ST CATHERINE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 26-27
NOVEMBER EDITION



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  - Remembrance Day
- SPORTS:
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  - Basketball starts
  - Athletics Director
- Christmas Concert plan



- Faith:
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  - Faith Plan for month of November
- School Council Minutes
- Home and School Minutes and Hot Lunch
- School Cash online: Lunchbox ordering SUBWAY

REMINDERS

Bussing inquiries, concerns and questions.

David Shaw= Transportation Services Supervisor Palliser: Phone: 403-380-2612, Toll-free 1-877-667-1234 or visit www.pallisersd.ab.ca/contact to send an email.

Or contact *paulc@holyspirit.ab.ca* to talk with Cassandra Paul; the HolySpirit schools business services coordinator.

OUTDOOR RECESS GRADES K-6



Please ensure your kids dress for the weather. Unless it is -20 (with or without windchill) at recess times, **recess will be outside**. Please plan accordingly.

If you are in need of help providing appropriate winter gear for your kids please contact the office at scpboffice@holyspirit.ab.ca

NOT RECEIVING EMAILS?



- During registration the email address may have been submitted incorrectly.
- If at any point you **Unsubscribed** or marked an email from *any* HOLYSPIRIT account as **"Junk"** All Holyspirit staff emails will be junked or unsubscribed from.

To rectify this please contact scpboffice@holyspirit.ab.ca with your correct email to use, and notify us that you are not receiving emails.

Submit Attendance:SAFE ARRIVAL

with SCHOOLMESSENGER®

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).**

UPCOMMING: NOVEMBER DATES

Immunizations

- November 3
- Grade 6-9



Contact Public Health with any concerns or questions by calling 403-388-6751

Academic Awards

November 5 3:30pm

Letters of notification have been mailed to familes whose students are receiving an award at the assembly.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov 10, 1:30pm



No School for students

- November 11: Remembrance Day
- November 12,13: PD Days

November 23 Grade 1-6 Report Cards issued

Report cards will be accessible through SpacesEDU by myBlueprint and Emails

Advent Celebration HOPE

Grade 5 lead:
November 30 10:30am

Family are welcome to join.





SHEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE



Our Christmas Concert is going to be December 10th

Mrs Nelson is taking on the role of organizing, directing and planning the Christmas Concert this year.

If parents are interested in helping with costume or set design please reach out to nelsonje@holyspirit.ab.ca

Below are the planned costumes per grade. If parnts can start planning accordingly that would be greatly appreciated.

Grade 1: Shepherds=Western wear.

Grade 2/3: Angels= White shirts or dresses. (Halos and wings will be made)

Grade 4: Sheep= White shirts, black pants. (Ears with cotton balls will be made)

Grade 5: Shepherds=Western wear.

Grade 6: Each student will have a specific costume based on their role. Mrs Nelson will be communicating that with parents.



SAINTS SPORTS



VOLLEYBALL





ZONES: NOVEMBER 6

All of our teams grew so muh and showed incredible spirit and dedication. We are tremendously proud and grateful for all the support through this volleball season.

IMPORTANT

UPDATE: For any Athletics questions please contact ***Dan Vanden Dungen*** *at* *scpboffice@holyspirit.ab.ca*



Mini Basketball Skills Camp Grades 2-5



Registration/sign up will be emailed **Monday November 2.** Please complete this by November 5 if you plan for your child to attend.

(NOT a drop in program)



BASKETBALL

Parents Meeting

November 2 at 4:30pm

Come voice your opinion, and hear the upcoming changes in regards to Tournaments, volunteering, team configurations and more.

- Basketball Coaches
- Team configurations
- Parents Canteen donations and shifts
- What Tournaments
- Interest in baketball program for Grades 2-5



CELEBRATING ST CATHERINE'S FEAST DAY



CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

Pray for us

Her Symbols- Her Story: At the age of 14 this noble princess (Crown) experienced a moving vision of Mary and the baby Jesus, upon which she decided to become Catholic. At this time the Emporer Maxentius was persecuting Christians, Saint Catherine visited him to denounce his cruelty.

At a twist of events instead of killing Catherine, he summoned 50 teachers and philosophers to debate her publicly. She was only 15 and yet moved by the power of the Holy Spirit, she spoke eloquently in defence of the faith. Her words were so moving several pagans converted to christianity on the spot, and executed because of it.

