

# St. Mary's School

*Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me*

*April 2026*



## Principal's Message

Mr. Josh Van Uden

Dear St. Mary's Families,

As we enter the month of April, I hope the conclusion of the Easter season brings you peace and a renewed spirit. As we journey toward Easter, we reflect on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, finding strength in His promise of eternal life and grace. As a community of faith, we are now approaching the Triduum—the three holiest days of our Catholic calendar. This journey begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues through the solemn adoration of the Cross on Good Friday, and leads us to the glorious joy of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil. For Mass times, please visit the parish website.

March was a busy month as basketball season came to a close. Our high school teams performed exceptionally well: the Celtics finished 4th in the zone, and our girls' team—combined with Taber Christian—won both the Zone and the 2A Girls Provincials. Way to go, girls!

A huge congratulations to the cast and crew of *Horrortown*. It was an incredible show, and we look forward to seeing what the Drama Club does next year. Thank you, Mrs. Sawatzky, for your leadership with our drama students.

As we look ahead to April, I would like to remind you of several important upcoming dates:

- **April 14:** Our School Council is hosting a "Food and Flag" event.
- **April 21:** Our April School Council meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend.

We also look forward to welcoming the Grade 5 students and families from St. Patrick's. The Grade 5 student tour will take place on **April 21 from 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, followed by the Grade 6 Parent Orientation Night on **April 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

To continue promoting the trades and future career paths, our Grade 9 and 10 students will attend the **World of Choices Skilled Trades Summit** at Lethbridge Polytechnic on April 15. On April 22, our high school students will attend **EPIC Day** at the Lethbridge Trade & Convention Centre. Additionally, many post-secondary schools will be presenting to our students throughout the month. Please also save the date for our **High School Orientation Night** on May 7 at 7:00 p.m.

For a continuously updated event calendar, please visit the calendar on our school website.

As the days grow warmer and the year winds down, "spring fever" is bound to set in. Yet, this is the most vital time for students to stay driven. From our Grade 6s to our Grade 12s gearing up for Alberta Diploma Exams and Graduation 2026, we encourage everyone to finish the year strong!

To help our students finish the year strong, we ask for your continued partnership at home. Here are a few ways you can support your child this month:

- **Encourage Consistent Routines and Regular Attendance:** Help your student maintain a regular sleep schedule and dedicated study time to keep their momentum going—particularly our Grade 12s, who are finishing the requirements for their high school diplomas. Consistent attendance is a key factor in academic success!
- **Monitor Academic Progress:** Please continue to check your child's progress in PowerSchool. If your child is struggling, please reach out to their teacher(s).
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Thank you for your unwavering support of St. Mary's School. It is a privilege to walk alongside your children in their academic and spiritual journeys. May the peace and joy of the Easter season be with you and your families throughout the month of April.

God bless,

Mr. Van Uden,  
Principal, St. Mary's School

**April 2nd:**  
Holy Thursday Stations  
of the Cross @ 2:25 PM  
@ St. Augustine

**April 3rd-12th:**  
Easter Break -  
No School

**April 14th:**  
Food & Flags Event  
@ 5 PM

**April 21st:**  
School Council Mtg  
@ 5 PM

## **News from our St. Mary's Band Booster Club**

The St. Mary's Spring Concert will be held on **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the school gym. Please mark your calendar for this date. The students are working very hard and look forward to performing for a full house.

Congratulations to the St. Mary's Senior who performed at the W.R. Myers Music of the Night Concert on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The band joined musicians from W.R. Myers to put on a great show of music to a packed gym. Well done!

The Grade 6 Band completed their annual workshop on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The group stayed in Taber and worked with the grade 6 students from D.A. Ferguson and Barnwell School at the Taber Civic Centre. The students had a wonderful time and learned a great deal. Thank you to Jennifer Koncz and Wilma Kress for helping out with supervising our students and moving instruments. Your help is greatly appreciated.

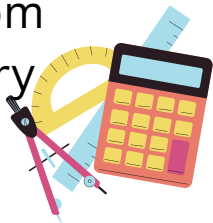
The St. Mary's Junior and Senior Bands embark on their spring band trip to Vancouver Island on **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. This is a five-day trip where the students will play at an elementary school in Ucluelet as well as the steps of the B.C. Legislature building. We are also attending a performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, and touring various local landmarks. Thanks to all of our chaperones who are attending. We will have more information after we get back.

