NOVEMBER 2026
NEWSLETTER

St. Patrick School

Learning to Love & Loving to Learn

From Mrs. Tilleman's Desk

Dear St. Patrick School Families,

As we welcome the month of November, we are reminded of the many blessings within our St. Patrick School community. The beautiful colours of fall are giving way to the winter season, and our school continues to be filled with opportunities for learning, growing, building relationships, and living out our Catholic faith.

We have been absolutely blown away by the support we have received for our school food drive in support of the Taber Food Bank! It has been incredible to witness the generosity, kindness, and compassion of our St. Patrick School community. Our students and families have truly demonstrated what it means to care for others and put our faith into action. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and helped make a difference for families in our community.

We are excited to kick off a Kernel Popcorn fundraiser at the beginning of November! This fundraiser will help support important upgrades and ongoing maintenance of our natural playground, ensuring it continues to be a wonderful space for our students to play, explore, and learn. Funds raised will also help cover the costs of field trips and other student activities throughout the school year. These experiences provide valuable opportunities for our students to learn beyond the classroom, build relationships, and create lasting memories.

Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising initiatives. Every order makes a difference and helps us provide meaningful learning opportunities and an engaging environment for all our St. Patrick students. More information about the fundraiser and ordering details will be shared with families soon!

Parent-teacher interviews are coming up on November 25 and 26 from 3:30–6:30 p.m., with report cards going home on November 27. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for families and teachers to connect, celebrate student successes, discuss areas of growth, and work together to support each child's learning journey. We look forward to sharing the progress students have made so far this school year and discussing next steps in their learning.

During interviews, we will also have the opportunity to discuss the Alberta screeners in literacy and numeracy that students in Grades 1–5 completed this fall. These screeners help us better understand students' current learning strengths and identify areas where additional support or enrichment may be beneficial. Teachers will be able to share what the results tell us about your child's learning and how we can continue to support their growth at school and at home. We value the partnership between home and school and appreciate the opportunity to work together to ensure every child feels confident, supported, and successful. More information about booking interview times will be shared with families.

As always, please know that my door is always open. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas to share, I welcome the opportunity to connect with you. Wishing all our families a wonderful November filled with gratitude, kindness, and many blessings.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Mary Tilleman
Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School
"Learning to Love & Loving to Learn"

SPT November 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 • CHOIR SINGS AT 9AM MASS	2 • PASTA HOT LUNCH AT 1 • FALL FUNDRAISER STARTS	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 • WEAR RED • REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER SERVICE @ 9 AM HOSTED BY 4/5G	11 • **NO SCHOOL** - REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 • **NO SCHOOL** - DIVISION PD DAY	13 • **NO SCHOOL** - PD DAY	14
15	16 • SUPER HERO DAY! WORLD KINDNESS DAY • FALL FUNDRAISER ENDS	10	18	19 • MASS AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH AT 9 FOR 4/5UT &4/5 U • PANCAKE HOT LUNCH AT 1	20	21
22	23 • WEAR TEAL FOR DIGEORGE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY • FLOURIDE TREATMENT FOR ECS. GR1S & GR 2S	24 • FLOURIDE TREATMENT FOR ECS. GR1S & GR 2S	25 • PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS @ 3:30-6:30 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	26 • MASS AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH AT 9 FOR 2/3P, 2/3G & 10 • PARENT TEACHR INTERVIEWS @ 3:30 - 6:30	27 • REPORT CARDS GO HOME • ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE “HOPE” @ 9 AM HOSTED BY 4/5UT	28
29	30	1	2	3	4 • ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE ”PEACE”” @ 9 AM HOSTED BY 2/3G	5

- **DRAMA CLUB @3:20-4:15**
- **CHOIR PRACTICE @3:15 -4:00**



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Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews & Report Cards

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on **November 25th and 26th**, from **3:30–5:30 PM**.

Teachers will be sharing their interview booking links directly with families soon.

Report cards will be sent home on November 27th.

Hot Lunch

Monday, November 2nd - Pasta Hot Lunch
Thursday, November 19th - Pancake Hot Lunch
Hot Lunch is Due on Thursday, October 29th

SPT Food Drive

Congratulations to 4/5G who won a Party for collecting the most food for our October Food Drive.
We just wanted to share with you that last week we donated a total of 1,265 items weighing a total of 992lbs!
Thank you for supporting The Taber Food Bank!

School Council News

The Next School Council Meeting

will be on
Wednesday, November 3rd @ 3:30
@ St. Patrick's School

Fall Fundraiser

We're excited to announce our Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser just in time for the holiday season!

Dates:

- Starts: November 2nd
- Deadline: November 16th
- Format: Orders can be placed online through School Cash Online or paid by cash or cheque payable to St. Patrick's School. An order form and information will be sent home with each family's oldest child.

Top Sales will be awarded a gift card.
Thank you for supporting SPT!

Funds raised through this fundraiser will support upgrades and ongoing maintenance of our natural playground. Proceeds will also help fund field trips and other student activities, providing meaningful learning experiences.
Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



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Book Fair Coming Soon



November 23 - 27th 2026



Volunteer at our SPT Book Fair
Dates: Nov 23th -Nov 27th

Volunteer at our Adventures Under the Sea Book Fair. It will be an exciting celebration of reading with tons of fun, engaging, and affordable books for kids to discover.

