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ST CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

What you'll find

- Upcoming Events
- Fair Notice and Religious Permeation letters
- Milk order reminder
- Lunchbox subway meals and support
- Picture Day for individuals Oct 1, *Retakes Oct 21*
- School Council and Home and School
- PD/ No school Days
- Volleyball information
- Parent Teacher Conference
- Catholic Education Week



ST CATHERINE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2026-2027



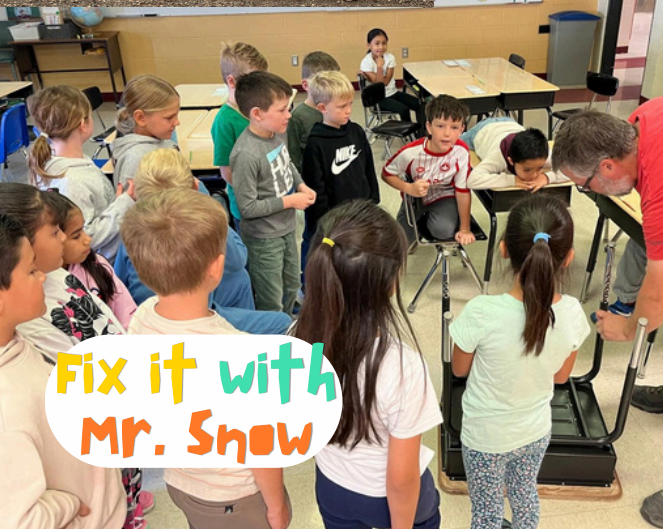
In Class



**Terry Fox
RUN AND FUNDRAISER**



**GRADE 9
Camping trip**



**Fix it with
Mr. Snow**



School Family Groups





THINGS TO KNOW! **IMPORTANT DATES**

No School for students

- **October 9**
- **October 12 = Thanksgiving**
- **October 13**

Scholastic Book Fair

- **October 19-22**
- **Books, posters, erasers and more**



- **Open During PT conferences**



Parent Teacher Conference Oct 21 3:30-6:30 **Oct 22 5pm-8pm**



What to discuss:

- Goals of student
- Progress of student
- Questions about classroom or curriculum.

To Register make sure to go to SchoolSoft Online

- **Conference Manager new families please create an account in order to book a time slot for PT conference.**
- **If you need help, or a translator please contact the office:
scpboffice@holyspirit.ab.ca**

ST CATHERINE SCHOOL
CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WEEK OCTOBER 17-23



THE
POWER
of the
Holy Spirit

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Saint Pier Giorgio lived with his eyes fixed on something greater, encouraging others to strive for holiness and "go to the heights."

**Saint
Pier Giorgio
Frassati**

**How can we let the
*HOLY SPIRIT***

**bring us to greater heights
in our Faith journey?**

HOPE

FAITH

COURAGE

VIRTUES TO GROW

To the heights





ST CATHERINE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2026



MOUNTAINWEST STUDIOS

Picture Day! **October 1st**

Retakes: October 21



This year our "Class photos" will be taken in the spring!

depending on parent and student opinions we can adapt this in the future and move it to the fall with the individuals.

In spring along side the class photos we will have the Kindergarten Grad photos. Mountain West will be adapting our Kindergarten Grad into a "Future self" photo shoot with provided costumes!

Photo Day is October 1st!

Mountain West Studios will be at our school for photo day tomorrow! Your child will be provided with their unique login code and ordering instructions.

How to prepare for Photo Day - Click here!

Please watch for a flyer like the one below to come home with your child.



If you have any questions regarding your photos, please email **help@mountainwest.ca**



MOUNTAINWEST STUDIOS

Bring a smile!

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Burnaby BC, V5J 4R5

Phone: 604.433.0551
Toll Free 1.888.644.4494

help@mountainwest.ca
mountainwest.ca

SAINTS SPORTS



VOLLEYBALL

Please check Athletic Calendar online for up to date practices and games. -and refer to the Athletic Handbook for code of conduct and expectations of both athletes and parents/guardians.

SV Boys:

Oct 1: HOME vs Coalhurst 4pm Start

Oct 8: HOME vs Providence Christian 4 pm Start

Oct 14: County Central Vulcan 4pm Start

Oct 16: HOME TOURNAMENT SV and Grade 6 Boys

Oct 20: St Mary's Taber 4pm start.