Looking for something to help keep your son/daughter motivated with their practicing? Our school library has a selection of Play-a-long books of various styles to help keep your child playing. They include a CD which has an accompaniment that goes along with the student's practicing. Please see Mrs. Sawatzky or Mr. Makarchuk for more details.



### **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!



# Soup Day :

April 15th



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 one of the final two soup days of the year:

Apr. 15 & May 13

Contact our school office to sign up.

# CALLING ALL Grade 5 Parents

# SMS



We are hosting an orientation and question night for all grade 5 parents interested in registering their student in grade 6 for 2026/27

**St. Mary's** THURSDAY, APRIL 23 @ 6:30 PM

CONTACT VANUDENJ@HOLYSPIRIT.AB.CA

# SMS

## School Council

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 21st, 2026  
@ 5:00 PM in the school library

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

# FOOD AND FLAGS

## A Multicultural Potluck



April 14, 2026  
5:00 - 6:00 PM

St. Mary's School, Taber  
All are welcome! Bring a dish to share.

# Career Centre NEWS

# WORK EXPERIENCE

If you have a job or are volunteering and have not signed up for work experience please contact Mr. Boschee.  
Please keep emailing proof of hours worked to [hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca)

## RAP APPRENTICESHIPS

Please keep emailing proof of hours worked to [hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca)



## GREEN CERTIFICATE

NEW Green Certificate students should know there is a Virtual Induction meeting coming up. Testing dates for March are the 24th and 25th. Contact Mr. Boschee for more details.



## LOOK WHAT'S COMING

### CCH EAST

April 21 - Lakeland College lunch booth  
April 28 - Bow Valley lunch booth  
April 21 - Vancouver Film School

### CCH WEST

April 21 - Lakeland College lunch booth  
April 30 - Bow Valley lunch booth  
April 21 - Vancouver Film School

### ST. MIKE'S PP

April 20 - U of L and Lethbridge Polytechnic

**CAREERS**  
2026  
**SAFEGEN**  
Youth Workplace Video Contest

**WIN \$6000 IN CASH PRIZES!**

In a 2 minute video, showcase your ideas on a topic relating to workplace safety.

Need suggestions?  
• Good communication  
• Mental health in the workplace  
• Refusing unsafe work

Or choose a topic of your own creation. It's up to you!  
All Alberta students enrolled in a high school course, aged 14-18 years inclusive, are welcome to participate  
Entry deadline: April 1, 2026

**SCAN TO ENTER!**

Stay Connected  
@careersnextgen

SAVE THE DATE!

**BLACKFOOT SPRING POST-SECONDARY FAIR**

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 22, 2026

TIME  
10:00am-2:00pm

LOCATION  
EXCITE Lethbridge

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GOING ALL OUT SOCIETY

WHAT TO EXPECT:  
Meet Practitioners | Appointments | Resources | Network Your Future

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<https://www.ulethbridge.ca/indigenesociety/>

**CAREERS**  
take on the future

**REGISTER WITH CAREERS SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON POTENTIAL INTERSHIPS.**

## Scholarship Watch

**G3 Grow Beyond Scholarship**  
Deadline: April 8, 2026  
Value: ~\$5,000  
Focus: Leadership, community involvement, and agriculture interest  
Apply : [scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com)

**Alex Tutschek FCPA, FCA Award for Indigenous Student High School Achievement**  
Deadline: May 1  
Who it's for: High School demonstrating leadership and character  
Focus: Indigenous values and personal growth  
Apply : [scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com)

## How We Help

The Career Centre provides students with valuable off-campus experiences, as well as guidance in post-secondary planning, scholarships, and career preparation. Our off-campus opportunities include the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), Work Experience, Early Learning Level 1, Green Certification, Special Projects, and Dual Credit programs. Through Dual Credit, we partner with Lethbridge Polytechnic, Olds College, and Bow Valley College, as well as intermittently with the University of Lethbridge. Whether you are connecting with our Career Practitioner, Mrs. Bam, or our Off-Campus Coordinator, Mr. Boschee, we are here to support you in planning your future.



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