ST. FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - NOV 24, 2026

WHAT'S UP WILDCATS



Advent is a four week season of ***spiritual preparation, prayer,*** *and* ***joyful anticipation*** for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CASTING & PRACTICES ARE TAKING PLACE FOR **THE WIZARD OF OZ**

BASKETBALL PRACTICES & GAMES
SEE THE ATHLETIC CALENDAR
COME CHEER ON OUR TEAMS!

BASKETBALL PARENT MEETING
NOV 25 @ 6:00PM

FNMI - BINGO NIGHT
DEC 3RD @ 5:00PM



ADVENT MASS
DEC 15TH @ 12:30PM

CHRISTMAS FINE ARTS CONCERT
Dec 15th - 6:00pm in the gymnasium

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Last day of classes:	***Friday, Dec 18th***
NO SCHOOL:	***Dec 21 - Jan 1***
First Day Back After Break:	***Mon, Jan 4th***

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Francis Families,

As November comes to a close and we prepare to enter the season of Advent, we are reminded that this is a special time of hope, peace, joy and love. Advent calls us to slow down, reflect on our relationship with God, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. It is also a time when we are called to live out our faith through acts of kindness, generosity and service to others, especially those in need.

This upcoming week, we will begin our Advent Bingo initiative, supporting Holy Spirit families in need and the Santa's Anonymous Project through Catholic Central High School. We encourage you to connect with your child about the items they can bring to school to donate. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to recognize the importance of giving and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping support our Holy Spirit families during this Christmas season.

Our basketball season is officially underway! We wish all of our Wildcats the best of luck as they represent St. Francis throughout the season. We look forward to seeing our student-athletes demonstrate teamwork, sportsmanship, commitment and school pride. Thank you to our coaches for their continued dedication to providing these opportunities for our students.

We are also excited to invite our entire school community to our Christmas Concert on December 15 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend what promises to be an amazing evening celebrating the Christmas season and showcasing the incredible talents of our students.

Our Fine Arts program continues to be busy as rehearsals have begun for our upcoming musical production of The Wizard of Oz. Tickets will be available through Eventbrite in December, with the show running March 2-7, 2027. We look forward to another outstanding production and celebrating the dedication, creativity and talents of our students and staff.

This month, we turn our attention to St. Athanasius, whose commitment to his faith and the teachings of Christ inspires us to continue growing in our knowledge of God and our love for Him. As we enter this Advent season, may we be reminded of our call to "Open Wide the Doors - Love God." May we open our hearts to His presence, recognize Christ in those around us, and find meaningful ways to share His love through our words and actions.

Thank you for your continued partnership, support and trust in our St. Francis school community. Together, we continue to create a welcoming, caring and faith-filled environment where every student has the opportunity to grow and become the best they can be.

May this Advent season bring Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to you and your families.

God Bless,

Jackie Kraemer, Principal
St. Francis Junior High School

Univeristy of Lethbridge
Conservatory of Music

Feel the Rhythm. Find Your Beat.



Do you love music, rhythm, and making some noise? Join the **Youth Percussion Ensemble**, open to enthusiastic young percussionists ages 12+!

Designed to build on your musical talents and passion for percussion, this exciting program explores a world of rhythms and sounds. Discover new instruments, expand your skills, and experience a variety of musical traditions, including **Steel Pans, Brazilian Samba, Classical Percussion, Japanese Taiko, and Polynesian Drumming.**

FRIDAY, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. (Located at Casa)

WINTER 2027: Jan 15, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 26, March 5, 12, April 2, 9, 16, 23
Concert: Apr 24, 2027, 6:00 p.m. (Stephure Hall, Casa)

https://www.ulethbridge.ca/music-conservatory/programs



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Digital Music Production

Ages 13+



Explore how to create and produce original music using Digital Audio Workstations on computers. Students will learn creative musical processes using sampling, mixing, audio effects, MIDI programming, drum machines, virtual instruments, and more.

