

St. Mary's School

Ecce Ego Sum Mitte Me

May 2025

May 7th:
Gr. 9's go to FLVT's
production of
Willy Wonka

May 8th:
Soup Day

May 13th @ 6 PM:
Truth & Reconciliation
Blanket Exercise

May 14th @ 7 PM:
Band Concert


May 15th:
Whole School
Hot Lunch


May 19th:
Victoria Day -
No School

May 22nd:
Grade 8 Field Trip

May 22nd:
High School Retreat

Truth and Reconciliation Blanket Exercise

 Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - 6:00 PM

 St. Mary's School

May 25th - 28th:
Outdoor Ed Camp

May 29th:
Grade 6 & 7
Fieldtrip

Billy Woitte and Shelly Kirkvold will lead this powerful experiential workshop, exploring the historical and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. If you would like to participate, please email Mrs. Nevil at nevilnm@holyspsirit.ab.ca. All attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Valley of the Birdtail by Andrew Stobo Sniderman & Douglas Sanderson, courtesy of our School Council.



News from our St. Mary's Band Booster Club



The St. Mary's Music Program is holding its year end concert on Wednesday, May 14th 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 March 31st to April 2nd. Our 27 students travelled to Banff, Alberta where they engaged in some intensive music workshops and rehearsals, as well as participated in a great Talent Show. We also got to explore the area and see some wonderful sights. Thank you to all of our chaperones: Mrs. Hann, Mr. Firth, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Sawatzky, Mrs. Balatbat, Mrs. Brummelhuis, Mrs. Kress and Mrs. Elliot. Your help is so greatly appreciated!

Students are reminded that the end of the year playing tests will begin on Tuesday, May 27th. Please make sure you are prepared for your tests.

The last home performance assignment of the year is due Monday, June 3rd. Students should be performing a few songs from the Spring Concert for their parents.

The next executive meeting of the St. Mary's Band Booster Club will take place on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7pm in the band room. All interested parents are invited to attend.

The St. Mary's Senior Band will be performing at our St. Mary's Graduation Exercises on Friday, June 13th 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.

SMS SOUP DAY

May 8th @ 11:30 AM

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



SUMMER SCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registrations for the July 2025 Summer School Session are now open. For more information visit our website [HERE](#).

REGISTER NOW

Spaces are Limited

The Centre for **LEARNING @ HOME**

Upcoming June Events



- June 5th - Drama Club Production
- June 9th - Food Truck Event
- June 13-14th - SMS Graduation
- June 18th - Athletic Awards



Parish Connection: St. Augustine Church

SAVE THE DATE!

Corpus Christi

PROCESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND AT 2:00 PM
ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
5009 48TH AVENUE, TABER, ALBERTA

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JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

ST. AUGUSTINE'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S
WEEKLY BULLETIN



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OFF-CAMPUS NEWS

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MAY 2025




Kickstart Your Trades Career at the 2025 RAP Info Event!


Are you a student in Grades 7–12 curious about a future in the trades? Join Off Campus Education for the **Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) Information Event** on **Wednesday, May 14** from **6:00–9:00 p.m.** at **George Kirkham's Toy Shop** (828 45 St N, Lethbridge).

 Learn how to begin your apprenticeship in high school

 Scavenger hunt with prizes

 Free hot dog, chips & pop

 Interactive presentations by grade

 Grades 7–9 must attend with one parent/guardian

Important Notes:

- Grades 7–9 students must bring one parent/guardian (limit one per student).
- Free parking available on 45 St N and 9 Ave N (no parking in Southland Trailers lot).

Register by **May 12 at noon** on Eventbrite: [Register Here](#)

Virtual Career Exploration Sessions



Career Transitions offers Virtual Career Exploration Sessions where students hear directly from professionals about their career paths, education, and day-to-day work. Sessions are fully virtual, usually run between 4:00–6:00 p.m., and are open to students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Missed a session? Recordings are available online within 5 days!

Register here: careersteps.ca/career-exploration-sessions

Come celebrate with us!

APPRENTICESHIP RECOGNITION & SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS



MAY 28, 2025
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

LEGACY PARK PAVILION
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FREE! SAFETY AWARENESS
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2025 Pro-Life Scholarships Available

Grade 12 and post-secondary students can now apply for Lethbridge & District Pro-Life Association's 2025 scholarships!

- **Grade 12:** Two Elsie Alexander Scholarships (essay and work/volunteer).
- **Post-Secondary:** Laura Winters Stegen Essay Scholarship and Henry Vandenberg Work/Volunteer Scholarship. Open to students in the Lethbridge & District area who demonstrate leadership in promoting respect for all human life.

Deadline: May 15, 2025

Apply here: lifelethbridge.org/scholarships



Lethbridge Polytechnic is offering its first-ever Dual Credit Summer semester.

June 23 to August 6, 2025.

2025-2026 Dual Credit Guidebook

Now available [HERE!](#)



Course Options:

[View courses, delivery format, important dates /eligibility and more.](#)

CJP1160: CANCELLED

CMM1185: Hyflex format (attend in person or online), Monday to Friday, 9AM–12PM

Explore Your Future at Exploratory Days!

Grade 10–12 students are invited to Lethbridge Polytechnic on May 6 & 7 for Exploratory Days—an exciting chance to dive into hands-on career activities, tour state-of-the-art labs, and connect with faculty.

🕒 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | 📍 Main Entrance, Lethbridge Polytechnic.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore programs and plan your future!

Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate (VTA)

Thinking about a career in Animal Science? Exciting news—starting in 2025-2026, Holy Spirit will be offering the Veterinary Technical Assistant (VTA) Certificate in partnership with Olds College!



This unique program allows students to graduate with both their Grade 12 diploma and their VTA Certificate, fully prepared to enter the dynamic world of animal care.

