



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

We rise to meet Christ's challenge

2025 Edition

► IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 2 - Canteen Day Grade 1 & 2

Dec 4- **PICTURE RETAKES**

-Jr High Christmas Market

Dec 5- Advent Celebration Grade 3 lead

Dec 9 - Canteen Day, Grade 4

Dec 10 Sail n Bail Cardboard boat race JR High

-Mass with Fr Iqbal

Dec 11- **Christmas Potluck**

Dec 12- Advent Celebration Grade 8 lead

-Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast day and presentation.

Dec 15- Jr High Shopping trip

Dec 16 -Canteen Day, Grade 3

Dec 18- **Christmas Concert**

Dec 19- Advent Celebration Grade 5 lead

-Last Day of classes

CHRISTMAS
Food Drive
Nov 24 - Dec 19

GO GIRLS! GAME ON
Dec 4 and 11
Grade 3, 4 program ran
through Big Brothers Big
Sisters during lunch.

The Loaned Manger

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 18TH SCHOOL SHOWING/DRESS REHEARSAL 10:15AM

DECEMBER 18TH FINAL PERFORMANCE 7:00PM

Dec 19= Last day of Classes

Christmas Break

Dec 22- Jan 2





≡Welcome≡

MR SCOTT-PERRY



Daniel Scott-Perry is our new Administrative Assistant, he will be taking over for Janis Myndio who moved to the Holy Spirit Schools Board Office.

"I am passionate about helping children and their families to thrive! I love the outdoors, and the wide open beauty of the prairies, and I am excited to serve the community of Picture Butte in this new role.

As a husband and father of two children, I understand the challenges of parenting and of navigating the complexities of school systems, and I will always be ready to help you here in the office at St. Catherine's!" -Daniel

Lifetouch

PICTURE DAY RETAKES: *Dec 4*

How to order pictures? Ordering, and more...

Questions about packages, ordering, or photo access?

- Call: 1-866-457-8212
- Live Chat: Available at www.mylifetouch.ca
 - Accessing Your Child's Images Online- Families can now access photos securely using their student ID number. (Student ID found on PowerSchool)

Steps:

1. Go to www.mylifetouch.ca
2. Sign in or create an account
3. Select "Student ID" tab
4. Enter student information to view photos Alternatively, families can use their portrait ID and access code sent home with the physical copies, or found on Powerschool.



Shutterfly Gift with Purchase

Families who purchase online at www.mylifetouch.ca will receive:

- **A \$30 Shutterfly coupon or A free 8x11 photo book**

HOME AND SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DECEMBER 11

Home and School
will be providing
buns and ham.

If your Family name starts with an A-M, would
you please provide a dessert.

Examples: cookies, cupcakes, sweet bread, brownies, squares.

Serving sizes:
8 -12

If your Family name starts with N-Z, would you
please provide a side dish.

Examples: salads, rice, potatoes, casserole, perogies, sausage rolls.

Minutes in summary:

- Goal is to have 2 hot lunches a month (except Dec)
- Bylaws are being registered after changes made.
- monetary approvals were reviewed

TREASURER NEEDED: *Please contact Amanda Anderson or
Leslie Martin if you're interest*

►NEXT MEETING

January 7 at 6:30pm in the School Library.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COMMITTEE

Chair: Crystie Praskach: crystie.praskach@gmail.com	Div 2: Lexi Paskal: lexipaskal@me.com
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Div 1: Aubrey Kolk: aubreydevon@gmail.com	School Board Trustee: Cheralan O'Donnell

Screen Sanity- a discussion on children and their devices was a great
success with a thoughtful video, presentation and time for discussion.

We will have future events like this and hope you can make it.

►NEXT MEETING

December 3 at 7pm in the School Library.

St Catherine

SAINTS

SAINTS SPORTS

► BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS

Basketball season is beginning. More information regarding practice and games will be sent out to parents involved. Please be sure to check your emails, and when teams are finalized please join and check the whats app chat.

We have coaches for JV and SV teams for both boys and girls, however depending on numbers and commitment level from students we may have only one boys team and one girls team. We will have this information the first few weeks of December.

VOLLEYBALL

Our teams did such an incredible job bouncing back into practices, games, and tournaments after this unpredictable season.

Our Saints teams showed improvements, sportsmanship and teamwork. It took true heart and determination to finish the season the way they did, we are very proud.

We also want to thank all the parents for their support, understanding, and involvement as we finished this season.





Pre-K, K= Your choice

Grade 1-3 Dried goods and baking supplies

- cereal, pasta, rice, crackers, oatmeal, granola, salt and pepper, spices, flour, sugar, pancake mix, cake mix, etc.

