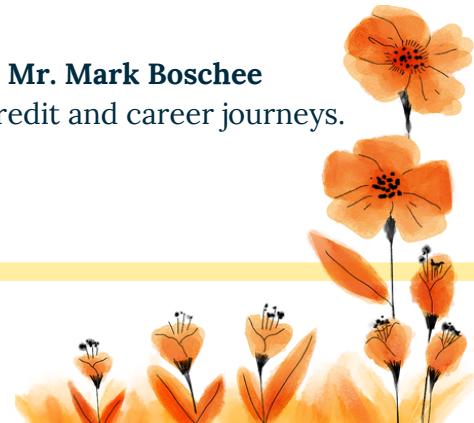
Dear Students and Families,

The sweetest goodbyes are rarely met with smiles. It's with mixed emotions that I share my resignation as a **Career Practitioner with the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division**.

Working with you has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences of my career. Students, I've been continually inspired by your curiosity, hard work, and courage to chase your dreams. **Please don't ever stop believing in yourselves.**

Though I won't be here in person, my heart and prayers remain with you. **Mr. Mark Boschee** (boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca) will continue supporting you in your Dual Credit and career journeys.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,
Miss Amakobe





REMAX[®] Quest for Excellence Scholarship Program

Hello,

Do you have stand-out Grade 12 students at your school who distinguish themselves through their community involvement and leadership – and deserve to be recognized?

Encourage them to apply for a **\$1,000 scholarship** from REMAX Canada!

Applications are now being accepted for the [2026 REMAX Quest for Excellence Scholarship Program](#), which will award scholarships to **40 Grade 12 students** based on an essay they submit.



Important Dates:

- **Submissions Open:** September 8, 2025
- **Submissions Close:** March 6, 2026
- **Scholarships Awarded:** May 2026

Resources to Share:

- [Student application form](#)
- [Official rules and regulations](#)
- [Scholarship program flyer](#)
- [View past winners](#)

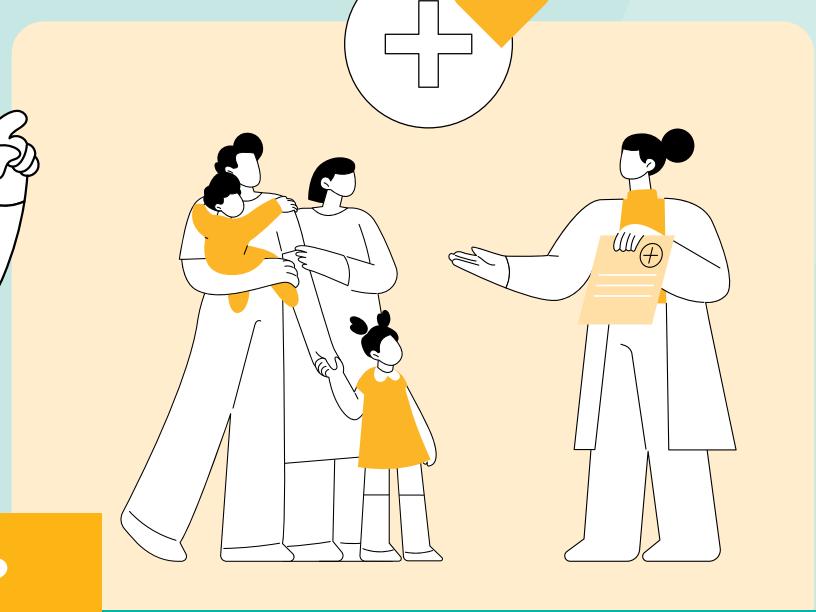
By encouraging your Grade 12 leaders to apply, you're giving them the opportunity to be celebrated for their contributions and position them to make an even greater impact in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact questforexcellence@remax.ca.

Thank you!

REMAX Canada

LET'S GO RURAL!



How Do I Get There?

FAMILY MEDICINE

presented by UofA MD Ambassadors

This free
interactive
Zoom session is
available to rural
Alberta high
school students,
parents, and
teachers.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

Join us to learn more about a **career in family medicine** after high school. In this session, ask questions and engage in conversation around education pathways with representatives from **UofA MD Ambassadors**. Hear firsthand experiences that will inspire you to take the next step towards your dream career.



Scan to register!

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How Do I Get There?

