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# MAY 2026



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## **MAY NEWSLETTER: WHAT YOU'LL FIND!**

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## **SUMMER SCHOOL**

Get grade 10 credits in the summer!

**Why take Off Campus Education?:**

- Get a Head Start:** Make significant progress toward your 100-credit graduation requirement.
- Meet Requirements:** Earn mandatory 30-level credits.
- Post-Secondary Boost:** Use these grades in your application average for many university and college programs.

**Step 1: Complete the Google Form**  
**Step 2: Schedule an Intake Meeting**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES**  
**JUNE 5 - CORE CLASSES**  
**JUNE 17 - OPTION COURSES**



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# HOLY WEEK

We Believe



Meghan from Imagination Academy



## Print-making





Staff and students attended the Centennial at Town Centre on April 15<sup>th</sup>. They have also been working on a presentation to showcase St Catherine school "Then and Now" at Jamboree Days from August 14-16.



# Typecast

by Amanda Murray Cutalo



# St Catherine School Picture Butte AB



Registrations for 2026-2027

school year are open.

With still have spots available; please contact us soon to claim one.

403-732-4359 Registration



## Dress like a teacher day

- Coffee-Break
- Take picture
- TEACH





**MAY 12 DADS: HOTLUNCH**  
**MAY 27 HOT DOG HOTLUNCH**

**Home & School** NEXT MEETING: MAY 20 @ 6PM

# SCHOOL COUNCIL

## MINUTES OVERVIEW

### **Safety**

- We will be getting “Safe Arrival” software in the next few weeks. This will allow parents to log in absences for students instead of calling the office and us having to make those changes manually
- The Gov. of Alberta announced \$22 million for additional security equipment and training. Once our division finds out our allotment, they will begin upgrading doors, locks, cameras, intercoms etc.

### **ASCE Grant - Crystie**

- Art class or parents materials.
- ASCA Spring Symposium April 25/26 - did not register. Interest did not seem high and the registration process was different this year, wanting each attendees information.
- Order more books for the parent library
- Activity to be done likely in the fall with families busy during the spring season

### **Kindergarten Survey Results - draft results**

- Close split between half or full day kindergarten
- 50% would like kindergarten to stay as is- 4 half days, 35% would like two full days, the others don't feel strongly either way
- Some schools in Holy Spirit will be moving to 4 full days of kindergarten- majority from the survey are against that at St. Catherine's

## **▶ NEXT MEETING**

May 20 at 6:30pm in the School Library.

Students did a great job at our Tournament on Monday April 20.



Claire received Gold.



Mailen and Aly got Bronze



Claire also received silver at ZONES



# TRACK AND FIELD

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 7: Track and Field @ PBHS

May 19: COLJHAA TRACK MEET

May 3: ZONES in Medicine Hat



# ST CATHERINE FAITH COMMUNITY

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Congratulations to: Norah, Renata, Alexa and Mateo for receiving Jesus for their first time in their first holy Eucharist. *Luke 22:19 "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*



**John 6:51-56** *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. **Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.***

We pray you will continue to remain in Him, and grow in your faith, hope, and charity.



Within the Church May focuses on our devotions to Mary. We view Mary as our Mother, one reason is because of Christ's last words on the cross to John: "son behold your mother, mother behold your son." Mary is our spiritual mother, and when we grow close to her, we grow closer to Christ. Our devotions to Mary are special because they bring us to Christ in a new way. The same way getting to know a friend or partner's mother helps us grow closer to them, Mary will always point us back to Christ; like the moon reflecting the sun, Mary's graces always direct us back to her son, because it is only through him that her graces exist..



The Catholic Easter Vigil, held on Holy Saturday, celebrates Christ's resurrection. This longest liturgy of the year begins in darkness, it goes through the old and new testament with an intentional focus on the salvation history. Upon the mention of the Messiah; lights are turned on, bells are rung with "Gloria's of praise, and the return of the Alleluia".

This Vigil was extra special as Mrs. Fuller entered into the Church; receiving the sacraments it was very beautiful and moving. We ask for your continued prayers for her in her faith journey.

## PENTECOST MAY 24



### St Catherine Parish

Masses: 2nd / 4th Saturday 7pm  
Sunday 11am  
Week-Day Mass: Wed 9am, Fri 9am  
Adoration: Wed 7pm,  
First Friday of month 9:30am-11am  
Reconciliation: Wed 7-8pm.





