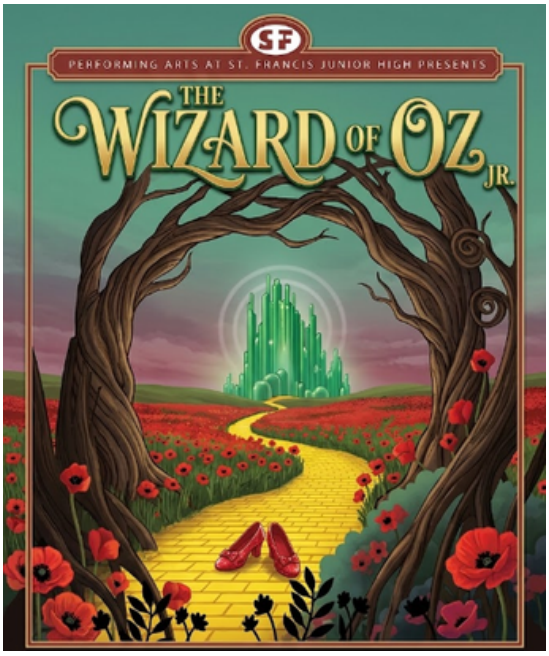
ST. FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026

WHAT'S UP WILDCATS



St. Francis is proud to announce that this year's musical will be THE WIZARD OF OZ

MARCH 2027

NOVEMBER 11

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF ALL WHO HAVE FALLEN IN SERVICE OF PEACE



The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18

We honour the courage and sacrifice of all those who gave their lives for freedom and peace.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- MOUNTAIN WEST FAMILY PORTRAIT SESSIONS NOV 2 @ 4:30PM
- AUDITIONS FOR THE MUSICAL START ON NOV 2ND
- QUARTER 2 BEGINS NOV 9TH
- BASKETBALL TRYOUTS BEGIN WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9TH
- REMEMBRANCE DAY - NOV 11 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- PD DAYS - NOV 12 & NOV 13 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello, St. Francis Families!

What an exciting month it has been at St. Francis Junior High School!
October has been filled with opportunities to celebrate our faith, recognize student achievement, and showcase the many talents and successes of our school community.

We began the month by gathering as one community to celebrate our Opening Mass on the feast day of our patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi. This was a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith and reflect on the values that guide us as a Catholic school community.

We then celebrated one of the pillars of St. Francis: academic excellence! Our Academic Awards Ceremony welcomed a gymnasium full of proud families as we recognized the hard work, dedication, and commitment to learning demonstrated by more than 300 students. We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful to the families who support them in striving for academic rigor and success. A very special thank-you to all of our generous sponsors who helped make this celebration of achievement possible.

We are also thrilled to announce that St. Francis Performing Arts will present "The Wizard of Oz" this year! Auditions begin Monday, and we cannot wait to see our students share their creativity, courage, and talents through this exciting production. We look forward to another wonderful opportunity for our students to shine on stage!

Our volleyball teams have also enjoyed a successful season, earning numerous tournament championships and finalist finishes. Congratulations to our athletes and coaches for their hard work, teamwork, and commitment. We are proud of the sportsmanship and school spirit they continue to demonstrate.
GO WILDCATS!

A huge thank-you to our community for supporting the Chapters/Indigo Adopt a School initiative. Thanks to your generosity, St. Francis will receive $5,000 in new books for our school library! We are so grateful for this incredible gift and the difference it will make in supporting literacy, learning, and a love of reading among our students.

As we continue our second year of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's faith plan, Open Wide the Doors, we are focusing on "To Love God." We are grateful to Father Santiago and Father Kevin for their visits to our school and for our partnership with All Saints Parish. These connections strengthen our faith community and help us continue to grow together in our relationship with Christ.

As we look ahead, may we continue to open wide the doors of our hearts to faith, learning, and one another. Thank you for being such an important part of the St. Francis community. Together, we continue to bring to light the best we can become!

This month, we reflect on St. Jerome and pray for his intercession as we seek to grow in our love of Scripture and our understanding of God's Word. May his example inspire us to seek Jesus with open hearts and to share His love and mercy with those around us.

Jackie Kraemer, Principal
St. Francis Junior High School

ST. FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH

St. Francis recently celebrated the Academic Achievements of our 2025-2026 Junior High Students

Thank You To All Our Amazing Sponsors!

We greatly appreciate all you do to support the St. Francis students & their academic achievements!

OUR VALUED SPONSORS

Knights of Columbus

Bridge City Medical Clinic
Dr. Henry Oywasa

THE PAHULJE FAMILY
(Ludvik & Danica Memorial Fund)

RA Radiology Associates

U3T MRI Centre

Sylvan Learning

CUPE Local 1825

Gibbs Insurance Service

HK Uys Medical Professional Corp.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada – For God and Canada

Lethbridge Herald

St. Francis School Council

Bringing To Light The Best We Can Become



START BY DOING WHAT IS NECESSARY, THEN DO WHAT'S POSSIBLE, AND SUDDENLY YOU ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Canteen News



NOV 3
KD & SMOOTHIES, $3 EACH
NOV 11
NO SCHOOL
NOV 18
TACO IN A BAG. $6.65
NOV 25
CHICKEN NUGGETS, $5

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.

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.

JR VOLLEYBALL ZONES @ TABER - NOV 6 & 7

SR VOLLEYBALL ZONES @ MEDICINE HAT - NOV 6 & 7

REMEMBRANCE DAY - NOV 11 (NO SCHOOL)

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS - BEGIN NOV 9TH

THIS YEAR'S FULL-YEAR (2026-2027) SCHOOL CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND HERE: HTTPS:// SFJH.HOLYSPIRIT.AB.CA/CALENDAR.

- **Important Dates: https://sfjh.holyspirit.ab.ca/important-dates-2026-2027**
- **For athletic events, please visit the SF Athletic Calendar**
- **St. Francis bell times for the 2026-2027 school year which can be found here: https://sfjh.holyspirit.ab.ca/bell-times**
- **St. Francis uses the PowerSchool student information system. Students can access their timetables for the 2026-2027 school year through PowerSchool (go to "Dashboard" and use the "Class Overview" to select full year or by quarter).**
- **Parents/ guardians who have NOT completed the re-registration form through SchoolEngage, this process MUST be completed before your child(ren) is provided with a timetable. Please go here to complete your child's re-registration form https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/schools/registration**
- **SafeArrival: an absence management system using SchoolMessenger to improve student safety and makes it easy for you to let the school know about your child's absence. Please check the website to learn more about this effective way to report your child's attendance.**

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 2026-2027 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 card, cash or cheque, you can always do so by coming into the office.

PowerSchool

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.









CCH WRESTLING PROGRAM

Junior High students at St. Francis are invited to participate in the CCH Wrestling Program.

Holy Spirit Wrestling

Season runs November to March
Mon/Wed/Thurs 7-9pm
Parent Info Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 28
LCI Large Lecture Theater
Contact: Mr. Comchi at CCH for more details.
Phone (403) 327-4596
comchid@holyspirit.ab.ca





Open For Registrations

If your family is in need of extra support with providing gifts this Christmas season, you may be eligible for this program.

To Register Go To www.lfsfamily.ca/register

Registration deadline is December 7, 2026

If you are needing assistance with registering, please contact Angel Tree directly, or St. Francis families can email School Counsellor, Bree Elliott at elliottb@holyspirit.ab.ca