



Principal's Message – January 9, 2026

Dear St. Francis Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas season as we celebrated the birth of Jesus, a special time to slow down, reflect, and spend meaningful moments with family and friends. It has been wonderful welcoming our students and staff back this week, and we are excited to begin 2026 together as the St. Francis family.

January is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month at St. Francis Junior High. We will soon begin rehearsals for our spring production of **Cinderella**. Rehearsal schedules will be shared shortly, and we look forward to seeing our students' talents shine on stage.

We have also posted **ski trip forms** for students who are interested in attending our ski trip on **March 4, 2026**. Please have your child pick up a form from the office if they wish to participate. More details will be shared as forms are returned.

This month, we are also celebrating our Wildcat spirit by encouraging students and families to attend our **Pack the Barn** games. These events are a great way to support our teams, build community, and show school pride. Students who attend and cheer loud will have opportunities to win **St. Francis swag and pizza**.

Hockey FEATURE GAME



Val Matteotti U15 AAA Hockey Team – Golden Hawks

Tuesday, January 13th @ 6:00 PM



Nicholas Sheran Arena (West Side)

WILDCAT BASKETBALL NIGHTS



St. Francis Junior High School

Junior Boys & Girls Basketball

Thursday, January 15

- Boys: 4:00 PM
- Girls: 5:15 PM

DV Boys & Girls Basketball

Thursday, January 22

- Boys: 4:00 PM
- Girls: 5:15 PM

Senior Boys & Girls Basketball

Wednesday, January 28

- Boys: 4:00 PM
- Girls: 5:15 PM

We hope to see our students and families out supporting our athletes...

LET'S PACK THE BARN!

Our **Parent Council Meeting** will take place on **January 20 at 6:00 PM in the library**. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend, and we appreciate your continued partnership and support.

As a faith community, we continue to grow together spiritually. This month, students will be reflecting on the **Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13–21)**, which reminds us of the importance of generosity, gratitude, and placing our trust in God rather than material wealth. We will also be learning about the life of **St. Benedict**, whose example of prayer, balance, and community continues to guide us in living with purpose and faith.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis Junior High. We look forward to a wonderful month ahead filled with learning, faith, and community.

Jackie Kraemer, Principal
St. Francis Junior High School

EXAM WEEK!

Important Information

January Exam Week – Important Information

Due to the labour action that took place in October, this year's exam week will look different than in previous years. As communicated earlier, the government cancelled PATs for January 2026, and as a result, we have adjusted our January assessment schedule accordingly.

January 26-30th Overview:

- Grade 7 and Grade 8 students may be writing midterms during this time.
- Grade 9 students will be writing in-class finals for their semester core classes.
- These assessments will take place on Tuesday, January 27 and Wednesday, January 28 during regularly scheduled periods throughout the day. These are regular days with exams built in.

Important Dates:

- **Monday, January 26 – No school for students**
This is a Professional Development Day for staff.
- **Tuesday, January 27 & Wednesday, January 28 – Regular School Days - Assessment Days**
Grade 7–9 assessments will take place as outlined above.
- **Thursday, January 29 – Optional Student Day**
This day is designed as an optional support day for students who would benefit from additional literacy and numeracy support. Optional sessions will be available for students who choose to attend.
- **Friday, January 30 – No school for students**
This is a transition and preparation day for staff as we prepare for Semester 2, which will begin on Monday, February 2.

We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we adjust our schedule to best support student learning while navigating the impacts of earlier disruptions. Should you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out.

School Fees

School Cash Online

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.

Additional fees for upcoming option classes and co-curricular activities will be added as they are applicable.

If you have already registered for School Cash Online at another school in the Holy Spirit School Division, you will see the 2025-2026 St. Francis school fees in September.

If you are new to Holy Spirit, you will need your student's ASN to register which can be found in PowerSchool. If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque you can always do so by coming into the office. (Credit and debit cards are no longer accepted.)

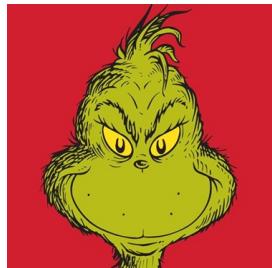


St. Francis Junior High uses [PowerSchool](#) as its student information system. It provides parent and student portals which gives users access to real-time information including attendance, grades and assignment descriptions and report cards. Be sure to log in to your Parent PowerSchool portal often to monitor your student's academic progress. **Use District Code: RHZW**
If you are unsure of how to access PowerSchool please contact the school at 403-327-3402.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHECK OUT THE [SF SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)
FOR ALL IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT:



***The Christmas concert we were
supposed to have in December
has been rescheduled for
Wednesday, Jan 21st @ 6:00pm***

Chocolate Fundraiser

REMINDER: There are still some outstanding chocolate fees. Please have the money brought into the school office as soon as possible, or pay for the chocolates on SchoolCash Online.

Canteen

The canteen offers regular menu items including hamburgers, chicken burgers & wraps, pizza subs, hot dogs, nachos, muffins, cookies, chips and various beverages. There are also exciting daily specials such as cheezy garlic fingers on Monday, mini pizza on Tuesday, etc. The daily special menus are posted on the daily announcements. Payment can be by cash, debit tap, or through buying prepaid canteen cards on [School Cash Online](#). Canteen cards can be purchased in increments of \$20.00. Your student can then purchase items at the canteen by just telling the canteen staff their name and that they have canteen funds. The staff will keep track of your student's spending and will let them know when funds are getting low.

