



ST. FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH

May 2026 Newsletter

Principal's Message

As we move into the month of May, our school community is full of energy, celebration, and opportunity. The spring season always brings a sense of excitement, and this year is no exception.

One of the highlights this month is our upcoming musical production of Cinderella, hitting the stage on May 10th. Our students and staff have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to bring this performance to life, and it promises to be a fantastic show. Tickets are now available, and you truly won't want to miss it. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the talent, dedication, and creativity of our students.

Our track and field team is also up and running, with their first meet scheduled for May 8th. We are proud of the commitment our athletes are showing early in the season and look forward to cheering them on as they represent St. Francis.

Congratulations as well to all of our athletes who competed in badminton zones. Reaching this level is an impressive accomplishment!

Academically, May marks the beginning of PAT Part A exams. This is an important time for our students, and we encourage them to stay focused, organized, and confident as they demonstrate their learning. Staff will continue to support students in their preparation, and we appreciate the support from home in helping students be ready each day.

In addition, our band and choir students will be touring local elementary schools this month. This is always a special opportunity for our students to showcase their talents, build connections with younger students, and represent our school with pride.

As a Catholic learning community, May also invites us into deeper reflection. This month, we turn our attention to the Parable of the Prodigal Son and the life of St. Mary Magdalene. While both are familiar to many of us, they offer a meaningful opportunity to reflect through a new lens. Each reminds us not only of our need for forgiveness, but also of our call to extend mercy to others. God works through each of us to be instruments of compassion, understanding, and reconciliation in our daily lives.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. May is shaping up to be a wonderful and meaningful month at St. Francis.

Jackie Kraemer, Principal

St. Francis Junior High School



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Events & Dates To Remember



May 5 - May 7

May 8

May 10 - May 14

May 14

May 12

May 18

May 19

May 21

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May 22

May 25

May 26

May 26

May 29

Scholastic Book Fair

SF-FLVT Dual Meet - Track & Field

Cinderella - The Musical

Blackfoot Naming Ceremony

School Council Meeting, 6pm

Victoria Day - No School

PD Day - No School

ELA PAT, Part A

FNMI Awards

Movie Night, 7pm

Grade 9 - LSAA City Track Meet

Grade 7 & 8 - LSAA City Track Meet

FLA 9 PAT, Part A

Student Retreat

Let your
dreams
blossom



Events & Dates To Remember



June 2	Zone Track Meet, Grade 7-9
June 3	Bluebird Cafe
June 4	Grade 9 Farewell Mass
June 5	Movie Mill Event
June 8	FLA PAT, Part B
June 9	ELA PAT, Part B
June 16	Math PAT, Part A
June 16	Henderson Pool Party
June 18	Year End Mass
June 19 - June 25	Exam Week
June 19	Math PAT, Part B
June 22	Social PAT
June 23	Science PAT
June 25	Last Day of School For Students





June 2026 - Final Exam Schedule

For the following exams, students will be writing PAT's during regular school hours. All other classes not mentioned will attend regular classes. Once students have written their exam, they are expected to rejoin their regular scheduled classes for the remainder of the day.

- **Thursday May 21th, 2026**
 - ELA 9 PAT (Part A): (9ZB, 9JK, 9MV, 9AW, 9EE)
- **Tuesday, May 26th, 2026**
 - FLA 9 PAT (Part A): (9CH)
- **Monday June 8th**
 - FLA PAT (Part B): (9CH)
- **Tuesday, June 9th**
 - ELA 9 PAT (Part B) - (9ZB, 9JK, 9MV, 9AW, 9EE)
- **Tuesday, June 16th**
 - Math 9 PAT: (Part A) - (9CH, 9HL, 9PK, 9RB)

