



JANUARY 2025

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL SAINTS NEWS



NO SCHOOL

January 1- January 5



Canteen Days

Jan 7- Gr 3/4 (Ortynski)

Jan 14- Gr 2 (Price)

Jan 21- Gr 1 (Fuller)

Jan 28- Gr 6 (Harling)

REMINDER

School doors
don't open until
8:25am.

*There is no
supervision available
before 8:25am.*

**DO NOT PARK IN
BUS ZONE**



Leadership January 8- HAT DAY

Wear your favourite,
most comfortable, or
coolest hat!

Jan 16- Cozy Slippers day

Wear your coziest
slippers at school!
In fact be cozy all
day!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

Stay up to date with news, events
and more on our website
www.scpb.holyspirit.ab.ca

**Junie B.
Jones:**

HAS BEEN CAST!

Keep all cast and crew in your
prayers as rehearsals begin.

TOOTHLESS WONDER



BY ALLISON GREGORY

*If any parents would like to
volunteer please contact Josh
Gatner at 403-732-4359 or
email: gatnerj@holyspirit.ab.ca*



Grade 9 Parents information night at CCH East Campus
Lethbridge on Wednesday February 5 at 7pm,
Grade 9 Parents Information Night at CCH West Campus
Lethbridge on Thursday February 6 at 7pm

Grade 9 Student Meeting 8:30am at St Catherine Picture
Butte on February 10th.

COMMUNI-TEA

THURSDAY'S AT LUNCH
IN THE FOODS ROOM

GR. 5 - 9 STUDENTS

Join us for
TEA,
HOT
CHOCOLATE,
BOARD
GAMES,
TRIVIA &
CONNECTION



Friday January 31 is our
GLOBAL PLAY DAY!
Stay up to date through
emails and texts from the
school for any changes or
information.



**Family Literacy Day takes place
every January 27th, to raise
awareness about the importance of
reading!**

**In acknowledgement of this we will
be starting a reading challenge in
January.**

**Keep your eyes peeled for more
information and dust off those books
you've been meaning to read.**



**Welcome our NEW PS 3
Student Teachers
Jo Dixon joining
3/4 Ortynski
and Cassidy Haun joining
3/4 Constant**

Celebrating



Advent

Hope



Peace



Joy





DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Some of our JR High students reenacted the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the whole school.

Led by Miss Vanesa and Miss Isabel the students put in a lot of hard work and effort, staying after school to practice. The incredible costumes complete with printed tilma and Our Lady's costume were made by Miss Vanesa's mother in Mexico. They did an incredible job, and truly honoured Our Lady of Guadalupe.





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GINGER
BREAD
Decorating



Teaching the 7 year war with
etiquette on battle strategy



JR HIGH DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

JR HIGH DANCE

JR HIGH RETREAT



**Exploring the trades.
at LethbridgePolytechnic**



Learning the sport of curling on and off the ice!



SAINTS SPORTS

What's happened so far?

GO SAINTS GO!

BASKETBALL



Basketball season has begun! If you would like to help please contact Brian at 403-732-4359 or Email dawydiukd@holyspirit.ab.ca

Practices:

SV and JV boys practice Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30pm-5:00pm
SV and JV Girls practice Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30pm-5:00pm



GAME RESULTS

HOME GAMES 4pm

- Dec 3 JV Boys LOST against Noble Central
- Dec 5 JV Girls WON VS PBHS
- Dec 12 JV Boys LOST VS Coaldale Christian

AWAY GAMES

- Dec 3 JV Girls WON against Noble Central
- Dec 5 JV Boys WON @ PBHS
- Dec 12 JV Girls LOST @ Coaldale Christian

UPCOMING GAMES

HOME GAMES 4pm

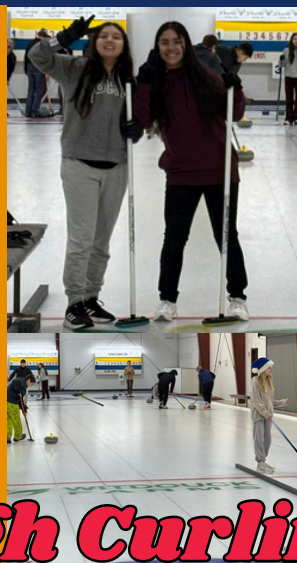
- Jan 8 SV Boys vs Providence Christian
- Jan 14 JV Girls vs Prairie Winds
- Jan 21 SV & JV Boys vs St. Joes
- Jan 28 JV & SV Girls vs County Central

AWAY GAMES 4pm

- Jan 8 SV Girls @ Providence Christian
- Jan 9 SV Girls @ St Mary's Taber
- Jan 14 JV Boys @ Prairie Winds Coaldale
- Jan 16 JV and SV Boys @ St Mary's Taber
- Jan 21 SV & JV Girls @ St. Joes Coaldale

Tournaments

- Jan 10 JV Boys and Girls @ FLVT
- Jan 17 SV Boys and Girls @ St Mary's Taber
- Jan 24,25 SV Girls @ St Catherine Picture Butte
- Feb 1 SV Boys Tournament @ St Catherine PB



JR High Curling Bonspiel



You are invited to attend School Council Meetings!
School Council meetings are great (no commitment) open forum meetings held monthly.