Catherine was then tempted and pushed to abandon her faith, through imprisonment, and by the proposal of marriage, making her a powerful Empress, yet Catherine refused, saying she was married to Jesus and her virginity, and purity was dedicated to him. Filled with rage the Emperor sent her to be executed through the breaking wheel.



A torture device where peoples limbs are thread through the spokes and their bones are shattered by a heavy rod. Catherine approached the weapon and upon touching it, the wheel shattered. Finally unable to torture her slowly the Emperor ordered for her to be beheaded, her death was done by the sword.



Her story shows us how to be strong and courageous in our faith. She teaches us to rise to the challenges put before us, and to do so with our eyes on Christ. She is the patron Saint of students, unmarried girls, apologists and much more.



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS







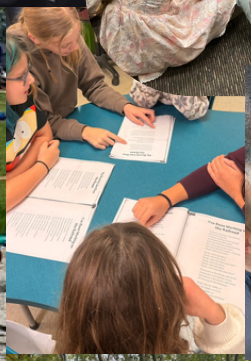

































HALLOWEEN
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SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are seeking a <u>Chair</u> and <u>Vice-Chair</u> for School Council!

<u>Next Meeting</u> *November 25 @ 7:30pm*

Minutes from October Meeting:

A) ASCE Grant – Art class or parents materials?

- Paint night
- Flare and Flowers wreaths– Michelle to look into
- Spanish Class
- Apps or digital workbooks for parents

B) Feedback on new school photographer company

- Easier to order
- Cheaper, overall good feedback

PRINCIPALS REPORT

1. **Maintenance and Facilities:**
   - Our **new video cameras** (inside and out) are installed and so is our new door bell / monitor, remote entry system!

Parents coffee was a huge success! *More to come!*



FOR THE FULL MINUTES FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE: School Council.

HOME & SCHOOL

MEETING: NOVEMBER 25 @ 6:30PM

<u>HOT LUNCHES:</u>

November 4: Pizza

November 25: Beef on a bun

<u>Hot lunch serving team!</u>

Follow the *link* and join the **whattsapp** 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

MEETING MINUTES ARE FOUND ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE UNDER PARENTS & STUDENTS.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

School Mass: November 4th, 9am @ St Catherine's Parish

November in our School:

- Saint Jerome is our **Saint of the month**.
- Our focus on the Mass will be *hearing Gods voice*.
- Within the Mass we hear the words of God through scripture, we hear wisdom through the Priest, and we have quiet moments of reflection to hear God speak to us in our own hearts.
- Spend time reading Scripture. Download the Bible App, listen to Bible in a Year podcast, or "the Sunday Dive" that goes deeper into the readings for the upcoming mass.



"Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ."

-Saint Jerome

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.





Nov 1: All Saints Day

No 2: All Souls Day



November in the Church:

- In November we enter into remembrance in many ways. We start off November 1st with All Saints Day which is followed by All souls Day.
- In the early Church as Christians were being killed for the faith, the faithful community couldn't keep up with remembering each person who was killed as the numbers of martry's kept growing. This is when All Saints day was created, following it was the creation of all souls day.
- As the church began to be more strict about what classifies someone as a *recognized Saint*, they wanted to make sure we still took time to remember all people who passed away.

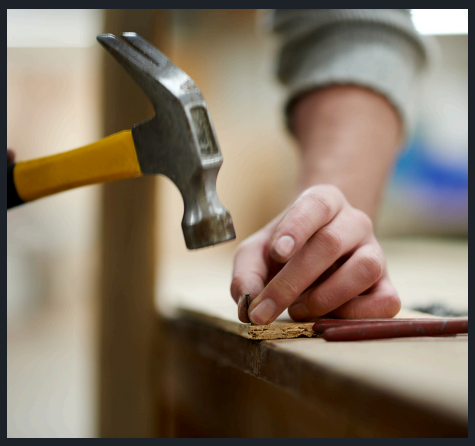
Purgatory: "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is experienced by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030).



TRADES4U

November 25, 2026

Students in grades 9-12







- Hands on experience to try a trade
- Learn from locally skilled tradespeople
- Evening event for guardian and parent accessibility
- Limited spots so register now

Contact *boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca* for more information.

Registrations open from Oct 31- Nov 15

School Cash Online: LUNCHBOX

LUNCHBOX by SchoolCashOnline

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:

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

Delivery Day: **Monday**

Restaurant: SUBWAY

Did you know?

You can order weekly or pre-schedule for the full program.

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 ?

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!