Available Shifts:

Set Up
Mon 9:00 - 12:30_____
Mon 12:30 - 4:00_____
Tues 9:00 - 12:30 _____
Tues 12:30 - 4:00_____
Wed 9:00 - 12:30_____
Wed 12:30 - 4:00_____
Wed 4:00 - 6:30_____
Thurs 9:00 - 12:30_____
Thurs 12:30 - 4:00_____
Thurs 4:00 - 6:30_____
Fri 9:00 -12:30_____
Pack Up

Contact: Sue Sawatzky - Library
403-223-3352
sawatzkys@holyspirit.ab.ca

SPT HALLOWEEN PARADE

Friday, October 30th at 11:20

FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

We're excited to see everyone's creative costumes for our Halloween Parade!

To help ensure a fun, safe, and inclusive celebration for everyone, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Costumes must be school-appropriate.
- Please avoid blood, gore, or overly scary costumes.
- Weapons or weapon-like props are not permitted.

Thank you for helping us make Halloween a fun, safe, and enjoyable celebration for all our students!

We can't wait to see everyone's amazing costumes!

More information about Halloween and classroom Halloween parties will be shared through Spaces.





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Important Reminders

Late or Absent Students

Please use the SafeArrival App to report your child's absence If you are unable to use the app, please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. to let us know your child will be late or absent.
📞 School Office: 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, Mr. Utke 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 School Calendar:
spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars

Follow us on Social Media:
St. Patrick School - Taber
@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

SPT STAFF SPOTLIGHT



MS. JENNA

POSITION AT THE SCHOOL & HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT SPT?

I WORKED AT CAMERON FARMS TEACHING ECS-GRADE 3,

ALSO WORKDED AT DA FERGUSON AND MYERS AND 10 YEARS AT SPT

SOME OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS ARE...

- LIFTING WEIGHTS
- CURLING
- GARDEN
- PAINTING
- COOKING/BAKING

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL?

ENGLISH WAS MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT!

I LOVED GYM.

WHO INSPIRES YOU THE MOST OR FAVOURITE INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE?

"BE YOURSELF. EVERYONE ELSE IS ALREADY TAKEN" - OSCAR WILDE

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?

- COOKING/BAKING
- TRAVELING
- HIKING IN THE COULEES
- FISHING AND HUNTING

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MRS. APPLETON

POSITION AT THE SCHOOL & HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT SPT?

POSITION AND TIME AT SPT: EA,OBVI, I HAVE A COMBINED TIME OF ALMOST 10 YEARS AT SPT, WITH A 6 YEAR STRETCH OVER AT SMS IN THERE AS WELL

SOME OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS ARE...

- PHOTOGRAPHY
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- READING
- SINGING TO MUSIC IN THE CAR
- DR. PEPPER
- LOOKING UP AT THE SKY!

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL?

ENGLISH WAS MY ABSOLUTE FAVOURITE SUBJECT! THERE IS SO MUCH POWER IN WORDS AND THEY CAN TAKE US TO SO MANY PLACES.

WHO INSPIRES YOU THE MOST OR FAVOURITE INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE?

"FOR MY PART I KNOW NOTHING WITH ANY CERTAINTY, BUT THE SIGHT OF THE STARS MAKES ME DREAM." -VINCENT VAN GOGH

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?

- READ
- TAKE PHOTOS
- MAKE THINGS (ART, STITCHING, PAPER CRAFTS, ETC.)
- COOKING AND BAKING
- GARDEN
- WATCH MOVIES
- BE WITH MY FAMILY

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Mrs. Mankow

POSITION AT THE SCHOOL & HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT SPT?

Admin Assistant

14 Years

SOME OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS ARE...

Kids!! :)

Water-waterfalls, lakes, oceans, rivers, streams

Animals & Birds

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL?

Math

WHO INSPIRES YOU THE MOST OR FAVOURITE INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE?

"Be Still & Know" Psalm 46:10

(Put your trust in God and he will take care of you)

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?

My favorite things to do are boating, waterskiing, surfing, spending time outdoors, and spending time with friends and family.

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MRS. GUTFRIEND

POSITION AT THE SCHOOL & HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT SPT?

HI! I TEACH 2/3G. I STARTED TEACHING AT SPT FOUR YEARS AGO.

SOME OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS ARE...

- MY FAVOURITE ANIMAL IS A COW!
- I LOVE TO WATCH DISNEY MOVIES!
- I LOVE CHIPS AND HOT CHOCOLATE!
- I ENJOY MAKING PEROGIES AND CABBAGE ROLLS WITH MY FAMILY.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL?

MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL WAS ART! I LOVED MY HIGH SCHOOL ART CLASSES.

WHO INSPIRES YOU THE MOST OR FAVOURITE INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE?

"YOU'RE BRAVER THAN YOU BELIEVE, STRONGER THAN YOU SEEM, AND SMARTER THAN YOU THINK."

–A.A. MILNE (WINNIE-THE-POOH)

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?

I LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY! I ALSO ENJOY BAKING, CAMPING, READING, AND EXPLORING ALBERTA!