CANTEEN news

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.

January 9th & 10th

DV Boys (Grade 7) - Tournament @ St. Francis
JR Boys & Girls (Grade 8) - Tournament @ FLVT
SR Boys & Girls (Grade 9) - Tournament @ Cardston

January 16th & 17th

DV Boys & Girls (Grade 7) - Tournament @ Cardston
JR Boys & Girls (Grade 8) - Tournament @ Raymond

January 23rd & 24th

SR Girls (Grade 9) - Tournament @ FLVT
JR Boys & Girls (Grade 8) - Tournament @ GS Lakie

January 31st: Senior Boys (Grade 9) - Exhibition in Calgary

TEACHER OFFICE HOURS:

Teacher meeting availability is posted on the school website.
Please call the office to schedule a teacher meeting.

REMINDER: To all GAUSS (Grade 7-8) &
PASCAL (Grade 9) Participants
Don't forget to pay your fees via
School Cash Online.

SCHOOL'S OUT!

February 17 - 20 & March 13 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Main & Crossings Branches

Visit the library on school closure days and enjoy a variety of fun crafts, games, and other activities!
Free, drop-in program.



SPELLING BEE & MINI BEE

March 14 | 1 - 5 p.m. | Main Branch

Join the Fun at the Spelling Bees! Calling all young word wizards! Love spelling and friendly competition? Don't miss the Spelling Bee & Mini Bee. The Mini Bee is for children in grades 1-3, and the Spelling Bee is for grades 4-6.

How to Participate: Sign up today to have fun, build your skills, and learn new words.

Prize: Winners take home a trophy celebrating their spelling mastery!

For more details, visit lethlib.ca/events.



PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS ADORATION NIGHTS

COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR
ALL OF OUR STUDENTS THROUGH PRAYER



Sunday January 18th & 25th

At: Assumption Church
(2405 12 Ave S, Lethbridge)

After the 6:00 pm Mass
(7:15 pm - 8:00 pm)

Whether you can stay 10 minutes or the whole time,

Your Presence Matters



University of Lethbridge
Conservatory of Music

Digital Music Production Classes

For Beginners &
Intermediate/Advanced

Section 1: Beginners (Thursday, 5 - 6 p.m.)

Section 2: Intermediate/Advanced (Thursday, 6-8* p.m.)

**WINTER 2026: JANUARY 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, MARCH 5,
12, 19, 26**
NO CLASS: FEB 26

LOCATED AT CASA (230 8 ST S)

*this class will be split into 2, 60-minute classes (i.e. 6 - 7, or 7 - 8).



University of Lethbridge
Conservatory of Music

Beginner Ukulele

For Ages 8 - 12

Friday, 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. | Location: Casa (230 8 St S)

Come and explore the joyful sounds of the Ukulele
in a fun and supportive small group environment.
We can't wait to make music with you!

**WINTER 2026: January 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, March 6,
13, 20, 27 (No Class Feb 27)**





LETHBRIDGE
LITTLE LEAGUE

HOUSE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION JANUARY 6TH TO FEBRUARY 28TH



REGISTER NOW AT: www.lethbridgelittleleague.com



LETHBRIDGE LITTLE LEAGUE

2026 Spring House League Registration Open
January 6 - February 28

Lethbridge Little League is the governing association for Little League Baseball within the City of Lethbridge. Players who are interested in playing baseball in Lethbridge should register using the information below. We are excited for another exciting season of Little League Baseball.

Register online at: www.lethbridgelittleleague.com

AGE	DIVISION	FEES	GAME DAYS
4-5	T-Ball	\$165	Mon/Wed
6-7	Coach Pitch	\$165	Tue/Thurs
7-8	Rookie	\$225	Mon/Wed
9-11	Minor	\$285	Tue/Thurs
10-12	Major	\$285	Mon/Wed
13-14	Teenage	\$285	Tues/Thurs
15-16	Teenage	\$285	Mon/Wed

**Make up games and special events may be scheduled on Friday-Sun.

*** Please note **residency and school attendance eligibility rules** apply: **Players can play in the league where they either live or go to school.** Please email info@lethbridgelittleleague.com to learn more about eligibility rules.



Discover How Your Young Climber Can Reach Great Heights!

- Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026
- Time: 5-7pm
- Location: Coulee Climbing, 1-1602 3 Ave S
- Ages: 8-14 years
- Cost: FREE

Scan to Register or Talk to the Coulee Climbing Front Desk



What's Happening

- Competition Style Technique Building
- Coaching & Support for New Athletes!
- Parent Info Session | Learn about LCC and Discover Provincial and National Opportunities for your Kids

Why Attend

- Experience the Excitement of Competitive Climbing
- Discover what Separates Competition Climbing from Climbing Classes
- Discover how YOUR kids can Develop their Skills and Confidence!
- Connect with Our Community

No Pressure, Come to Have Fun Climbing and Learn More about LCC!

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