

St. Mary's School

Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me

November 2024

Nov. 7th:
Remembrance Day
Liturgy @ 2:30 PM
Parents welcome
to join

Nov. 7th:
Parent & Teacher
Interviews
4:00-7:00 PM

Nov. 8th:
Wellness Day -
No School

Nov. 11th:
Remembrance Day
- No School

Nov. 12th:
Div. PD Day -
No School

Nov. 14th:
Soup Day @
11:30 AM

Nov. 15th:
Rock Your Mocs
Day

Nov. 19th:
Parent Grad Meeting
@ 6:00 PM

Nov. 25th:
PD Day -
No School

News from our St. Mary's Band Booster Club

The St. Mary's Band Booster Club held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 19th. Thank you to all parents who attended this important meeting. Our executive for this coming year is: President – Nicole Smith, Vice President – Jessica Robbins, Treasurer – Brandon Kuryvial, and Secretary, Tara Brummelhuis. Our first executive meeting of the year Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 in the band room. All parents are welcome to attend.

The Band Booster Club has started its fundraiser for this year. We are currently selling items from the Dielemans catalogues. Funds from this program go towards the individual accounts of students. Please ensure that these orders are in by October 16th as well. All Dieleman products will be delivered to the school by mid-November. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure the products they sell get to the purchaser.

A reminder to all band students that a Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday December 18th 7:00 in the school gym. All students need to have a white dress shirt with no writing on it, or a white sweater, and a black pair of pants or skirt.

Grade 6-8 band students are reminded that they are to be handing in a practice sheet EVERY week. To receive full marks, students must practice 70 minutes per week. Extra practice sheets are available in the band room. Please remember that practice sheets are worth 10% of the band mark.

All band students are reminded that they need to hand in a Home Performance Assignment every calendar month. Forms are available in the band room and are due the first school day of the new month. Students are responsible for playing for an adult at home and having them fill out an evaluation form, as well as the student filling out a self-evaluation. Grade 6's will complete their first assignment in October. October's Home Performance Assignments are due November 1st.

The St. Mary's library has a collection of supplemental music books that are available for band students to check out. These are more popular pieces in the classical, jazz, rock and pop fields. Each one comes with a play-along cd that allows the student to hear background music during the song. These are a great idea for students to get in extra practice minutes, as well as just having fun on their instruments.

The St. Mary's Jazz Band is up and running again. The band is open to students from grades 7-12 and they meet every Tuesday from 3:20-4:20. Please see Mr. Makarchuk for more details.



SEEKING BREAKFAST SPONSORS

We love our SMS Breakfast Program. We serve a variety of options: Milk, juice, cereal, granola bars, fruit, breakfast sandwiches, etc.

We are seeking for a few more individuals or small businesses who would be willing to sponsor or make a donation to our breakfast program. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact our school office at 403-223-3165

SMS SOUP DAY

November 14th @ 11:30 AM

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



Parent & Teacher Interviews:

Thursday, November 7th
4-7 PM

Please call the school office to book a time with your child's teacher.



ROCK YOUR MOCS

November 15, 2024

#ROCKYOURMOCS



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

In search of 2 large boxes...

Miss Vienneau is looking for 2 large cardboard boxes to make canoes in the Quebec Carnaval Unit in Grade 6 French. Ideally, the boxes should be about 2 meters in length. Please reach out to Miss V if you one or two that her class could use.

Altar Server Practice



At St. Augustine on
Friday, November 15th
@ 12:30-2:00 PM
Please bring your lunch!



We are in the last two weeks of selling our 50/50 Raffle Tickets. You can stop by our school office to purchase yours or pick up some tickets to sell to your friends/family.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S
50/50
RAFFLE TICKET
IN SUPPORT OF THE SMS COMMUNITY
Draw Date: November 15, 2024

TICKETS
\$5.00
EACH

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of
ST. MARY'S
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PRIZE ACCEPTED AS AWARDED

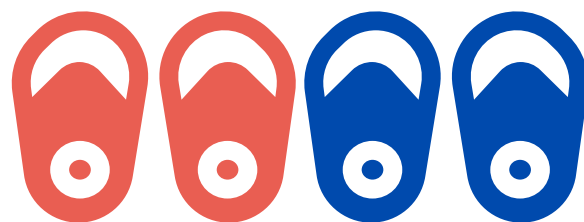
OCT 15-
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COMMUNITY
ART

TABER PUBLIC LIBRARY

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HAVE YOUR ART ON
DISPLAY FOR THIS TIME PERIOD, PLEASE CALL AND
SPEAK WITH DAWN

MOST TYPE OF ART WILL BE
ACCEPTED BUT NOTE THIS IS NOT A
SALE



PULL TOGETHER

We are again collecting pop tabs to help build hospital equipment and wheel chairs.

