

March Newsletter- From Mr. Collier's Desk

Hello SPT community!

Hard to believe that February is gone and that March is upon us. Despite the relatively quick month, there was still a lot going on throughout our hallways.

At the division level, our new 3 year faith plan consultation began at the beginning of February and is off to a great start. Many stakeholders are at the table and we are excited to see where the Lord guides our division in the near future. Bishop McGrattan paid our division a visit at the beginning of February to listen to principals and tour a few schools in Lethbridge. He prayed many blessings for our students and teachers before heading back to Calgary. Some of our classes were also scheduled to once again begin attending Mass at St. Augustine Parish, however, mother nature had other plans. With the frigid temperatures, these have been rescheduled to warmer weeks ahead. Our Parent Council also hosted the "Little Love Market and Bake Sale" which saw many community members and students take part. We are so grateful for not only a supportive community, but amazing parents who put in so much time and effort to improve the experiences at our school. Thunder Athletics is seeing a healthy turnout of students, with Mrs. Visscher doing an amazing job sharing her talents as the dance coach. We also welcomed a new FNMI facilitator to our division. Colby Stone will be serving SPT, St. Mary's, and four other schools in Coaldale and Lethbridge. He will be here on Tuesdays and is excited to work with our students.

To kick things off for March, we enter this year's season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Service at St. Augustine Parish on March 5th. There will also be students from St. Mary's in attendance so we are excited to share this Mass with them. Prior to this, March 4th has our Parent Council and Knights of Columbus collaborating to bring us pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. These will be delivered to students during the first nutrition break. Once again, a big thank you goes out to those parents and volunteers who make all this happen. SPT will be the hosts for "Stations of the Cross" at St. Augustine Parish on Friday, March 7th at 6:00pm. There will be soup and refreshments served by SPT staff following the service. March 10th may have some interruptions to bussing, as Horizon school division does not have school on this day. We are working to ensure the safety of our bus students on days like these, so we are working to ensure a smooth ride to and from school. March 12th has the Parents Council hosting a movie night at the school beginning at 5:30pm. March 19th and 20th we are hosting our second evening of parent-teacher interviews. Be on the lookout for signups from your child's teacher. Finally on Friday, March 28th, we have a PD for staff so no school for students on this day.

Thanks to all for your continued support and for helping us ensure our students are learning to love and loving to learn. God Bless and have an amazing March.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

Sincerely,
Tom Collier
Principal



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SPT MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26 • Wear Pink for Anti-Bullying Day	Feb 27 • 4/5G & 1W Go to Mass 9am • Wendy's Hot lunch 1pm 	Feb 28	1
2	3 • School Council Meeting @ 3:45	4 • Shrove Tuesday Pancakes served at 1st nutrition break 	5 • Ash Wednesday Service with SMS @11 at church 	6 • Last day to pay for March Hot lunch 	7 • Station of the Cross at 6 pm at St. Augustine's hosted by SPT	8
9 • Daylight Savings - Spring forward 	10 • Mon/Wed ECS Grad pictures 	11 • Tues/Thurs ECS Grad pictures • Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen 	12 • Lenten Prayer Service Hosted by 2/3P- "Peace" • Movie night @ SPT @ 5:30 	13 • 2/3P & ECS Go to 9am Mass 	14 • St. Patrick's Day Prayer Service 9am Hosted By 1V • Wear Green	15
16	17 • PD Day - Division Collaboration Day -No school for Students <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 • PD Day - Spiritual Development Day - No school for Students	19 • Hot Lunch - Taco Time  • Parent/Teacher Interviews @ 4 	20 • Parent/Teacher Interviews @ 4 	21 • Rock your Socks for Down Syndrome • 9am Lenten Prayer Service Hosted by 4/5G & 1W -Penance	22
23	24	25	26	27 • 2/3K & 1V Go to Mass @ 9 	28 • SPT PD - No School for students 	29
30	31	April 1 • 4/5 Learning Fair	April 2 • 4/5 Learning Fair • Autism Awareness Day Wear Light Blue 	April 3 • 4/5 Learning Fair 	April 4	April 5



= Grade 4/5 Thunder Athletics Program (3:15-4:15)



=Grade 4/5 Choir Practice (3:15-4:00)

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

- March 4th - Shrove Tuesday
- March 5th - Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Augustine's @ 11
- March 7th - Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine's @ 6
- March 10th & 11th - ECS Grad pictures in the morning
- March 11th - Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen
- March 12th - Lenten Prayer Service @ 9 @ SPT, hosted by 2/3P
- March 12th - Movie night @ SPT- Doors open up at 5:30
- March 13th - 2/3P & ECS - Go to Mass
- March 14th - Wear Green & 9 am Prayer Service for St. Patrick's day, hosted by 1V @ SPT
- March 17th & 18th - No School
- March 19th & 20th - Parent/Teacher Interviews @ 4
- March 19th - Hot Lunch - Taco Time
- March 21st - Rock your socks & Lent Service @ 9, Hosted by 4/5G & 1W @ SPT
- March 27th - 2/3K & 1V - Go to Mass
- March 28 - PD Day-No School for Students

Please Join us in welcoming Colby Stone to SPT

Oki Everyone,
I'm Colby Stone and I am excited to be the new Niitsitapi (FNMI) facilitator here at St. Patrick School. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my wife, Kiley and 3 children, Aubrey, Austin, and Arlo. I enjoy playing hockey as well and coaching my daughter's soccer team. I am currently also a captain with Blood Tribe Emergency Services working as a firefighter and Primary Care Paramedic. I look forward to making connections with the indigenous community here as well as share knowledge and stories with all the students and staff. Please reach out if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting everyone soon!

