

## From Mrs. Tilleman's Desk

Dear SPT Families,

It is hard to believe we are already entering the final month of the school year. June is always a special time in our school community as we celebrate learning, growth, friendships, and all the moments that have shaped this year together.

We have many exciting activities planned to help us finish the year with joy and celebration. Students will be taking part in year-end field trips, spray park visits, sports day, our colour run, and our much-anticipated year-end picnic. We will also gather as a school community for our year-end Mass, a meaningful opportunity to reflect, give thanks, and celebrate the many blessings of the year.

We are especially grateful for the opportunity to partner with Dr. Hamman for our Colour Run. They were gracious in extending an invitation for us to join them in this wonderful tradition they have established, and we are so excited to be a part of it this year.

This year, we are also excited to begin a new year-end picnic tradition at SPT. Families are warmly invited to join us on **Wednesday, June 24th from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** for a hot dog lunch and an afternoon filled with fun outdoor games and activities. We are also excited to welcome a few food trucks to the event, and families are welcome to send their child with a little spending money for extra treats if they wish. This special day is all about coming together as a school community to celebrate the amazing year we have shared together.

As we move through this busy and exciting month, it is also a time of reflection. It is incredible to see how much our students have grown academically, socially, and in their faith journey this year. We are proud of their hard work and the many accomplishments they have achieved.

This June also brings some important transitions within our SPT community. We will be saying goodbye to Mr. De Coste and Mrs. French, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to both of them for their dedication, care, and service to our students and families. They have made a lasting impact on our school community, and they will be greatly missed.

We are also excited to share some wonderful staffing updates for the upcoming school year. We are pleased to announce that we have hired Mr. Carter Utke as one of our Grade 4/5 teachers. We have also welcomed Miss Rylee Whitson as a Grade 2/3 teacher, and Miss Olivieri as a Grade 1 teacher. Attached to this newsletter is a brief introduction of our new staff members. We are thrilled to have them join our team and we are very excited for the positive energy and wonderful changes ahead at our school.

Looking ahead, next year SPT will have 2 Grade 1 classes, 3 Grade 2/3 multi-age classes, and 3 full-time Grade 4/5 multi-age classes. We are also pleased that Mrs. Unrau will be joining us as a full-time teacher in our Grade 4/5 team next year.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school community. We are grateful for the partnership between home and school that makes SPT such a strong and faith-filled place for children to learn and grow. Wishing you all a joyful, safe, and blessed summer. We can't wait to see you again in September as we kick off another exciting school year together!

**Warm regards,**

**Mrs. Mary Tilleman**

**Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School**

**"Learning to Love & Loving to Learn"**



Hello St. Patrick families,

My name is Miss Whitson, and I am thrilled to be joining the St. Patrick's School community this year. As a new teacher, I feel incredibly grateful for the opportunity to begin this exciting chapter in such a welcoming school community. I recently graduated from the University of Lethbridge with dual bachelor's degrees in Business Management and Education, and I am eager to bring my learning, energy, and enthusiasm into the classroom.

My goal as a teacher is to create a classroom where students feel safe, supported, valued, and encouraged to take risks in their learning. I believe that strong relationships are at the heart of a successful classroom, and I am looking forward to getting to know each student and helping them grow in confidence, curiosity, and independence.

Outside of school, I love spending time in my hometown of Fernie, B.C., where I enjoy being outdoors, mountain biking, going for nature walks, skiing, figure skating, and spending time with family. As I begin this new adventure at St. Patrick's, I am excited to learn and grow alongside my students and to become part of this wonderful community.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Thank you,



Hello St. Patrick Families,

I am Olivia Olivieri and I am thrilled to be joining St. Patrick School as a Grade 1 teacher! As a 2026 graduate of the Education program at the University of Lethbridge, I could not be more excited to begin my teaching career. Outside of the classroom, I combine my passion for teaching with my lifelong love and experience riding horses through my role as an equestrian coach at Diamond City Equestrian. I look forward to connecting with students, families, and the wider school community in the 2026/27 school year!

# SPT



# June 2026

Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2 • T/TH & 1W SWIM AT 1	3 • M/W & 1V SWIM AT 11 • TWIN DAY	4 • GR 4/5 FIELD TRIP- FORT MACLEOD • GR 1S - CLEARVIEW LODGE VISIT @ 1:45	5 • FREEZIE FRIDAY @ NUTRITION BREAK	6
7 • CHOIR SINGS AT MASS AT 9	8 • PRE- K SPRAY PARK @ 10:30	9 • PRE- K SPRAY PARK @ 10:30 & 2	10 • GR 1W/1V BIKE RODEO @ 10 • 2/3P BIKE RODEO @ 11:15 • 2/3D BIKE ROEO @ 11:45 • 2/3G BIKE RODEO @ 1:45 • KINDERGARDEN GRAD	11 • GR 1 FIELD TRIP - LOST PAWS, SNACKS & LADDERS • GR 4/5S - SPRAY PARK @ 12 • KINDERGAREN GRAD	12 • SPORTS DAY	13
14	15 • COLOR RUN WITH DR HAMMAN @ 1:30	16 • GR 1 FIELD TRIP - BIRDS OF PREY • GR 2/3S - SPRAY PARK @ 1:30	17 • GR 5 FAREWELL @ 1:30	18 • YEAR END MASS @ SPT AT 11:15- SPT FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!	19 • ALTERNATE SPORTS DAY (IF WEATHER DOES NOT PERMIT ON THE 12TH)	20
21 	22 • GR 1 SPRAY PARK @ 1:30	23 • TACKY TOURIST DAY- SPIRIT ASSEMBLY AT 2:30	24 • YEAR END PICNIC-SPT- FAMILY EVENT @ 11:30-3:00	25 • LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	26	27
28	29	30				

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## School Council News

Upcoming Important School Council Events

June 5th - Freezie Friday - Proceeds from the fundraiser will help subsidize field trips, school activities, events, and more.

