



ST. FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH

Principal's Message - December 16, 2025 Newsletter

This week, we have the joy of celebrating our **Advent Mass** together on Wednesday afternoon as a faith community. Advent is a beautiful season, one that invites us to prepare our hearts, support one another, and come together in prayer and action. It is truly uplifting to witness the ways our school community lives out our faith each day.

We extend our sincere thanks to all families for your incredible generosity of food and gifts in support of Catholic Central High School's Santa's Anonymous project for Holy Spirit families. Your kindness has made a meaningful difference on our families in the local community. We are also thankful to those who have offered prayers and donated their time, as several classes have volunteered this month at the local food bank and soup kitchen. These acts of service reflect the compassion and care we strive to instill in our students and to work towards living like Christ.

We invite everyone to attend our **Christmas Concert** on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, where we will celebrate the gifts and talents of our choir, band, and dancers. A big thank you to Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Domes for their dedication and hard work in bringing this special evening together.

In **Fine Arts** news, we are excited to announce that the cast of Cinderella has been selected, with rehearsals beginning in the new year. Congratulations to all students involved, we look forward to seeing this production come to life.

In **Athletics**, we are proud to celebrate several gold and silver medal finishes already earned by our Wildcats in early-season tournaments. Keep up the excellent work!

For our Grade 9 families, please watch for a letter regarding course selection for the upcoming school year at Catholic Central High School. The course selection process will begin on February 9.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support and partnership. We wish you a blessed holiday season, and may your homes be filled with hope, faith, joy, and peace.

Wishing you a joyful Christmas holiday.

Jackie Kraemer
Principal, St. Francis Junior High School



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](#)

- Dec 17 - Advent Mass @ St. Francis, 12:15pm
- Dec 17 - Christmas Concert @ St. Francis, 6:30pm
- Dec 19 - Last Day Before School Break



Christmas Break - Dec 22, 2025 - Jan 4, 2026

Jan 5, 2026 - First Day Back After Break

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



In honour of
National Ribbon Skirt Day
Wear your ribbon skirt on
January 5, 2026

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.



BASKETBALL

SR Boys Basketball: Game @ Prairie Winds 4:15 - 5:30
DV Boys Basketball: Game vs ICS @ St. Francis 4:00 - 5:15
DV Girls Basketball: Game vs ICS @ St. Francis 5:15 - 6:30

January 7th
January 8th
January 8th

DV Boys Tournament	@ St. Francis	Jan 9 & Jan 10
JR Boys & Girls Tournament	@ FLVT	Jan 9 & Jan 10
SR Boys & Girls Tournament	@ Cardston	Jan 9 & Jan 10

Univeristy 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).



Univeristy of Lethbridge
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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)**



Advent Fridays

ADORATION &
SOUP SUPPERS



DECEMBER

5TH 12TH 19TH

HOSTED AT ASSUMPTION HALL

Schedule:



Mass & Adoration
9:00AM - 8:00PM



Soup Supper
6:00PM - 7:00PM



Teaching
7:15PM - 7:45PM



Advent

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Catherine's, Picture Butte

Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 PM

St. Augustine's, Taber

Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 PM

St. Peter's, Milk River

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 PM

St. Martha's

Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 PM

All Saints (Assumption Church)

Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 AM

St. Joseph's, Vauxhall

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 PM

St. Ambrose, Coaldale

Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 PM

Klaus

Family Movie Night

December 20th 2025

At 6:15 PM

Assumption Hall

2405 12 Ave S Lethbridge

COME FOR POPCORN, COOKIES AND MORE

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



DECEMBER 24

ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

5:00PM 8:00PM 11:00PM

ST. BASIL'S CHURCH

6:00 PM 9:00PM

**OUR LADY OF THE
ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

6:00 PM 9:00PM 12:00AM

DECEMBER 25

ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

10:00AM

ST. BASIL'S CHURCH

7:30AM 11:00AM

**OUR LADY OF THE
ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

9:00AM

*Do not be afraid, for see I am bringing
you good news of great joy for all the people:
to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
who is the Christ, the Lord.*

LUKE 2:10-11



LETHBRIDGE FAMILY LIFE

CHRISTMAS

-KINDNESS DINNER -

- Assumption Hall -
2405 12 Ave S, Lethbridge

DEC.25, 2024

JOIN US AS WE PREPARE AND DELIVER HOT
CHRISTMAS DINNERS TO THOSE IN NEED, FOLLOWED
BY A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL TOGETHER.

- 12pm - 3pm COOKING DINNERS ●
- 3pm - 4pm DELIVERING DINNERS ●
- 5pm COMMUNITY DINNER ●

For More Information, or to RSVP, Call/Text
Shelley Thom 403-308-5925

Merry Christmas

The teachers & staff
of St. Francis Junior
High School would like
to wish you a very
Merry Christmas and
a blessed New Year!

