



MARCH 2026

We rise to meet Christ's challenge.

▶ IMPORTANT DATES

   **Scholastic Book Fair March 2-6** 

- March 3- Grade 6 Canteen
- March 4- Spring Parent Teacher Conference 3:30-6:30pm
- March 5- Parent Teacher Conference 5pm-8pm
- March 6- Elementary Retreat with Face to Face >



- March 10- Grade 5 Canteen
- March 11- Purple Day
 - Monthly Mass
- March 12- Castle Mountain Ski Trip
 - Soup and Sandwhich Hot lunch



School Mass:
9am at
St. Catherine
Parish, led by
Grade 5 class.
All are
welcome.



March 13- No school for students

- March 17- Grade 4 Canteen Day
 - Green Day for St Patricks Day
- March 19- WestWind Thunder Dance performance
 - School Dance Green Day/St Patricks theme



- March 24-Hot Dog hot lunch
- March 25- Grade 3 Canteen**
 - Lord of the Rings Dress up day!
- March 27- Crazy Hair Day

Note that Canteen day is on Wednesday this week*

- March 31- Canteen Grade 2
- April 1- April Fools Day
- April 2- Holy Thursday Last day of classes
- April 3- Good Friday No School**
- April 6-10 EASTER BREAK NO SCHOOL**

Report Cards

Kindergarten Progress reports will be sent out in March





Safety Protocols

Please be aware school doors will be locked during school hours, except for drop off and pick up times.

For details please refer to the email sent on Friday February 27 by Daniel Vanden Dungen.

If the door is locked, please ring the doorbell.

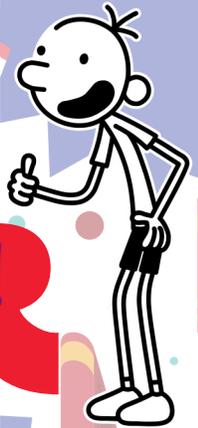


Sign in at the office if you are a visitor.



 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK! March 2-5

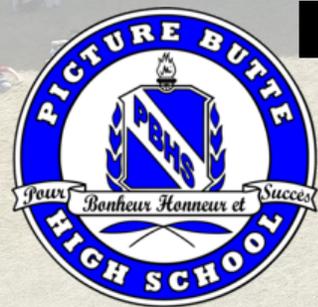


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**Grade 9 students are invited to PBHS for supper and tour.
March 10 6pm-8pm.**



UPDATE Registration forms

You will need to register your student for the upcoming 2026-2027 School year. This is done through Powerschool/SchoolEngage.

To access Powerschool you can go to our website.



St. Catherine School

On the home page click Registration

Then choose



When you scroll down it will prompt you here.

To Access the Registration Update Form

You will need to already have a *SchoolEngage Account*, which can be accessed by first logging into *PowerSchool*.

To log into Powerschool you will need your username and Password. The username is *usually* firstname.lastname

If you need help getting your username or are in need of a password reset, please contact the office at scpboffice@holyspirit.ab.ca.

After you log in, scroll on the left hand side down to School Engage



You will see your students names on the **left side**. Click the student and on the right you will see the option for **2026-2027 Update Registration Form**. Follow the prompts and complete the registration form.



Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance (AECA) survey

Annual survey that gathers feedback on behalf of schools and school authorities to understand what works well and what needs improvement.

DUE MARCH 6

These surveys were emailed to you by Daniel. They have specific codes for you to use to complete the survey. If you have any questions or are unsure of how to complete it please contact the office at scpboffice@holyspirit.ab.ca

February highlights



Matching Day



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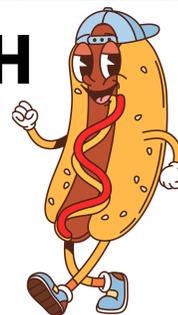
NET Canada put on a retreat for our Grade 7-9 students. This retreat included games, skits, talks, testimonies, and small group discussion. The theme of this retreat was “a quiet place” finding time to focus on God and invite him to speak to us. The students also received prayer, and spent time with God reflecting in the church.



HOME AND SCHOOL



HOT DOG HOTLUNCH ON MARCH 24



NEXT MEETING: MARCH 18 @ 6PM

Treasurer Needed: This role would keep track of the financial state of the organization. writing and receiving cheques and keeping the committee up to date on the budget. this ensures hot lunches, donations and other elements run smoothly.