NURSE PRACTITIONER

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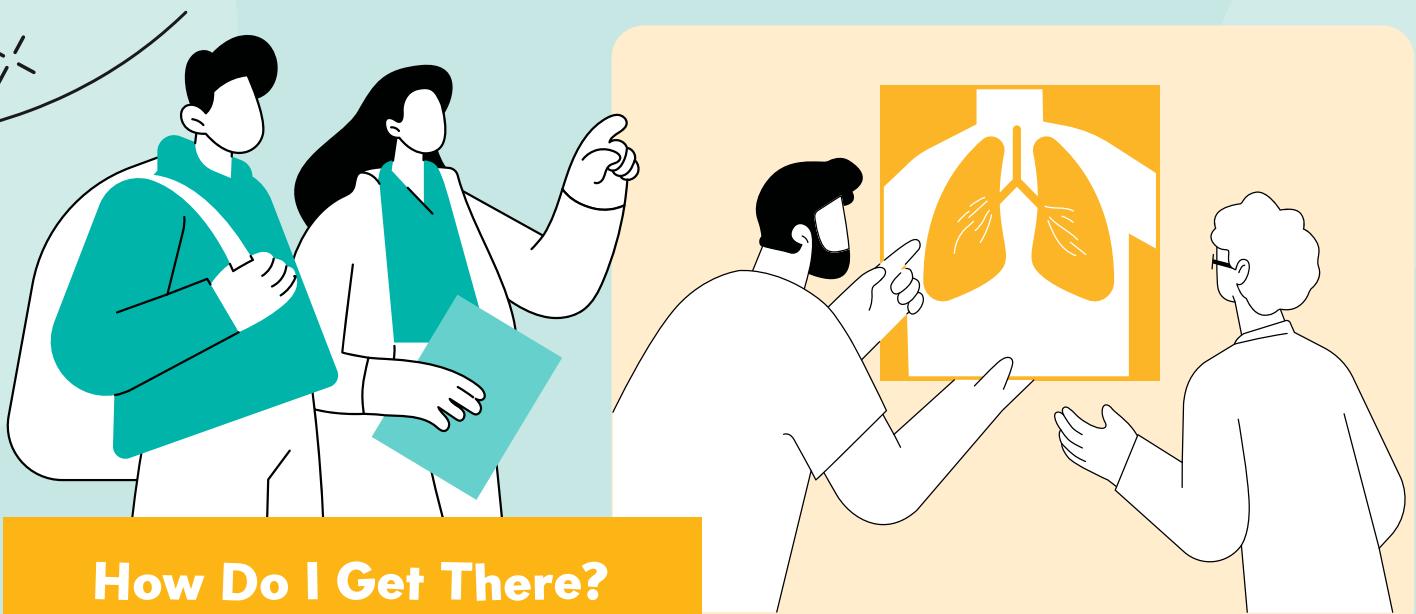
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Join us to learn more about a **career as a Nurse Practitioner** after high school. In this session, ask questions and engage in conversation around education pathways. Hear firsthand experiences that will inspire you to take the next step towards your dream career.



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LET'S GO RURAL!



How Do I Get There?

RESPIRATORY THERAPY

This free
interactive
Zoom session is
available to rural
Alberta high
school students,
parents, and
teachers.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Join us to learn more about a **career in Respiratory Therapy** after high school. In this session, ask questions and engage in conversation around education pathways. Hear firsthand experiences that will inspire you to take the next step towards your dream career.



Scan to register!

Welcome to ROMI

RURAL OUTREACH & MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE



WHO ARE WE?

We are a diverse team of medical students from all around Canada who have come together with a single purpose: to support youth living in rural and remote communities!



WHAT DO WE DO?

- Connect you with a mentor in medical school to answer your questions
- Introduce you to careers in medicine and healthcare
- Provide you with insight into the application process for medicine and give you an idea of what a day looks like for a medical student
- Host group workshops to help with academic skills and career advice
- Share experiences about the transition from high school to university

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

- Meet with your mentor 1-2 times per month (approximately 30 minutes) on a platform that you and your mentor agree on (zoom, google meet, phone)
- Meet with your mentor for 7 months until the end of the year. You will have an opportunity to continue the program after this if you are interested.
- Attend scheduled group activities



WHAT KIND OF GROUP ACTIVITIES CAN YOU EXPECT?

- Interprofessional Healthcare Professionals Panel
- Careers within Medicine Panel
- Panel of students from different post-secondary institutions
- Information session on scholarships and bursaries

REACH OUT TO US!

Please email romi.mentorship@srpc.ca with any questions or scan the QR code to sign up for the program if you are interested!