Grade 4-6= Canned goods

- soups, beans, tuna, ham, jams, peanut butter, almond butter, corn, tomatoes, pasta sauce, salsa, honey, etc.

Grade 7-9= Beverages and treats

- Coffee ground, tea, bottled water, juice, cookies, granola bars, popcorn, pretzels, dried fruit, chips, chocolate, mixed nuts, etc.

All Donations will go towards Santa's Anonymous & Picture Butte Interfaith Food Bank



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Loaned Manger

DECEMBER 18TH SCHOOL SHOWING/DRESS REHEARSAL 10:15AM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME TO OUR DRESS REHEARSAL

AT 10:15AM ON THURSDAY.

DECEMBER 18TH CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7:00PM

November



ACADEMIC AWARDS 2024-2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO: Claire P, Aliya C, Mateo C, Shea N, Tetiana Y, Josh D, Barrett G, Liza S, Kaylum V. Paula V, Miranda P, Sage C, Genesis H, Britton A, Jude D, Shelby F, Santiago G, Jayden O, Joshua R. Maizy V, Cole N, Sydney J, Jonathan B, Paisley C, Mariana M, Mikilan O, Justin O, Nathalia P, Anistyn V.

Jr High Fine Arts Award:
Mariana Martinez de Leon



Jr High Career & Technology Award:
Shea Nolette



Top Academic Student Award:



Gr 7
Claire Praskach



Gr 8
Miranda Padilla Hernandez



Gr 9
Cole Nieboer

Principal Choice Awards:



Gr 7
Tetiana Yahnichenko



Gr 8
Shelby Fleischhauer



Gr 9
Cohen Nieboer

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ST CATHERINE FAITH COMMUNITY

Advent Celebrations



Dec 5 10:00AM-Peace

Gr 3 lead

Dec 12 10:00AM-Joy

Gr 8 lead

Dec 19 10:00AM- Love

Gr 5 lead

Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec 12

We will be celebrating this feast day with a live reenactment of the story of Juan Diego and the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



ADVENT
NOV 30-DEC 24

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON

Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. The exact date varies each year because it depends on which day of the week Christmas is on. The Advent season ends on Christmas Eve, which begins the next season CHRISTMAS!

Christmas isn't just a day, but an entire season where we reflect, celebrate and feast celebrating our Messiah being born. The Christmas season goes from Christmas Day to the Epiphany, on January 6.



CHRISTMAS
DEC 25-JAN 6



St Catherine Parish

Weekend Masses: 2nd / 4th Saturday 7pm,
Sunday 11am

Week-Day Mass: Wednesday 9am, Friday
9am

Adoration: Wednesday Nights starting at 7pm

Reconciliation: Wednesday Nights starting
after Benediction. 7pm-8pm.

Friday, Dec. 12, is the Feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. St. Catherine's Parish is having a Special celebration that evening:

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm A Play will take place

6:30 pm a Potluck supper will be
enjoyed.

Please plan to join us on this special day!

OUR COMMUNITY



SOCK IT TO 'EM SOCK DRIVE

NOV 1ST-DEC 12TH

*Maintenance and support staff
are collecting NEW Socks that
will be donated to local
charities for those less
fortunate this winter.*



ADVENT RETREAT on
Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:30 am –
12:30 pm at both St.
Ambrose and St.
Catherine's churches. **Join
us as we gather for a live-
stream Diocesan Advent
Renewal Retreat, "Advent
Listening: How the Word Forms
Hearts for Discipleship and
Mission."**

All are welcome to come
and take part! Enter into the
holy season of Advent with a
renewed spirit of listening.

COACH TYRA

**\$190
+GST**

STARS Volleyball

LVC

Cubs to Kodiaks

"Intro to Volleyball"

9U (Grades 1-3) & 12U (Grades 4-6)

Starting January 16th

REGISTER TODAY AT STARSVBALL.CA

The Lethbridge Volleyball Club (LVC) and STARS Volleyball are excited to offer another Cubs to Kodiaks, an introductory volleyball program designed specifically for children ages 6–12. This 8-week program focuses on developing fundamental volleyball skills using modified rules and age-appropriate equipment to ensure success and confidence at every level.

Our teaching philosophy emphasizes fun, fair play, and a positive attitude, supported by a 6:1 athlete-to-coach ratio to provide personalized instruction. The program is led by Head Coach Tyra Pols at The Lab (LVC facility), located at 3221 30th Avenue North.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE (FRIDAYS STARTING JANUARY 16):

9U GROUP: 4:30–5:30 PM
12U GROUP: 5:30–6:30 PM

ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A STARS/LVC CAMP T-SHIRT.

**CAMP DIRECTOR: ARD BIESHEUVEL
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