## IMPORTANT DATES

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- May 1- FRIDAY
- May 4- Communi-Tea
- May 5- Grade 5 Canteen Day
- May 6- School Field Trip to see Shrek at FLVT
- May 7- Connect 2-4
- Track and Field @ PBHS
- May 8-



- May 11- Communi-tea
- May 12- Dads Hot Lunch
- May 13- SCPB Marian Mass with long service awards.
- May 14- **Flower Power/Hawaiian shirt day**
- Last Connect 2-4

**School Mass: 9am at St. Catherine Parish, led by Grade 1/2 class. All are welcome.**



## May 15-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

## May 18- NO SCHOOL (Victoria Day)

- May 19- Grade 4 Canteen Day
- COLJHAA Track Meet
- May 20- "Travelling Lab coats" coming for Elementary.
- May 21- *PAT's begin for grade 9 and 6. See page 13 for schedule.*
- May 22-



- May 25- Communi-tea
- May 26-Grade 3 Canteen Day
- May 27- Hot Dog hot lunch
- May 28- Guitar Showcase at Pyami Lodge.
- May 29





*"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:

- **Go the Extra Mile:** Provide outstanding service for our students, schools, and community.
- **Lead the Way:** Rises to challenges and set new standards for others to follow.
- **Strengthen our Faith:** Enhance the Catholic atmosphere of our schools and parishes.
- **Serve the Community:** Show exceptional leadership in community/parish organizations.
- **Embody our Mission:** Reflect the heart of the division in everything they do.

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 5, 2026**. 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 if you have any questions, contact Rhonda Kawa at [kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca) for more details.

Let's celebrate those who truly make a difference!

# STAY SAFE

## AROUND THE SCHOOL BUS

WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE – THEN CROSS SAFELY.



**DON'T CROSS**  
**IN FRONT OF**  
**THE BUS.**



The driver may not see you.  
**It's not safe.**

**DO WAIT**  
**FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE.**

When the bus leaves and you can see the road in both directions, then cross safely.



MAKE SURE THE ROAD IS CLEAR.



**BE PATIENT. BE ALERT. BE SAFE.**  
**WE ALL GET HOME SAFELY.** ❤️



LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER



RESPECT THE DRIVER



BUCKLE UP EVERY TIME



SAFE CHOICES EVERY DAY

**FREE**

COALDALE SPARTANS FOOTBALL PRESENTS

# FOOTBALL

SPRING TRAINING

# CAMP

FOR AGES 8-14



**23  
MAY,  
2026**



## CAMP DAY DETAILS

Come on out and meet our coaches, practice with some great players and experience all the fun to be had and skills to be learned as a Coaldale Spartan!! Camp runs from **10:00-3:00** at Kate Andrew's field and will be flag format, no contact. Camp includes a **FREE** hotdog lunch! Water bottle, cleats (we have lots available to borrow) and mouth guard (available for purchase for \$5 if needed) required. Hope to see you all there!!

**REGISTER NOW**

[SPARTANS@LETHBRIDGEMINORFOOTBALL.ORG](mailto:SPARTANS@LETHBRIDGEMINORFOOTBALL.ORG)



# PAT EXAM SCHEDULE

## MAY/JUNE 2026

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**Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered annually to all Alberta students in grades 6 and 9. These standardized tests reflect the essentials that all Alberta students are expected to achieve, regardless of school choice or location.**

### Grade 9

May 21: ELA Part A  
 June 9: ELA Part B  
 June 16: Math Part A  
 June 19: Math Part B  
 June 22: Social PAT  
 June 23: Science PAT



**I am Smart**

**CELEBRATE**  
 your mistakes  
 it means  
 you're  
**Learning**

**i can  
 DO  
 THIS**

### Grade 6

May 22: ELA Part A  
 June 4: ELA Part B  
 June 11: Social Studies  
 June 12: Science PAT  
 June 15: Math Part A  
 June 18: Math Part B



### **St Joseph of Cupertino: Patron saint of tests and exams.**

O humble St. Joseph of Cupertino, you were favored by God in overcoming the difficulties and worries of studies and examinations. Intercede for me to the Holy Spirit that my mind and memory may be strengthened in the pursuit of God's wisdom. Help me to offer God my very best work and help me to grow in knowledge and humility. Everything that I try to learn in life will be offered in service to God.

St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for me.

Amen.