

St. Mary's School

Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me

May 2026



Principal's Message

Mr. Josh Van Uden

Dear St. Mary's Families,

It is hard to believe that the month of May is already here. This is a season of renewal, growth, and blooming potential, and I hope we enter into it with joy, anticipation, and deep gratitude.

In this busy season, the arrival of spring and warmer weather brings the promise of good things to come. Despite the daily challenges and hardships we may face, I am reminded that hope lies beneath it all; deep within us is a seed of hope firmly rooted in our faith.

May is a particularly special month at St. Mary's as we celebrate the many ways our school community shines through faith, academics, athletics, and fine arts. We also celebrate the gift of Catholic Education. May is also a time when we celebrate Catholic Education Week. As a month traditionally dedicated to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, we will honor her unwavering faith, compassion, and courage throughout this time. We look forward to drawing inspiration from her grace and loving presence, particularly during our **student retreat on May 12**, during Catholic Education week.

I am also reminded that the next school year is closer than we think. Please remember to register for the upcoming year; if you speak with any families who have questions about registration, please encourage them to contact the school. It was wonderful to have the **Grade 5 students from St. Pat's** join us last month, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our **High School Orientation Night on May 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

I eagerly anticipate the many field trips, BBQs, and celebrations ahead. To our graduates and their parents: please continue to keep up with all the information being sent your way. As we enter the final weeks of the school year, it is more important than ever to remain positive, supportive, and encouraging. Let us continue to inspire our children to attend, work hard, and do their very best. The more we place our hope in them, the more they will continue to shine.

Grad Bible Verse 2026 - Though your beginning was small, your future will flourish indeed. (Job 8:7)

In all that we do, may God continue to bless St. Mary's School.

Blessings,

Mr. Van Uden

May 6th:
High School
Orientation @ 7 PM

May 12th:
Student Retreat
May 13th:
Spring Band Concert
@ 7 PM

No School Days:
May 15th & May 18th

May 19th:
School Council Mtg
@ 5 PM

News from our St. Mary's Band Booster Club

The St. Mary's Music Program is holding its year end concert on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 at the school. All of the St. Mary's Bands will be performing and showing off their skills. All friends and family members are invited to attend. Tickets are not required, however there will be a silver collection at the door. Please invite everyone you know.

The St. Mary's Junior and Senior Band went on their spring band trip from April 29th to May 3rd. Our 22 students travelled to Vancouver Island where they performed at Ucluelet Elementary School and on the steps of the B.C Legislature in Victoria. They also visited Butchart Gardens and attended a performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. We also got to explore the area and see some wonderful sights. Thank you to all of our chaperones: Mrs. DeHeer, Mrs. DeBoer, Mr. Firth, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Farough, Mrs. Kress, Mrs. Morrison, and Mrs. Klassen. Your help is so greatly appreciated!

Students are reminded that the end of the year playing tests will begin on Monday, May 25th. Please make sure you are prepared for your tests.

The last home performance assignment of the year is due Monday, June 1st. Students should be performing a few songs from the Spring Concert for their parents.

The St. Mary's Senior Band will be performing at our St. Mary's Graduation Exercises on Thursday, June 18th at the Taber Civic Centre. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. We will be looking for a few Junior Band students to help perform with us.

Any students who are looking for a summer band activity should check out www.musiccampalberta.com. This workshop is a great opportunity put on by the Alberta Band Association and Red Deer Polytechnic. There are one and two week camps offered in band, choir, piano, and musical theatre. For more information, please see Mr. Makarchuk.

Soup Day : May 13th



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

SMS School Council

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 19th, 2026
@ 5:00 PM in the school library

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

CALLING ALL SMS High School Parents



High School Orientation Night

- Who: All Grade 9 Parents (Highly Recommended)
- Also Invited: Parents of students in Grades 10-12
- Purpose: Get your questions answered and help your student succeed in high school.

St. Mary's WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 @ 7:00 PM

CONTACT VANUDENJ@HOLYSPIRIT.AB.CA


SUMMER SKILLS CAMP

BROUGHT TO YOU BY STARS VOLLEYBALL AND THE LETHBRIDGE VOLLEYBALL CLUB

AT ST. MARY SCHOOL IN TABER

JUNE 29-JULY 3, 2025

 U12-14 9 AM - NOON

 U15-17 1-4 PM



EXPERT COACHING  6-1 PLAYERS TO COACH RATIO

REGISTER AT WWW.STARSVBALL.CA



MATT PRIMROSE

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!





Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION



Serving communities of:
Bow Island, Coaldale,
Lethbridge, Picture Butte,
Pincher Creek, and Taber

Register for 2026 -2027

An education rooted in faith, where students grow, connect, and thrive.
Early Learning and Grades K-12

Register now:

bit.ly/Holy-Spirit-Register-Today

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:

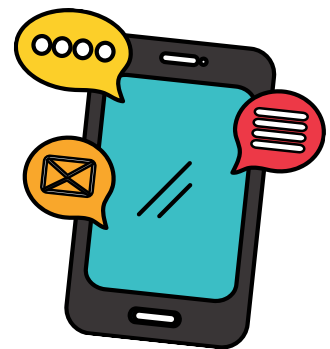
- 8:30- 11:33 (12:05 on Fridays)
- 12:12- 3:14

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 atrium and library. (they are NOT allowed in the hallways)
- 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.



Career Centre NEWS

WORK EXPERIENCE

I Have a summer 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

RAP

APPRENTICESHIPS

Potential RAP Lineman position in Picture Creek.

All RAP students make sure you are sending proof of hours worked to hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca

GREEN

CERTIFICATE

Working on the farm this summer? If so you may be able to earn credit. Contact Mr. Boschee for more details.



**ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
OPEN HOUSE MAY 13**

**NEW PRE VET PROGRAM AT
LETHBRIDGE POLYTECHNIC**

**UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE
AHEAD OF THE HEARD JUNE 6
9:30 - 4:00 PM**

**ALBERTA UNIVERSITY OF THE
ARTS - NEW BACHELOR OF
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES (BCI)**

DUAL Credit



FALL 2026 - SEPT. 9 to DEC.11

- BIO1156 - Wellness & Health Issues
 - BUS1170 - Introduction to Management
 - CAD1160 - Graphic Communications
 - COM1162 - Interpersonal Relationships
 - COM1165 - Public Safety Communications
 - CSP1150 - Medical Terminology/Anatomy, Physiology
 - ECE1151 - Health, Nutrition and Safety
 - ECE1155 - Introduction to Early Childhood Education
 - EDU1153 - Foundations of Educational Assistance
 - ENG1150 - Composition
 - ENG1159 - Writing for the Workplace
 - GDD1150 - Intro to Game Development
 - IDM1163 - Design History I
 - IDM1179 - Design Fundamentals
 - INS1155 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies
 - LAW1161 - Introduction to Natural Resource Law
 - LAW1177 - Introduction to Procedural Law in Canada
 - MTH1150 - Engineering Math I
 - PSC1165 - Canadian Government
- *****APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE12, 2026**

**EARN COLLEGE AND HIGH
SCHOOL CREDIT WHILE IN
HIGH SCHOOL**



Fall 2026

- TRA1133 - Introduction to Electrical Trades
 - TRA1134 - Introduction to Construction Trades
 - TRA1135 - Introduction to Culinary Trades
 - Pre Employment trades
- *****APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE12, 2026**



Fall 2026 - Sept. 23 - Dec. 16

- ACT 1011 - Accounting Principles 1
- ANH1050 - Intro to Veterinary Profession
- CEA 1000 - Fundamentals of Controlled Environment AG
- ATG 1008 - Solving Technology Problems
- EVS 1210 - Applied Ecology
- HAT 1255 - Global, Cultural and Sustainable Tourism
- MKG 1021 - Marketing Principles
- SPM 1260 - Introduction to Sports Management

Scholarship



CPA Alberta Young Emerging Professional Award
Deadline: May 2026
Value: ~\$1500

Focus: professionalism, integrity, ethics and leadership
Apply : 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

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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CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION**

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Course Offerings Rural Schools & TLC