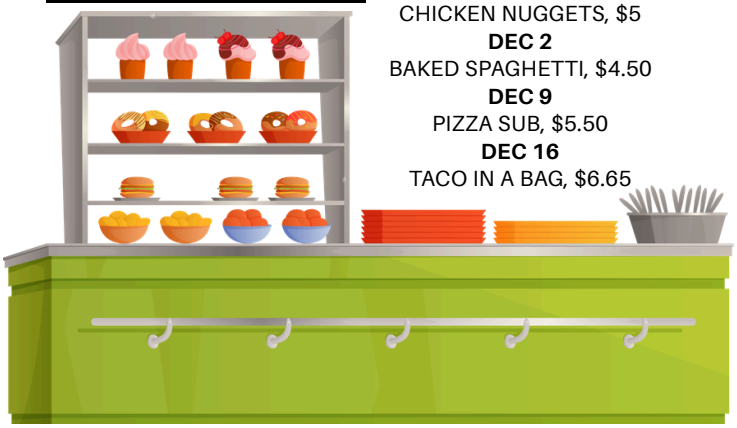
Section 1: Beginners (Thursday, 5 - 6 p.m.)
Section 2: Intermediate* (Thursday, 6-7 p.m.)

WINTER 2027: Jan 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

LOCATED AT CASA (230 8 ST S)

*Intermediate course is intended for anyone who has taken the beginner class or has experience with Digital Audio Workstations (e.g. Garage Band)

Canteen News



NOV 25
CHICKEN NUGGETS, $5
DEC 2
BAKED SPAGHETTI, $4.50
DEC 9
PIZZA SUB, $5.50
DEC 16
TACO IN A BAG, $6.65

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.

BASKETBALL PRACTICES & GAMES
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BASKETBALL

COME CHEER ON OUR TEAMS!

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.





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Give your child the gift of music!

Looking for a fun and rewarding activity for your child? **Private violin lessons** offer a wonderful opportunity to explore music while building confidence, creativity, and new skills!

With weekly lessons, expert instruction, and affordable monthly payment options, children can grow as musicians at their own pace in a fun and supportive environment.

Contact us to get started:
music.conservatory@uleth.ca



SCAN HERE

FNMI BINGO NIGHT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
5:00PM TO 7:00PM
IN THE
ST. FRANCIS CANTEEN!

The event is open to all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students, parents, and guardians. Food and prizes will be provided!



SchoolCash Online

Pay for school fees online fast, free & easy!

WHY SIGN UP?

- 24/7 online payment access, anytime and anywhere
- Email alerts when new fees or activities are posted
- No more sending cash or cheques to school
- View and print payment receipts at any time

Sign up for
SchoolCash Online

https://holyspirit.schoolcashonline.com/

✓ Free to join!

Scan to create an account



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

ADVENT BINGO CHALLENGE

Food Items Collected For Santa's Anonymous

THE HOMEROOM CHALLENGE IS ON
BRING FOOD STARTING MONDAY!

ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY THE 29TH.
ALL DONATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 4TH.
THE MOST COMPLETED BINGO ITEMS WILL WIN A PIZZA PARTY!

Advent

MUSICAL VESPERS PRAYER SERVICE



St. Patrick's Church
917 - 4th Avenue South
Lethbridge

Sunday, December 20, 2026 at 2:00 PM

TICKETS $20.00 EACH

All proceeds go towards the St. Patrick's Church Modernization project.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY

Bridge Brass Quintet

Peter Monaghan

Elizabeth Martin Jong

John Paul Ksiazek

Join us for an afternoon of inspiring musical performances along with the advent prayer service.

ALL ARE WELCOME

WHERE TO GET TICKETS

Online: https://www.showpass.com/st-patricks-vespers-service/

All Saints Parish Office: 2405 12 AVE S 8:30am - 4:00pm

Jasmine Tea Room: 1112 6 AVE S 10:30am - 5:30pm

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