

Hello all, thank you for reading!

Welcome to the (almost) Fifth Week of Lent. The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent are about how God can take us from death to new life. The first reading tells us of God's desire to bring us back to life. The second reading tells us if Christ dwells in us, we will have new life as He does. And the gospel tells how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

Some possible themes for this weekend are

- New life and resurrection: God's power to bring life out of death and hope out of despair, as demonstrated in the raising of Lazarus from the dead.
- Faith: The importance of faith in Jesus Christ, as exemplified by Martha's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.
- Repentance: The call to repentance and conversion, as expressed in Paul's letter to the Romans, and the need to live according to the Spirit and not the flesh.
- Trust in God's mercy: The promise of God's mercy and forgiveness, as expressed in the Responsorial Psalm, and the need to trust in God's loving kindness and plenteous redemption.
- The Pascal Mystery: Through the raising of Lazarus from the dead, Jesus demonstrates his power over death and foreshadows his own resurrection. This event is a sign of hope for believers, as it points to the victory of life over death.
- Grief and suffering: The gospel illustrates the reality of human suffering and the pain that comes with loss, as well as the compassion and empathy that Jesus shows towards those who are grieving.



We had an excellent turnout (our biggest ever!) at Showcase this week where we welcomed many of our incoming Grade 7 students. The day/evening were all about exhibiting everything St. Francis has to offer its students. We were blessed to have a number of students representing their school in such a positive manner. If you missed Showcase or you find yourself with questions about St. Francis, simply reach out!

Our Badminton players are looking forward to a camp next week at CCH. We are honoured that CCH School is able and willing to support our students in their learning and development of the game. If you have a child athlete, please check the athletic calendar for your dates/times.

In St. Francis news, *High School Musical* opens NEXT WEEK (March 30th) and runs through to April 5. Tickets can be found on our school website at: <https://sfjh.holyspirit.ab.ca/>. Please come and support the time and talents of our student cast and staff. Please see below for more details.

As always, we are here to support. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Be well, and may God bless you.

Devon Dempsey  
(Principal)

## Re-Registration Reminder

It is that time of year when parents are asked to re-register their students for the next school year - so, registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year!

Please go to your [PowerSchool](#) account, go down the left hand side to School Engage (a little grad cap), click on that - you will see "Incomplete Forms". Click on that and fill out the form(s). If your student is not returning to Holy Spirit schools in the fall, please fill out the form and indicate if your student will not be returning.

If you have trouble accessing PowerSchool, please contact the school office for assistance.

## School Fees

**Option fees for Semester 2** (developmental and investigative) have now been added to [School Cash Online](#) as well as fees for *High School Musical* and badminton. **Paying your student's option fees ensures there will be funds available for supplies and field trips for that class.** Please take a



moment to check your student's account and keep it up to date. Holy Spirit School Division uses [School Cash Online](#) for the payment of all school items such as fees, canteen cards, club/athletic fees and spirit wear.

## Canteen Specials



**Monday:** Cheesy Garlic Fingers - \$4.50  
**Tuesday:** Mini Pepperoni Pizza - \$5.00  
**Wednesday:** Weekly Special  
**Thursday:** Beef and Cheese Taco - \$4.50

## Upcoming Weekly Specials

March 29 - Chicken Nuggets \$5

April 5 - **Pre-Order Taco in a bag \$6.00 (Pre-Order through [SchoolCash Online](#) Mar 23 - Mar 30)**

April 19 - Baked Spaghetti \$4

April 26 - French Toast and Hash Brown \$5

May 3 - Chicken Burgers \$5

May 10 - Loaded Nachos \$5

Prepaid lunch cards can be purchased through [SchoolCash Online](#).

### Wildcat Athletics News

All practices and games are on the [St. Francis Athletic Calendar](#) (clickable link). Refer to it often for up to date changes.

**BADMINTON:** Practices continue most nights for all teams - please check the [St. Francis Athletic Calendar](#) for times and places. Practices are at Ecole St. Mary's until Easter break as our gym is now a theater! There will be a mini-camp for each team at CCH March 28 and 29. Check the calendar for times.

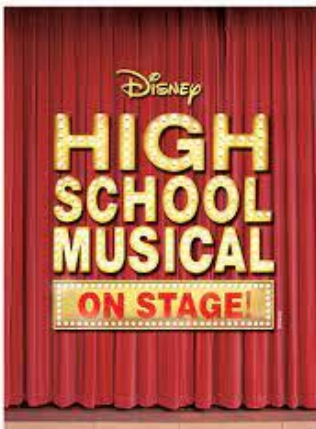
City championships are April 17, 18 & 19 with top finishers advancing to zone competition April 29 here in Lethbridge.

### **It's almost show time!!!!**

The set is going up and the cast is finetuning their performances. Everyone is excited for opening night - be sure to get your tickets soon!

Shows run Thursday, March 30 to Wednesday, April 5.

Tickets are on sale now through Eventbrite. Click on the dates below to see cast information and to purchase.



[Thursday Evening, March 30](#)

[Friday Evening, March 31](#)

[Saturday Matinee, April 1](#)

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[Sunday Matinee, April 2](#)

[Monday Evening, April 3](#)

[Tuesday Evening, April 4](#)

[Wednesday Evening, April 5](#)

**March 30 - April 5:** High School Musical Performances!

**April 7 - 14:** Easter Break - no school

**April 17:** First Day back after Easter Break

**April 24:** Quarter 4 begins

**April 27:** Parent Teacher interviews

**May 22:** Victoria Day holiday - no school

**May 23:** School PD Day - no school for students

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**