

Principal's Message - November 28, 2025 Newsletter

Dear St. Francis Families,

We were proud to celebrate the outstanding academic success of our students at this year's Academic Awards Night. With close to 900 people in attendance, the gym was filled with support for the hard work and commitment our students continue to show. Thank you to all St. Francis staff and to our partners in families for joining us in recognizing these accomplishments.

As we continue with our faith theme, Open Wide the Doors: Sent to Share Christ's Love, our Saint of the Month for December is St. Monica. As we enter the season of Advent, we hold in prayer all those who have walked away from God, and all mothers who carry worries for their children. St. Monica, pray for us.

December is shaping up to be an exciting month at St. Francis. Basketball season is now in full swing, with games beginning this coming week. In Fine Arts, we are completing the final auditions and will be posting callbacks sometime next week.

Throughout Advent, we are collecting food items for our Advent Bingo, contributing to the Santas Anonymous drive from CCH. These donations directly support Holy Spirit families in need this holiday season, and we appreciate any contributions you are able to make.

Our Cardboard Boat Race option wrapped up this week with many impressive builds successfully making it across the pool. Congratulations to all students involved.

We are also looking forward to celebrating the talents of our Band, Choir, and Dance students at the Christmas Concert on December 17 at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see many families in attendance as our students showcase their hard work and creativity.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We wish all of our families a blessed Advent season.

Jackie Kraemer

Principal: Mrs. Jackie Kraemer

Principal, St. Francis Junior High School

bringing to light the best we can become

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR ACADEMIC AWARD RECIPIENTS

Recipients are asked to please send thank you cards to the generous donors of their category, thanking them for their support. Cards can be delivered to the office for distribution.



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

Canteen Specials

December 3 Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup \$4.50

keep track of your student's spending and will let them know when funds are getting low.

December 10 Taco in a Bag \$6.25 (School Cash Online)

December 17 **Chicken Nuggets** \$5.00



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

Jr Boys Basketball: Tournament @ Gilbert Patterson Dec 5 & Dec 6 Jr Girls Basketball: Tournament @ Dr. Robert Plaxton Dec 5 & Dec 6

Sr Boys & Girls Basketball: Tournament @ Coaldale Prairie Winds Dec 5 & Dec 6

DV Girls Basketball: Tournament @ St. Francis Dec 12 & Dec 13



School Fees

School Cash Online

Holy Spirit School Division uses <u>School Cash Online</u> 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 <u>PowerSchool</u> 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.



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

Registration & Transportation Information

If you still require busing information or require bus passes, please contact the school office - Phone 403-327-3402

Please inform the office of any address changes - Thank you!



Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre, the caretakers, maintenance and support staff in Lethbridge and area schools are collecting **NEW SOCKS** to be donated to local charities for those less fortunate for Christmas.

Please join them and make someone's Christmas a little bit warmer!

TO DONATE, CONTACT ANY CUSTODIAL STAFF AT YOUR SCHOOL

- · Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre
- Lethbridge School Division
- Holy Spirit School Division
- Palliser Regional School

QUESTIONS? CALL:

Trevor Clinton - (403) 627 - 8071 Gail Petrie - (403) 327 - 6520 Charlene Kocken - (403) 239 - 3222



Advent Bingo Challenge

Sunday, November 30th is the first day of advent.
Students will be asked to collect food items for their homerooms, as per the advent bingo card.
All food donated will be support Santa's Anonymous.
The homeroom that brings in the most completed bingo items will win a pizza party.

THE HOMEROOM CHALLENGE IS ON

*	ADVENT BINGO			*
Dish Soap	Pasta	Теа	Mustard	Peanut Butter
Peanuts	Pasta Sauce	Baked Beans	Cereal	Crackers
Rice	Canned Corn	Canned Green Beans	Chocolates	Jam
Canned Tuna	Pancake Syrup	Canola Oil	Canned Tomatoes	Ketchup
Instant Coffee	Pancake Flour	Canned Soup	Canned Fruit Salad/Cocktail/ Pineapple	Cookies



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

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
Registration deadline is December 1, 2025

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

SCAN ME!

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 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)





CCH WELDING CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER!

WE HAVE TWO OPTIONS THIS YEAR!!

OPTION 1: CHRISTMAS TREE
TREE ORNAMENT - PAINTED GREEN
PRICE: \$15 EACH. •.

OPTION 2: NATIVITY SCENE ORNAMENT PAINTED BLUE AND WHITE PRICE: \$10 EACH

50% OF THE PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SANTA'S ANONYMOUS

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TOWARDS PURCHASING A VIRTUAL
WELDER FOR THE WELDING PROGRAM

SUBMIT ORDERS BY
DEC 10 TO ENSURE
DELIVERY BY
CHRISTMAS BREAK





ORDER THROUGH SCHOOL CASH ONLINE













ACTUAL PRODUCTS ARE SIMILAR TO THE ONES ABOVE, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY VARY SLIGHTLY