Please email [sptschoolcouncil@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:sptschoolcouncil@holyspirit.ab.ca) for any questions you may have. Contact your child's room rep if you would like to volunteer to help.

## *Closing Mass*

We welcome Father Phil and Deacon Brian to our school for our closing mass on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 in our school gathering space. All are welcome to attend.

## Kindergarden Grad

Kindergarden Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

## *Penny Carnival*

Penny Carnival raised \$775.02 towards The Taber Food Bank.

Thank you to the parent volunteers for setting up the prize table and to the SMS students who came to run the prize table!

## *Thank you*

Thank you Michaela Anderson and the parent volunteers who made our Hot Lunch Program happen this year. Thank you to Parent Council for donating the plants for our outdoor garden at the front of the school. Thank you Mr. Van Uden and the SMS students for providing a great Miniball Program. Thank you Ms. Gross and our SPT choir for singing for our church community this school year. Thank you to Mrs. Tilleman for organizing our Thunder Athletics.



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## Important Dates 2026-2027

- **First Day of School (Grade 1-5):  
September 1, 2026**
- **Last Day of classes before Christmas  
Break - December 18, 2026**
- **First Day back from Christmas Break -  
January 4, 2027**
- **Last Day before Easter Break -  
March 24, 2027**
- **First Day back from Easter Break -  
April 5, 2027**
- **Last Day of School (Grade 1- 5):  
June 24, 2027**

## *Grade 5 Farewell*

The Grade 5 Farewell will take place on June 17th at 1:30 PM. More information will be included in an invitation that will be sent out soon.

## *Field Trips - Permission Click*

All students in Grades 1-5 will be attending various field trips throughout the month of June. Please ensure your Permission Click forms have been submitted. These forms are emailed directly to parents/guardians. Your child's teacher will provide specific trip dates and details.

## *2025-2026 Yearbook*

The yearbook costs \$20. It can be purchased on Schoolcash. The last day to purchase it will be June 19th. The yearbook will feature photos of students in grades K-5, along with candid snapshots from various special events throughout the year. All proceeds will support school activities, student programming, and school beautification projects.



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## Important Reminders

### Late or Absent Students

Please call our school office by 9:00 AM if your child will be late or absent from school! Our phone number is 403-223-3352.

### Agenda Notes

The agenda is an important communication tool between home and the school. If there are any changes in your child's schedule, a change in bus/kidzone schedule, or a change in who is picking up your child, please make note in your child's agenda. If the change occurs during the day, give our school office a call and we will pass on the message to the classroom.

### Picking up Students During School Hours

Parents, if you are picking up your child during school hours, please check-in at our office to sign out your child. While signing out, the office will contact your child's homeroom teacher to have your child sent down to the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation by helping us to continue to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all of our students.

### Medical Notes/ Medication

If your child needs to take medication at school, please see Mrs. Mankow in the office to fill out the required paperwork. Additionally, please keep us updated on any allergies or medical changes the school should be aware of.

### Microwave Use at Nutrition Times

We have two 15-minute Nutrition Breaks for our students to eat and the entire school eats at the same time. Due to the limited time please send your child with lunches that do not require a microwave. This will ensure that all students will have ample time to eat their lunch. More time will be provided in class for those students who require it.

## Milk and Juice Program

Milk Juice Program - We are excited to be offering our chocolate milk and juice program again this year. The program will be run by our Grade 5 students with the help of Ms. Gross, Mrs. French and Mrs Unrau. Chocolate milk and juice will be available for purchase during the 1st Nutrition Break. Milk/juice cards can be purchased at the office or on SchoolCashOnline.

We have two types of cards available:

1) \$10 punch card valid for 8 individual milk/juice purchases

2) \$20 punch card valid for 16 individual milk/juice purchases.

If you don't want to purchase a punch card, students are also able to purchase milk or juice individually. Each drink is \$1.25

\*\*\*Proceeds support school activities, programs, SPT leadership, and our Grade 5 Farewell.. \*\*\*

## Stay Connected

Check out our school website:


[spt.holyspirit.ab.ca](http://spt.holyspirit.ab.ca) School Calendar:

[spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars](http://spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars)

Follow us on Social Media:

 St. Patrick School - Taber

 @spttaber

 @SPTtaber

Board Briefs:

Each month, the School Division Trustees publish a summary of their meetings:

[https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board\\_administration/board\\_of\\_trustees/board\\_meetings](https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board_administration/board_of_trustees/board_meetings)



*Open Wide the Doors!*

Sent To Share Christ's Love

## St. Rita of Cascia

Feast Day: May 22

O Holy Saint Rita,  
We ask You to assist us  
In our trials and difficulties,  
And help us to be generous  
In serving the needs of others,  
To be patient in all difficulties,  
And to be forgiving toward all who injure us.  
Amen.

St. Rita of Cascia — Pray for us!