This time, we are having a friendly competition with Vauxhall.

Who can collect more???

Thank You Johnson Farms

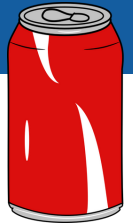


Check out all of our pumpkin carvings/paintings. Thank you Johnson Farms for donating pumpkins to SMS!



Bottle Drive Fundraising

We have an account at the Taber Bottle Depot to help fundraise for the upcoming Basketball Provincials that St. Mary's will be hosting this year. If you would like to contribute to this account, you can drop off your empty pop cans, bottles, etc and let the staff know to submit the proceeds into the **St. Mary's Basketball Provincials** account. Thank you in advance for your contributions.



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 Merchandize"
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!



November

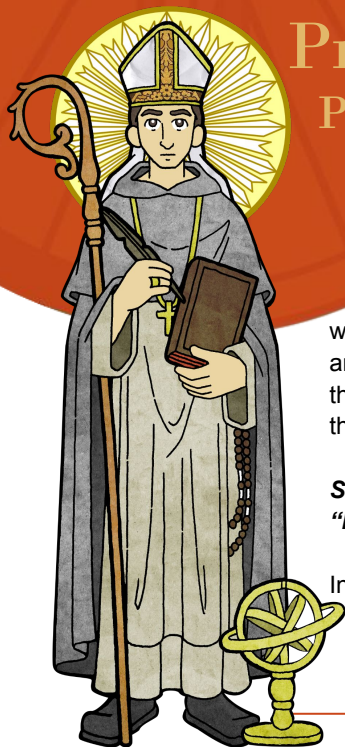
"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man and man to God."

- St. Albert the Great

St. Albert Magnus 1200-1280 (Feast Day: November 15)

Proclaim!

Pilgrims of Hope



Albertus Magnus (Magnus meaning 'Great') was born in what is today Germany around the year 1200. His family was likely of the nobility, which led to him having more formal education than many people of that time. His studies, largely in theology, led him to enter the Dominican order, and in that order he traveled to various locations around Germany to instruct as a lecturer. Eventually he moved to the University of Paris, where he has among his students a young Thomas Aquinas. He returned eventually to Germany as a Bishop, but continued his academic instruction as well until his death in 1280.

St. Albert is well known for his academic prowess - he was a scientist, philosopher, theologian, spiritual writer, and diplomat in his time. He wrote a great deal, with his collected works reaching over 35 volumes. He was an expert in many fields, including law, ethics, natural sciences and minerals. One key area in which he influenced the medieval world was in the area of faith and science. St. Albert showed that faith and science were not at odds; that we can look into the mysteries of creation and in them find holiness. As Pope Benedict XVI said in 2010:

Saint Albert shows us that faith is not opposed to reason, and that the created world can be seen as a "book" written by God and capable of being "read" in its own way by the various sciences.

In many ways, he set the stage for others like St. Thomas Aquinas to refine and deepen Catholic theology. For these reasons, St. Albert the Great was canonized in 1931 and named Doctor of the Church.

The Apostles' Creed

"... and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary..."

The second section of the Apostles' Creed shifts our focus from God to Jesus. In it, we attest to our belief in the Incarnation; the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ. This simple statement belies endless complexity and questions. Many of these were questions that the early Church wrestled with. However, we know from both Scripture and from early historians such as Josephus and Tacitus that there are historical records of the existence of Jesus.

What do we profess about Christ when we proclaim the Apostles' Creed?

- We proclaim our belief in Christ as the only Son of God - one unique relationship with God, in contrast to those who suggested otherwise.
- We profess Christ as Lord - the same title often used in the era of the Old Testament to describe Yahweh with respect.

- We profess belief in the immaculate conception.

Jesus' humanity allows us to identify closely with him, who also had fears, happiness, hunger, and fatigue. And it is in his Incarnation that we too have hope that we can be children of God in his Kingdom.

As we seek to become Pilgrims of Hope this year, let us contemplate the Creed, and how our proclamation of the Creed unites us to one another and to all Christians through time and space.