	Grade 9	Grade 10 Grade 9 courses and:	Grade 11/12 Grade 9 & 10 courses and:
CORE COURSES- 5CR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sci 14 • RE 15 	Grade 9 courses and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sci 24 • Sci 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ pre-req 80% Sci 9 • Sci 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ pre-req 80% Sci 10 • English 10-1/2 • Social 10-1/2 • English 20-1/2 • Social 20-1/2 • Math 10-3 • Math 20-3 • RE 25 5cr 	Grade 9 & 10 and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math 30-3 • RE 35 5-7cr
OPTION COURSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Apps Master Class 6cr • Safety Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ HCS 3000 1cr ◦ HCS 3010 1cr ◦ AG 3000 1cr • Legal Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Negligence 1cr ◦ Property Law 1cr • Personal Psych 3cr • PE 10 3/5cr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ must be in organized sport • CALM 3cr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Psych 3cr • Abnormal Psych 3cr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ prerequisite General or Personal Psych • Forensics Sci 25 3cr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ prerequisite Sci 10 • Physical Education 20 5cr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ must be in organized sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensics Sci 35 5cr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ prerequisite Forensic Sci 25 • Aboriginal Studies 30 5cr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ prerequisite Social 20 or Ab Studies 20 • Physical Education 30 5cr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ must be in organized sport



Do You Have a Summer Job?

Earn credits while you work! If you are at least 15 years old and have completed HCS3000 (or AG3000), you may be eligible for high school credits. Complete the form to start the registration process for Work Experience, RAP or Green Certificate.

Why take Off Campus Education?:

- **Get a Head Start:** Make significant progress toward your 100-credit graduation requirement.
- **Meet Requirements:** Earn mandatory 30-level credits.
- **Post-Secondary Boost:** Use these grades in your application average for many university and college programs.



TRINITY LEARNING
CENTRE
SUMMER SCHOOL

Registration Process

Step 1: Complete the Google Form
Scan the QR code below or click the link <https://forms.gle/uiQhKywSjKAUIx8v8> to complete the registration form online to begin the process.

Step 2: Schedule an Intake Meeting
The school will reach out once registrations are received to schedule an intake meeting. (New students only)

- All students under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for this meeting.



Phone:
(403) 327-0714



Email:
ruabenk@holyspirit.ab.ca

REGISTRATION DEADLINES
JUNE 5 - CORE CLASSES
JUNE 17 - OPTION COURSES

July 2026 Trinity School Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	1	2	3
SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED	TEACHER SUPPORT 9:00-2:00	TEACHER SUPPORT 9:00-12:00
6	7	8	9	10
TEACHER SUPPORT 11:30-2:00	TEACHER SUPPORT 9:00-2:00	TEACHER SUPPORT 9:00-2:00	TEACHER SUPPORT 9:00-2:00 MIDTERM	
13	14	15	16	17
TEACHER SUPPORT 11:30-2:00	TEACHER SUPPORT 9:00-2:00	TEACHER SUPPORT 9:00-2:00	TEACHER SUPPORT 9:00-2:00	
20	21	22	23	24
TEACHER SUPPORT 11:30-2:00	TEACHER SUPPORT 9:00-2:00	EXAMS 9:00-2:00	EXAMS 9:00-12:00	SCHOOL CLOSED ALL MARKS SUBMITTED TO ALBERTA EDUCATION
24	25	26	27	28

SCHOOL CLOSED SUMMER HOLIDAYS

How can I be successful in summer school?

- **Utilize In-Person Support:** If possible, attend Trinity Learning Centre regularly to work on your assignments. Being in a focused environment with direct access to teacher help can significantly improve your progress.
- **Establish a Routine:** Dedicate specific hours each day to your coursework to avoid falling behind.
- **Track Your Deadlines:** Review the July deadline schedule immediately and mark assignment due dates and mid-term and final exam dates in your calendar.
- **Proactive Communication:** Reach out to your teacher as soon as you hit a roadblock, don't wait until the day an assignment is due.
- **Work Ahead:** Take advantage of early access to materials to build a "buffer" in case you need extra time for more difficult units later.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the format of summer school?

Courses are **asynchronous** with no daily lectures. Once registered, you can access materials via Google Classroom or printed booklets. While you may work ahead, **firm deadlines** apply for all assignments and mid-terms starting in July.

How do I get help or feedback?

Teachers are available via **Google Meet, email, phone, or in person** at the Trinity Learning Centre. Please refer to the July teacher schedule for specific availability, noting that times are subject to change.

What is the timeline for completion?

You can start as soon as you receive your materials.

- **Firm Deadlines:** All assignments must be handed in on or before the due date.
- **Flexibility:** You are encouraged to work ahead and finish early if possible.

How do exams work?

English, Social, Math and Science all have a mid-term and final exam. Psychology and Forensic Science all have a final exam. All exams are to be completed in person at Trinity Learning Centre under teacher supervision.