Reminder

Submit your work hours for the
Registered Apprenticeship and Work
Experience programs to
hsoffcampus@holyspirit.ab.ca



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Off-Campus Coordinator
Career Centre, East Campus on Tuesday/Friday
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Career Practitioner
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“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

— Deuteronomy 31:8

St. Joan of Arc 1412-1431 (Feast Day: May 30)

May

Proclaim! Pilgrims of Hope

St. Joan of Arc is a heroine of France and a Catholic saint, and is often referenced in books, television, movies, and songs. A peasant girl born in the east of what is today France, she was raised in a religious family, and at the age of 12, had a vision from God. These visions continued through her teenage years. In them, an angel told her to lead the French in battles against the British, who controlled the land at this time, and to restore the son of the King, Charles, to the throne. Many people did not believe her. Over time, however, her visions and predictions continued to come true, which led those around her to follow her. Eventually, she traveled in disguise to Charles, who gave her control of an army. This army had a number of successes against the British forces, and eventually Charles did become king.

In 1430, while attacking another British force, Joan was captured. The British put her on trial, accusing her of witchcraft and heresy. There was nothing to these charges, but she was found guilty regardless, and was martyred by burning at the stake in 1431. She is often called upon by those who are seeking to accomplish very challenging tasks, and by soldiers.

You can learn more about Joan of Arc with this video - Brother Francis - [Joan of Arc](#).



The Apostles' Creed

“the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins...”

To believe in the communion of saints is really in a sense an expansion of our belief in the holy catholic Church. We proclaim in this line our belief that we need one another in the Church as part of our path to salvation. We know that communion means oneness, and in this instance the lower-case saints refers not solely to those who have been canonized, but all who are amongst the holy people of God.

In his writings, Paul often refers to or greets his readers as saints. So in this, we see the holiness that surrounds us here on earth, actively working together to support one another as we strive towards heaven.

We know (often all too well) that we are sinners in need of God's grace. The good news that we have in our faith is that God freely distributes to us this grace and forgives our sins. We are called nonetheless to continual conversion, and to extend that same grace of forgiveness to those around us. In this, we see the restoration of the relationships that we have with one another, and with God.

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

The Jubilee Prayer: [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)

“Proclaiming” In Our Schools

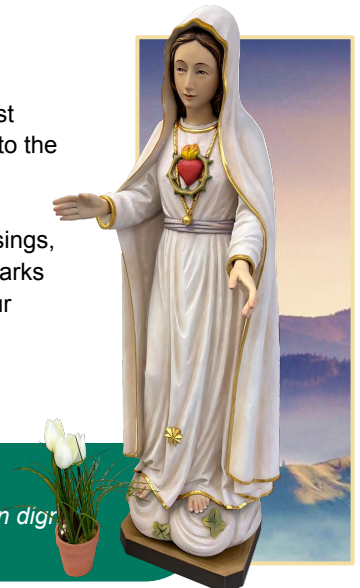
Happy Easter! Joyeuses Pâques! During the Easter season, we continually rejoice in and proclaim the resurrection of Christ, and the opening of heaven's doors to us eternally. This is actually the second longest liturgical season (after Ordinary Time), lasting 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. We return to the singing of the Gloria and Alleluias.

In our schools this year, the Easter season coincides with many celebratory events, such as Feather Blessings, graduations, galas and World Catholic Education Day (Thursday, May 29 - wear blue!). This month also marks the beginning of our now-traditional Marian pilgrimage through our school division — so look for her at your school soon!



Pope's Prayer Intentions - For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity and that society might be humanized.





Bright Futures Begin Here

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division



2025/2026 REGISTRATION



Re-Registration Starts January 13, 2025

Families with students currently enrolled in our system should expect an email during the week of January 13-17, 2025 asking that the online "Registration Update Form" be completed for each child attending one of our schools in the 2025/2026 school year.

Parents/guardians who are hoping to register younger siblings new to the division will also have the opportunity to do this at the same time that they re-register older students.

New Student Registration Starts February 3, 2025

All Early Learning to Grade 12 students who are new to the division and wish to enroll for the 2025/2026 school year are invited to register online starting on Monday, February 3, 2025.

- Through play, our **Early Learning Program** is designed to stimulate the growing curiosity of children 3 and 4 years of age.
- **Kindergarten** is designed for children 5 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2025.
- **Grade 1** registrants must be 6 years of age on, or before, December 31, 2025.
- **French Immersion** is also available. Enrollment starts:
 - in Kindergarten/Grade 1 at École St. Mary in Lethbridge.
 - in Grade 1 at St. Michael's School in Pincher Creek.



For More Information

Contact our Early Learning Supervisor to discuss Early Learning or your child's specialized programming requirements by phone (403-381-8495) or email (earlylearning@holyspirit.ab.ca).

To inquire about Kindergarten, you can contact your local school.

Contact our French Language Consultant to discuss French Immersion programming by phone (403-331-4458) or email (urquhartw@holyspirit.ab.ca).

Contact your child's school, or visit the division's website (holyspirit.ab.ca), if you need assistance with the online registration process or have any questions.



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

...where children are cherished and achieve their potential.



“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:

- Provide outstanding service to students
- Set high standards through leadership and dedication
- Contribute to the faith-filled atmosphere of our schools
- Lead within the community and parish organizations
- Live out the values of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 6, 2025**. 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 contact Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca for more details.

Let’s celebrate those who truly make a difference!



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When: Thursday, May 15 6-8pm

Where: Taber Public Library

Local Speakers for Prevention, Recovery and Legal Support

Mackina Mouland, Taber VSU, "Safety & Wellness"
Tannie Walker, FCSS, "Counselling in our Community"
Darrin Wright, Baldry Sugden, "Family Law Options"

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