EXAM WEEK: June 19th - June 25th, 2026

- ❖ Students must be in homerooms for **8:00 am** for attendance and instructions.
 - ❖ **Dismissal:** Students will be dismissed from examination rooms at the earliest 9:30am. **THERE IS NO BUSSING at this time - only at the regular end of day time (3:00 pm).**
 - ❖ Students may stay longer to finish their exams if required.
 - ❖ Students are required to leave the building once they leave the classroom. If rides are not available, students must stay in their homeroom until their ride arrives.
 - ❖ Students only attend on the days they have a scheduled exam.
- **Friday, June 19th**
 - Math 9 PAT: (Part B) (9CH, 9HL, 9PK, 9RB)
 - Math 8 - Final Exam - All grade 8 homerooms.
 - Math 7 Final Exam - All grade 7 homerooms.
 - **Monday, June 22nd**
 - Social 9 PAT: (9CH, 9HL, 9PK, 9RB)
 - Social 8 Final Exam - All grade 8 homerooms
 - Social 7 Final Exam - All grade 7 homerooms
 - **Tuesday, June 23rd**
 - Science 9 PAT - (9ZB, 9JK, 9MV, 9AW, 9EE)
 - Science 8 Final Exam - All grade 8 homerooms
 - Science 7 Final Exam - All grade 7 homerooms
 - **Wednesday, June 24th**
 - ELA 8 - Final Exam - All grade 8 homerooms
 - ELA 7 - Final Exam - All grade 7 homerooms
 - **Thursday, June 25th**
 - FLA 8 - Final Exam (8JR)
 - FLA 7 - Final Exam (7HD)

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 option classes and co-curricular activities have been added. Please make your payments on **School Cash Online** as soon as possible.

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/POS or cheque, please come into the office.

****School Option Fees: Are uploaded to School Cash Online****



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.



Bluebird Cafe

Wednesday, June 3rd

6:00pm - 8:00pm

**An evening of amazing musical performances
by our talented students**

\$3.00 Cover Charge



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.

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Wildcat Athletics News



May 8: SF-FLVT Dual Meet, Track & Field

May 8: E-Sports Provincials

May 25: LSAA City Track Meet, Grade 9

May 26: LSAA City Track Meet, Grades 7 & 8

June 2: Zone Track Meet, Grades 7-9

All practices and games are on the [St. Francis Athletic Calendar](#).

Refer to it often for up to date changes.

2026/2027 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration Update Forms are now available for you to complete for each student who will attend one of our schools in the 2026/2027 school year. This form will be available in School Engage. Please call the office if you need any more help. Alberta Education requires these forms to be completed every year. This process helps our schools with their planning and allows you to review and update the information on file for your child to ensure that it is accurate. You will also be asked to renew legal declarations and update preferences/consents.




Grade 9 Farewell Mass

June 4th 6:00pm - 9:00pm


CCH East Gymnasium

Wear best attire, No Hats...

Please refrain from bringing in food or drinks.


 PERFORMING ARTS AT ST. FRANCIS JUNIOR HIGH PRESENTS

Cinderella




May 10 to 14

check website for show times

TICKETS \$15 AVAILABLE ONLINE at [HOLYSPIRIT.AB.CA/ST.FRANCIS](https://holyspirit.ab.ca/stfrancis)

Based on Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella (Youth Edition)
 Music by Richard Rodgers • Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II • Adaptation by Tom Briggs
 Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella Youth Edition is presented through special
 arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com




We are seeking donations to support our 2026 musical production, Cinderella.

To contribute, please click the link or scan the QR code to the Holy Spirit School Division website donation page. Please ensure you select 'St. Francis Jr. High' as the 'Fund Destination' and enter 'Musical Production' in the 'Message to the School Board' field. Your support is greatly appreciated!




<https://holyspirit.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/2/179/false/true>



ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM


Lunchtime Academic Support

Wednesdays & Thursdays



STUDENTS DON'T FORGET

- LUNCH
- WORK
- STAY THE ENTIRE LUNCH



Teachers refer students for homework completion or missed tests.



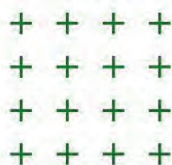
RITA'S RUN 2026 5KM & 10KM

Saturday May 9, 2026 @ 9:00AM

Elks Compound
Lethbridge, AB

RUN FOR THE CAUSE
SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH

Registration Opens February 24!
www.ritasrun.weebly.com



STORY WEAVERS TWEEN WRITING CLUB

Tuesdays April 14 - May 26 | 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Main Branch

Join our writing club to hone your skills and create a short story, which will be published in a zine at the end of the program! For grades 5 - 8.

Registration is open at lethlib.ca/events and is for the entire 7-week run.





"Share the Mission" Award CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Recognizing Those Who Inspire – Nominate Someone Today!

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our school community?

The **Share the Mission Award** is your opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond to serve, lead, and inspire!