FORMED - [Why did God become man?](#)

FORMED - [Was Jesus a Real Person \(or Really God\)?](#)

FORMED - [What does it mean to have a relationship with God?](#)

"Proclaiming" In Our Schools

Every November, as Holy Spirit, we gather together to offer a Mass for our retired staff. This month, the Mass will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 5:00 at St. Basil Catholic Education Centre**. This is an important opportunity for us to gather together with our colleagues and to also remember those colleagues who have passed away. We recall their faithful service and witness in proclaiming the Gospel message to so many of us, former students and co-workers, and the lasting impact they have had on our communities. Please consider joining us this year!



Pope's Prayer Intentions - For Anyone Who Has Lost a Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

OFF-CAMPUS NEWS

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November 2024

Off-Campus Education provides programs and services for Holy Spirit School Division Students during their high school years. We offer 3 Off-Campus programs, 3 Workplace Safety Courses, Dual Credit Courses, Career Services, Post Secondary Services and Scholarship Services. These programs and services are available to all high school students in the Division.

UPDATES:

Trades4U Night

Spend an evening trying a skilled Trade at a local business. This event is open to students in grades 9 to 12.

See attached flyer for more information!

Ed-venture Post-Secondary & Training Fair

Thursday, November 21st, 2024
5:00 to 7:30pm

At the YMCA (Canvendish Farms Centre)
140 74 Mauretania Rd West

See attached flyer for more information!

Workplace Safety Course

REMINDER:

Before your credits are accounted for, you will need to complete a prerequisite.

Work Experience program prerequisite-

HCS3000/HCS3010 Workplace Safety Systems course & sign a Work Agreement form.

Green Certificate Program prerequisite- **AGR3000 Agriculture Safety course.**

Green Certificate Testing Dates

2024-2025 South Region

Tuesday, November 19th
Wednesday, November 20th

All Specializations, Lethbridge Polytechnic

Dual Credit

Winter 2025 applications for dual credit courses at Lethbridge Polytechnic opens Oct. 30 with a **deadline of Nov. 29**. For registration support/questions please contact the off-campus team.

Note: Admissions for most secondary programs are now available for 2025

Hours

All Rap and Work Experience students please remember to send in your hours to Mr. Boschee.

Mark Boschee

Off-Campus Coordinator

Career Centre, East Campus on Tuesday/Friday

Cell: 587-220-4258

Email: boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca



Vero Amakobe

Career Practitioner

Office on Campus, West on Tuesday/Thursday

403-327-4596 ext 312

Email: amakobev@holyspirit.ab.ca



TRADES4U

NOVEMBER 27, 2024
6:30PM - 8:30PM

**OPEN TO STUDENTS IN
GRADE 9 TO GRADE 12**

- Hands-on experience to try a trade
- Spend an evening learning from local skilled tradespeople
- Evening event to accomodate parents/guardians
- Limited spots per business

REGISTER TODAY!

Registration opens on Nov 1st, 2024

Registration closes on Nov 15th, 2024



GET READY TO TAKE NEXT STEPS ON
YOUR CAREER JOURNEY!
JOIN US AT ...



ED-VENTURE

POST-SECONDARY & TRAINING FAIR

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

YMCA OF LETHBRIDGE - #140-74 MAURETANIA RD W
5:00 - 8:00PM

**OVER 40 POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINING PROVIDERS
(LOCAL, PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL)
WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR FUTURE!**

PLUS, 3 VALUABLE PRESENTATIONS:

FINANCING FURTHER EDUCATION - 5:30PM

TRANSITIONING TO POST-SECONDARY - 6:30PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND AUTHOR OF "MANIC MAN"

JASON WEGNER - 7:30PM



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where Country Music Lives



Lethbridge
Shine On

Lethbridge
Polytechnic



PRE-MED CLUB!

EXPLORING CAREERS IN MEDICINE & HEALTH CARE

- High School Students and recent Grads are invited to join for **FREE!**
- Tour the Taber Health Centre (hospital), hear from various medical and health care professionals about their experience, and how they all have a crucial role in providing quality and timely patient care.
- Get to know more about the demand for rural health care professionals in southern Alberta, planning for your post-secondary education journey, and the importance of volunteerism and documenting your experience.

WED. NOV 27 @ 6:30PM

Taber Health Centre (hospital)
Taber, AB

Snacks & drinks provided!



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school division

RSVP early to save your seat!

Sharla Kane
Career Pathways Team
TEXT/CALL: 587-394-7481