Oct 23: HOME Tournament SV Boys

Oct 28-29: COLJHAA Championships @ Coalhurst High

SV Girls:

Oct 1: Coalhurst following JV

Oct 6: @ HOME VS County Central

Oct 15: St Joe's Coaldale 4pm Start

Oct 16/17: Tournament @ Prairie Winds

Oct 24: HOME TOURNAMENT

Oct 28-29: COLJHAA Championship @ PBHS

JV Girls:

Oct 1: Coalhurst 4pm Start

Oct 5: Prairie Winds 4pm Start

Oct 6: @ HOME VS County Central

Oct 8: Noble Central 4 pm Start

Oct 15: St Joe's Coaldale 4pm Start

Oct 17: HOME TOURNAMENT

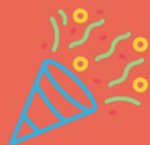
Oct 22: Coaldale Christian 4pm start.

Oct 23: COLJHAA CHAMPIONSHIP



LUNCHBOX
by SchoolCashOnline

Welcome to Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online!
St. Catherine, Picture Butte
2026-2027



We're excited to bring you a convenient way to order hot, healthy meals for your child!

What Is Lunchbox?

Lunchbox is an easy-to-use online ordering platform featuring local favorites - delivered straight to your child's school.



View the full ordering calendar on your SchoolCash Online items page.

How to Order - Quick Steps

1. Log in to your child's SchoolCash Online account.
2. Click "Order Now" on your items page.
3. Confirm your child's teacher and grade (very important for correct delivery!).
4. Click a blue calendar date to choose from scheduled vendors.
5. Pay securely online using:



Visa / MasterCard / Discover /
Debit Visa / Prepaid

Deadline to Order:

Sundays @ 12 PM for the upcoming week.

Deadline to Cancel:

2 days before your scheduled delivery.

Need help ?

Just log in to your SchoolCash Online account for the latest info.



Our dedicated team is here to make managing your child's school lunch orders simple and stress-free!

If you have any questions, we're here for you! Give the Lunchbox team a call at 1-877-426-6860 or send us an email at support@lunchboxorders.com - we're happy to help!



Scholastic

B O O K F A I R

WHEN?=OCTOBER 19- OCTOBER 22

- Parents and students are invited to come have a look and purchase some new reading material and more!
- It will be open during Parent teacher interviews!

Attendance through:SAFE ARRIVAL

with  SCHOOLMESSENGER®

YOU can now put in your child's attendance as absent, late, or leaving early right into our system! Through **SafeArrival**.

If you haven't yet, please create your account, or save the toll free number to use for reporting absences. **(833)-225-4644**

- Download the **SchoolMessenger Home** app
- Use **SafeArrival** website (SchoolMessenger Canada).



2026-2027 SCHOOL FEES SchoolCashOnline

New FEES

New fees will be added throughout the school year pending on involvement in sports, options etc.

Check for New fees for...

- Volleyball Fees
- Optional Milk orders

If you have any questions, require more information or are in need of financial support, please contact Daniel Scott-Perry at scottperryd@holyspirit.ab.ca or call 403-732-4359

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Next Meeting *October 21 @ 6:30pm*

We need

- Classroom Reps! We would still love to get an additional classroom rep from parents whose kids are in Grades 5-8.

We are seeking a Chair and Vice-Chair for School Council!

Minutes from September Meeting:

A) SafeArrival Software: going well, able to submit attendance and communicate.

B) Kindergarten Parents Coffee: Oct 20: come enjoy coffee, treats and conversations with fellow parents.

C) ASCE Grant: Possibility of english or spanish classes, Night art classes, Stock parents Library.

Goals/initiatives for the year:

- Movie Night
- promote and support Jr High Sports
- Track and Field
- Parents having more specific invites to school activities.

HOME & SCHOOL

MEETING: OCTOBER 21 @ 6:30 PM

HOT LUNCHES:

October 15: Chicken Drumsticks

October 29: Hot Dogs

Hot lunch serving team!

Follow the [link](#) and join the whatsapp chat to volunteer to serve at hot lunches for the students.

or copy and paste <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jnle7pbXc03A68jPJ4aANG?s=sh&p=i&mlu=4&ilr=4>



Faith at Saint Catherine



"Surely it is a source of profound consolation to know that we are loved so deeply by Our Lord, who constantly carries us in his heart"

-Saint Frances de Salles

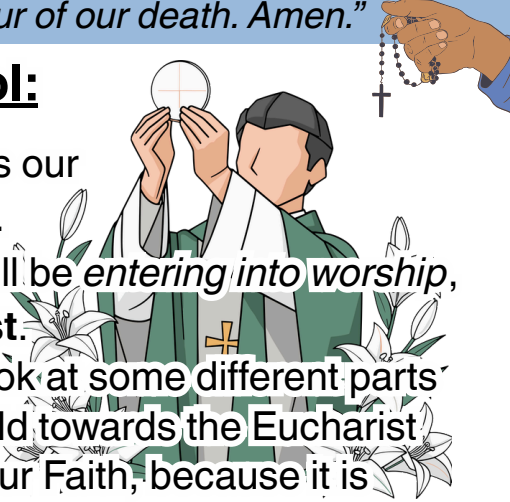
**School Mass: October 14th, 9am
@ St Catherine's Parish**