This prestigious award honors community members, parents, students, and school staff who:

- **Go the Extra Mile:** Provide outstanding service for our students, schools, and community.
- **Lead the Way:** Rise to challenges and set new standards for others to follow.
- **Strengthen our Faith:** Enhance the Catholic atmosphere of our schools and parishes.
- **Serve the Community:** Show exceptional leadership in community/parish organizations.
- **Embody our Mission:** Reflect the heart of the division in everything they do.

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 5, 2026**. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized, submit your nomination today! The recipient will be honored at the division's Opening Mass.

Nominate now! Use the [online nomination form](#) or if you have any questions, contact Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca for more details.

Let's celebrate those who truly make a difference!

Share Your Voice!

Musical Theatre and Recording Sessions

August 10-14, 2026

AGES 9-12 (9 - 1 P.M.)

AGES 13-20 (1 - 5 P.M.)

5 days of intensive training,
lessons, workshops and
recording studio access.

Located at the U of L
Centre for the Arts



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***CELEBRATE our GIFT of the EUCHARIST
come WALK the streets WITH JESUS as we Walk and PRAY for PEACE***

June 7, 2026 ~ Feast of Corpus Christi

“let us celebrate with particular devotion the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, with its traditional procession. Our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and as an inexhaustible source of blessings”
Pope St. John Paul II 2005 Apostolic Letter Mane Nobiscum Domine

PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

You and your families are invited to join us on this special day to walk in a procession as we bring the Holy Eucharist to the streets of Lethbridge.

This is a great way for the children and their families to profess their faith and belief in the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For many of us our memories of the special times in our church life are what helps keep our gift of faith during the times when we find it challenging. This is one of those occasions and this is our wish for you.

It is suggested that we wear white, or red (second choice) which represents the Body or the Blood of Christ. **School students are invited to wear any clothing that represents their CATHOLIC schools.** Younger children and Elementary school age children must be accompanied by a parent(s).

The procession is a reverent and respectful procession with joyful song and prayer as we process with the Monstrance we show our adoration for the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

We leave from St. Basil’s at 12 noon, after the 11:00 am Mass. The Eucharist is placed in the Monstrance, and then on the carrier. Those wishing to walk follow the procession moving south on 13th Street with a prayer stop at the corner of 2nd Avenue before continuing to CCH. You are invited to take turns carrying the carrier.

At Our Lady of Assumption procession begins with a prayer service at 11:45 am. Once the Monstrance is on the carrier we walk east to Mayor Magrath Drive, where we turn north. After a prayer stop at 8th Avenue we continue walking along Mayor Magrath to 6th Avenue, then we turn left and continue walking to 20th Street. We turn right at Ecole St. Mary’s and continue until we reach CCH field.

You are invited to walk with us all the way (with the prayer stop it will take about 1 hour), or join us at one of the prayer stations. If you cannot walk join us at Catholic Central High School, East campus on the field.

At CCH we will have Benediction on the field, weather permitting. In bad weather we will gather in the cafeteria. This will be followed by a social lunch and a soccer game with Father Santiago (weather permitting).

There are three major processions in the life of the church, including Corpus Christi: the Sunday after Trinity Sunday when we remember the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Holy Thursday. A prominent aspect of this feast is the procession which is to follow the Mass...The procession should be seen as a public declaration of the parish community’s faith....Processions are a very important part of our Catholic identity. We are a pilgrim people on a journey, a journey of growth in faith and self-awareness. We are called to be followers of Jesus, to walk with Him.

For more information please go to the parish website – AllSaintsLethbridge.org



In-Person DBT Skills Group for Adolescents and Parents

A six-week group for adolescents and their parents aged 13 through 17 who struggle managing emotions and behaviors. Participants must register in advance:

You will learn...

- How to become more mindful and self-aware
- Better manage feelings of anxiety and depression
- Reduce impulsive behavior & learn new coping skills
- Have healthy relationships and better communication

This six-week curriculum follows a set agenda in which new information is taught & practiced weekly, followed up with homework tasks. Skill sets include Mindfulness, Distress Tolerance, Emotional Regulation, Interpersonal Effectiveness, and Walking the Middle Path.

Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15p.m
April 21st – May 26th, 2026 **Nov 3rd – Dec 8th, 2026**

Recovery Alberta Child, Youth and Family Addiction and Mental Health Clinic, Melcor Centre (Suite 120A 200 - 4 Ave. S.).

**To register, call Access Addiction & Mental Health
1-888-594-0211**