- **Mid-Term:** Needs to be completed on or before **date set by teacher**.
- **Final Exam:** Needs to be completed on or before noon on **Thursday, July 23**.



"Share the Mission" Award
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Recognizing Those Who Inspire – Nominate Someone Today!

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our school community?

The **Share the Mission Award** is your opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond to serve, lead, and inspire!

This prestigious award honors community members, parents, students, and school staff who:

- **Go the Extra Mile:** Provide outstanding service for our students, schools, and community.
- **Lead the Way:** Rise to challenges and set new standards for others to follow.
- **Strengthen our Faith:** Enhance the Catholic atmosphere of our schools and parishes.
- **Serve the Community:** Show exceptional leadership in community/parish organizations.
- **Embody our Mission:** Reflect the heart of the division in everything they do.

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 5, 2026**. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized, submit your nomination today! The recipient will be honored at the division's Opening Mass.

Nominate now! Use the [online nomination form](#) or if you have any questions, contact Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca for more details.

Let's celebrate those who truly make a difference!



***CELEBRATE our GIFT of the EUCHARIST
come WALK the streets WITH JESUS as we Walk and PRAY for PEACE***

June 7, 2026 ~ Feast of Corpus Christi

“let us celebrate with particular devotion the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, with its traditional procession. Our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and as an inexhaustible source of blessings”
Pope St. John Paul II 2005 Apostolic Letter Mane Nobiscum Domine

PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

You and your families are invited to join us on this special day to walk in a procession as we bring the Holy Eucharist to the streets of Lethbridge.

This is a great way for the children and their families to profess their faith and belief in the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For many of us our memories of the special times in our church life are what helps keep our gift of faith during the times when we find it challenging. This is one of those occasions and this is our wish for you.

It is suggested that we wear white, or red (second choice) which represents the Body or the Blood of Christ. **School students are invited to wear any clothing that represents their CATHOLIC schools.** Younger children and Elementary school age children must be accompanied by a parent(s).

The procession is a reverent and respectful procession with joyful song and prayer as we process with the Monstrance we show our adoration for the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

We leave from St. Basil’s at 12 noon, after the 11:00 am Mass. The Eucharist is placed in the Monstrance, and then on the carrier. Those wishing to walk follow the procession moving south on 13th Street with a prayer stop at the corner of 2nd Avenue before continuing to CCH. You are invited to take turns carrying the carrier.

At Our Lady of Assumption procession begins with a prayer service at 11:45 am. Once the Monstrance is on the carrier we walk east to Mayor Magrath Drive, where we turn north. After a prayer stop at 8th Avenue we continue walking along Mayor Magrath to 6th Avenue, then we turn left and continue walking to 20th Street. We turn right at Ecole St. Mary’s and continue until we reach CCH field.

You are invited to walk with us all the way (with the prayer stop it will take about 1 hour), or join us at one of the prayer stations. If you cannot walk join us at Catholic Central High School, East campus on the field.

At CCH we will have Benediction on the field, weather permitting. In bad weather we will gather in the cafeteria. This will be followed by a social lunch and a soccer game with Father Santiago (weather permitting).

There are three major processions in the life of the church, including Corpus Christi: the Sunday after Trinity Sunday when we remember the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Holy Thursday. A prominent aspect of this feast is the procession which is to follow the Mass...The procession should be seen as a public declaration of the parish community’s faith....Processions are a very important part of our Catholic identity. We are a pilgrim people on a journey, a journey of growth in faith and self-awareness. We are called to be followers of Jesus, to walk with Him.

For more information please go to the parish website – AllSaintsLethbridge.org

HUMAN TRAFFICKING



ALERT

ALBERTA LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TEAMS



● WHAT TEENS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HUMAN
TRAFFICKING IN CANADA

JUNE 8 2026

| 10:30 AM

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
5427 50 STREET





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SWIM CLUB

Make a splash with us!

We offer:

- a supportive swimmer community that builds confidence, teamwork, discipline & resilience**
- coaches dedicated to helping swimmers improve their technique & achieve their swimming goals**
- opportunities to compete in local, regional, and provincial swim meets**
- Rookie, Junior, Senior, and Masters Programs**

**Registration opens
on February 25th for
returning swimmers**

and

**March 3rd for
NEW swimmers!**

**Para swimmers
Welcome!**

**visit
tabervipers.com
to**

REGISTER