October in the Church:

- October is a month where we focus on the devotion of praying the rosary. Meditating on the life of Christ with each "mystery" and reciting the words from scripture: *"Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed are thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen."*

October in our School:

- Saint Frances de Salles is our **October Saint of the month**.
- Our focus on the Mass will be *entering into worship*, highlighting the **Eucharist**.
- We will slow down and look at some different parts of the Mass, which all build towards the Eucharist, which is the pinnacle of our Faith, because it is Jesus himself.
- We will take note on moments we rest in silence during the Mass, welcoming it as a time to show God love and respect by allowing ourselves to hear Him speak.



Sacraments: St. Ambrose & St. Catherine Twinned Parishes



If you or your child are in need of a sacrament please call 403-345-3000 or email office@stambroseparish.ca to register for this upcoming year.



Fair Notice Letter

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to help a student take responsibility for their actions, change their behavior and learn from their mistakes.

When students' behaviors pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, the Southwest Alberta Regional Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Protocol assists administrators in taking the necessary steps to protect the well-being of students and staff. This protocol ensures that schools can respond promptly to worrisome behaviors or threatening incidents, such as possession of a weapon or replica, bomb threats or plans, verbal, written, or electronic (internet, text) threats to harm oneself or others, as well as other acts of violence, including fire-setting.

The protocol requires trained division staff and community partners to work together as a team to complete an Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) whenever a student threatens to harm others. The ARTO process leverages the team's knowledge, skills, and experience to assess the level of concern and identify appropriate interventions to protect individuals from harm and ensure a safe environment in both the school and the community. A multi-disciplinary approach is used to address these concerns. Please be advised that the school team will take positive and proactive measures to address all known threats or high-risk behaviors. If you are invited to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your child, please be assured that our protocol is being followed and that our primary goal is ensuring safety. The Southwest Alberta Regional VTRA Protocol outlines how a school should respond immediately to threatening behavior. Principals may first assemble a School Threat Assessment Team, ideally comprising the principal or associate principal, a school-based counselor or jurisdictional lead, and local police. If the situation is serious, the principal may also consult the Superintendent of Schools and involve members of the Community Threat Assessment Team. This team may include representatives from local police, children's mental health organizations, or Child and Family Services, among other community agencies that collaborate with us to enhance school safety.

Parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible during the Stage I - VTRA Process. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, but a safety concern persists, the threat assessment may proceed. Personal information shared during this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure everyone's safety.

This letter complies with procedure 2 of *Administrative Procedure 322: Violence Threat / Risk Assessment (V-TRA) Protocol*, which states that parents/ guardians will be provided with "fair notice" that each threat will be taken seriously. Should you wish to further review this Administrative Procedure, please visit our website at www.holyspirit.ab.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's use of the Southwest Alberta Regional V-TRA Protocol, please contact the Director of Support Services at the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre. We appreciate your support in ensuring our schools are safe environments for our students, staff and community partners.

Sincerely,

Chantel Axani, Superintendent of Schools

Updated August 2026



Notice to Parent or Guardian of Religious Permeation

Section 58.1 of the *Education Act* requires a school board to give notice to a parent or guardian when courses of study, education programs, institutional materials, instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion. All of the schools in this division are Catholic Separate Schools, the essential purpose of which is to fully permeate Catholic theology, philosophy, practices and beliefs, the principles of the Gospel and teachings of the Catholic Church, in all aspects of school life, including in the curriculum of every subject taught, both in and outside of formal religion classes, celebrations and exercises. Every course of study and educational program, all institutional materials, instruction and exercises will at all times include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.

*Hello, Hola! School
Council invites you
to come enjoy*

Pre-k, Kinder Parent Coffee Break





Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

Piitawaani

Traditional Powwow

Thursday, October 8th

5:00pm-7:00pm

Grand Entry at 5:00pm

Children of St. Martha School

206 McMaster Blvd. W.

- ◆ Host drum will be paid.
- ◆ First 14 registered dancers will be paid (all dancers welcome).
- ◆ Food trucks available for purchase of dinner.

Please bring lawnchairs or blankets.

Everyone welcome!



Dancer Registration Form

Skating club registration EXTENDED



All ages and skill level welcome.

DEADLINE EXTENSION!

North County Skating Club

ICE SKATING

Offering:

- Pre-CanSkate
- CanSkate
- StarSkate

**ALL AGES
WELCOME**



Picture Butte, AB
North County Recreation Complex