*Please contact Amanda Anderson by text at 403-894-8345
or Leslie Martin if you're interest*

SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES OVERVIEW

- Safety Plan Discussion:

- Visitors will sign into the office and be given a "Visitor" lanyard
- PreK and Kindergarten will be signed out by parent or permitted contacts from registration forms, or parental notification.
- Doors will be unlocked during drop off and pick up, including Pre-k and Kindergarten.
- Otherwise doors will be locked and staff will need to let anyone into the school.
 - School Dance March 19
- Green Day/St Patricks Day Theme
- Jess Cook is DJing
- We need a set up, take down and snack set up committee
- Student Leadership will run 3-4 games, during 3-4 songs
 - School Start was well received and we will be using again.
 - STAFFING: Jessica Nelson will be returning from maternity leave on April 20. Abby Bartsch last day will be April 17.

▶ NEXT MEETING

March 18th at 6:30pm in the School Library.



SAINTS SPORTS

BASKETBALL SEASON



Congratulations to our JV and SV teams! You had incredible seasons and we are so excited to see how you continue to grow in sportsmanship, dedication, perseverance and skill. Continue to cheer on our SV Girls who are heading to ZONES on March 6 & 7 in Mountain View!

SAINTS SPORTS BADMINTON SEASON

March 17: Each player must declare their level of competition, (Bantam, Midget or Juvenile), and which format they wish to compete in (singles, doubles or mixed doubles).

This in-house tournament will allow all entries in each format to play a round of round robin play and in the event of a tie, winners will be determined by points for and against.

This is when the decision of commitment must happen, the \$25 fee will also be assigned then and you will receive a team t-shirt.

Practices: Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm-5:00pm

Important Dates

- March 17th: in-house tournament to determine which teams compete in counties**
- March 20th Bantam age (grade 7) tournament in Taber**
- March 27th Midget age (grade 8) tournament in Taber**

ST CATHERINE FAITH COMMUNITY

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LENT

During these 40 days we prepare for Easter. We are invited to do this through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As a Church we do this through forging and maintaining healthy habits for our body, spirit, and mind; specifically through fasting or abstaining from things that we could or should live without.

As a school you'll notice our announcements are in "grey scale" with the colour being muted. Our students are invited to partake in reconciliation with Fr Iqbal, and our grade 9 and grade 6 students will take turns leading Stations of the Cross at the parish this month.

Often times beautiful, good and important things become hidden to us; not because they're covered, but because they've become mundane. During Lent we veil our statues, crucifixes and some art within the school to bring a deeper awareness to it come Easter. This subtle shift brings about a sense of longing in us, we see this also in mass with humble simple music, it makes our celebration of Easter that much more joyful, and brings about a deeper appreciation. This LENT take time to *pause, rest, pray and delight/ appreciate in the goodness and beauty God has blessed you with.*

St Catherine Parish

762 Ave Crescent Ave, Picture Butte

Masses: 2nd / 4th Saturday 7pm

Sunday 11am

Week-Day Mass: Wednesday 9am,

Friday 9am

Adoration: Wednesday 7pm

Reconciliation: Wednesday 7-8pm.

Our grades 3-6 were invited to reconciliation, with Fr Iqbal they were given time of reflection and prayer. Grade 7-9 will get to Mar 4.



OUR COMMUNITY



**U13 D Provincial Championships
are hosted in PICTURE BUTTE!**



Come cheer on the Butte Blades

March 19-22



**Lethbridge
Cougars
Basketball
Club
Tryouts**

Registrations
for spring
2026 now
open.



Important notes for tryouts.

- try to come to BOTH tryouts
- arrive 15 minutes early for registration.
- bring a waterbottle (labeled) running shoes, and a LCBC Jersey if you have one.
- tryout fee is \$10

Deadline March 22

A 'WANTED' poster for Thunder FC U15 girls tryouts. The poster features a cartoon illustration of a girl with red hair in a ponytail, wearing a black and red soccer jersey, kicking a soccer ball. The text on the poster reads: 'WANTED U15 GIRLS 2026 OUTDOOR SEASON BIRTH YEARS 2011-2013 FEW SPOTS LEFT'. At the bottom, it says 'Go to CoaldaleThunder.ca to register'. The Thunder FC logo, featuring an owl, is also visible.