Meetings consist of fellow parents, and community members, as well as teachers and administration of St. Catherine School!

These meetings are great opportunities for you to bring up concerns, questions, opinions, and desires for how the school can continue to grow and foster its students.

School functions, policies, student assessments, and celebrations, are discussed at these meetings.

**We want our council to include and represent the rich tapestry of families we have attending our school.
Please consider coming out and getting involved to further improve our school.**

School Council Minute Highlights

- Continued discussion on screens and personal devices for students.
- Conversations and discussions on mental health and personal devices
- After School Volleyball on Fridays for grades 4, and 5s are being led by school council.
- Pre-K Coffee Time was a huge success, with multiple parents staying and chatting, and getting to connect.
- 65 orders were placed for Saints clothing, should arrive in 4-5 weeks.
- Looking at purchasing books for parent education.
- Wanting to continue hosting events like parents coffee time, guest speakers.
- Grade 6 PAT and Grade 9 Excellence levels were lower than desired, looking into that.



Next meeting
January 16 6:45pm

Keep informed and up to date with what's happening in the school. To contact School Council, email:
scpboffice@holyspirit.ab.ca

For all the Minutes and more information on Student Council please visit the website
www.scpb.holyspirit.ab.ca/schoolcouncil

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK was a HUGE success!



Home and School Minute Highlights

- Hot lunches will remain free for the school year!
- Next Hot lunches Jan 23=Beef on a bun, and Feb 4=Spaghetti
- Providing finances for and hosting PreK and Kindergarten Parent "Coffee/Tea time"
- Motion made and carried to pay for the following items, \$3,000 for library books, doubling the field trip per class budget from \$500-\$1,000, \$3,000 for purchasing guitars to replace broken ones, as well as \$2,000 to purchase 4 new sewing machines.

For the full minutes please visit the website, under "Parents & Students" drop down menu on top right go to "Home and School"

Home and School Meeting 7pm January 9th

AUCTION

- post auction focus will be on theatre lighting system, and a scoreboard.
- Prime Catering is booked
- Ticketing prices will be 60\$
- Wacky Shots Photo Booth is booked
- Dueling Pianos is booked and will start after the live auction.
- discussion of timings for auction, Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, live auction from 8pm-9pm and dueling pianos from 9pm-11pm.

At our Gospel Celebration on Friday, December 6th, we acknowledged three students for being examples of *faithfulness* like Saint Odilia.



Cristian Gr 3/4
Actively participates during prayers, and wears a cross daily, helps others selflessly and shares with an open heart.



Keira Gr 6
Consistently helps and steps forward to do the duty of the moment. Showing patience, generosity and kindness.



Santiago Gr 9
Never shies away from sharing his faith and showing his faithfulness through his actions.

Join us January 10th where we will acknowledge 3 students for showing “Knowledge” like St Thomas Aquinas; who used his knowledge and love of learning to glorify God and teach others.



Proclaim!

Pilgrims of Hope
St. Thomas Aquinas
Feast Day: January 28

Come, Holy Spirit,
You are the source of light and wisdom.
Fill my mind with your brightness,
and take away anything that keeps me
from learning and loving.

Help me think clearly and remember what I learn.
Make it easier for me to understand, and give
me the grace to share my thoughts with others.

Be with me as I start my work, guide me as I go,
and help me finish it well. I ask this through
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with You and the Father forever. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas — pray for us!

**Join us at our next
School Mass
Wednesday**

January 15th @ 9AM

St Catherine's Parish

Sunday mass 9am

Holy Day of Obligation

Jan 1 Mass at 11am

Christmas brought us a new light, and on the Epiphany the young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations.

Two specific mysteries are acknowledged in January: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi (Jan 3), the Baptism of Christ (Jan 10).



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.



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Family Literacy Day

Honorary Chair,

Barbara Reid invites families to

Learn to be Green, Together!

Barbara Reid is a picture book illustrator and author whose award-winning artwork is created using modelling clay.

1 Start an indoor garden

Learn about herbs and vegetables while growing your own food and reducing your carbon footprint.

2 Visit a little free library

Recycling books is a great way to reuse items and get books for free. You can leave books for others too.

3 Visit a national park or nature museum

Learn about the importance of preserving nature.

4 Shop local at a flea market

Not only can you help support local businesses, it's a great opportunity to practice your financial skills.

5 Visit the local library

Borrow books about the environment to learn more about climate change and what you can do to help.

6 Eat a meatless meal

Follow a recipe for a vegetarian meal and also boost your math and numeracy skills.

7 Make a craft from recycled items

Get creative and see what you can make using plastic bottles, used clothing, or recycled cardboard.

8 Go screen-free for the day

Play outside, read a book, or do a craft instead. Not only do these activities practice your learning skills, they also save electricity.

9 Buy something second-hand

Buying used items instead of new is a great way to reduce waste and save money at the same time.

10 Go on a nature scavenger hunt

Make a list of commonly found outdoor items, then go on a walk together with your list and see if you can find all the items.

Find fun family activities at:
FamilyLiteracyDay.ca

#FamilyLiteracyDay