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Thunder Athletics



Thunder Athletics is continuing for our 4/5 students. It is still occurring on Thursdays in March. Starting on March 6th & 13th, it will be basketball and on the 20th and 27th it will be badminton.

St. Patrick's School

March 12th

Doors Open at 5:30pm

Movie starts at 6:00pm

Concession Available



Film: The Wild Robot

Looking for Parent volunteers

LENT BEGINS AT SPT

Shrove Tuesday is March 4. Our school council will provide the entire school with pancakes in celebration of this day.

Thank you School Council!!!

Ash Wednesday is March 5. Our students will be going to the church for liturgical celebration. All are Welcome.

LENTEN DOLLAR DAYS AT SPT

This Lenten Season, SPT will be hosting a number of special theme days. We invite your child to donate \$1 or more on each theme day. The money raised will go towards Holy Spirit Schools Division partnership project with St. Odilia School through Chalice International, in helping provide education to vision impaired children.

More information regarding:

<https://chalice.ca/schools/st-odilia-school/>



Lifetouch



Kindergarten Graduation Photos
Monday, March 10th &
Tuesday, March 11th



SCHOOL COUNCIL



The next school council meeting will be held on:
Tuesday, March 3rd @ 3:45 PM

Upcoming Important School Council dates:

- March 11th - Dairy Queen Hot Lunch
- March 19th - Taco Time Hot Lunch
- March 27th - Spring Flowers fundraiser due

Little Love Market

The total money raised was \$1,003.
Thank you to those who participated and
supported this event.

Follow our SPT School Council on Social Media to stay up-to-date with how they are supporting our SPT School Community.

Please email
sptschoolcouncil@holyspirit.ab.ca for any
questions you may have.

SPRING FUNDRAISER

This year we have the wonderful opportunity to partner with another local business in Taber, Sunnyside Nursery!

We have been working very closely with Cindy from Sunnyside Nursey to offer affordable and beautiful flowers. You will be able to pick up your orders at your convenience with the dates we have provided straight from Sunnyside Nursery. The Spring Fundraiser order deadline is

Friday March 27th, 2024



No Late order will be accepted.



If you prefer to make a monetary donation in lieu of ordering, you may send cash or cheque in an envelope marked "DONATION". These monies are considered a benevolent gift to the school; therefore, no tax receipt will be issued.

All orders and money must be submitted by:
March 25, 2025

Order pick up: May 23th -26th at Sunnyside Nursery
Payments can be: Cash, Cheque & online via
SchoolCashOnline

Make cheques payable to St. Patrick School Council
Blessing to you and your generous support!



Reminder!



Please help us by reminding your child to leave the following items at home:

- Toys
- Electronics
- Stuffed animals
- Pokemon or other cards
- Watches capable of taking pictures, sending pictures, or recording

Fanny packs are allowed but must stay in lockers during the day.

These items can be distracting, and we appreciate your support in keeping the focus on learning!

Thank you!



INSIDE SHOES PLEASE

Now that it is muddy outside it is more important than ever to have a pair of inside shoes that will work for gym class. Please make sure your child has inside shoes they can keep in their locker



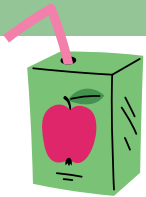


ROCK YOUR SOCKS



Its World Down Syndrome Day

We will be participating in "Rock your Socks" for World Down Syndrome Day on Friday, March 21st. This campaign encourages people to wear fun, mismatched, colorful socks to represent a celebration of differences. It is a way to build awareness and acceptance and remind us that different is beautiful and wonderful.



Milk and Juice Program

We are offering chocolate milk and juice. The program is run by the Grade 5 students and teachers. The milk and juice is available during the 1st nutrition break. Milk Cards can be purchased at the office or on School Cash Online. If you purchase a card online, please ask your child to come to the office to collect it.

- \$10 punch card for 8 individual milk/ juice
- \$20 punch card for 16 individual milk/juice



Proceeds from the program support school activities, STEM, our SPT leadership program and our Grade 5 Farewell.

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 need it

Stay Connected

Check out our school website: spt.holyspirit.ab.ca School Calendar:
spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars

Follow us on Social Media:



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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

MARCH 2025

Breakfast Program Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♥	TRAIL mix + FRUIT 3	Yogurt Berries Granola 4	Crackers, Cheese, Fruit. 5	Egg Wraps, Fruit 6	Smoothie Day! 7	♥
♥	TRAIL mix + FRUIT 10	Toast Fruit Cheese 11	Muffins, Fruit, Yogurt 12	Yogurt, Berries, Granola 13	<u>GREEN BREAKFAST DAY!</u> 14	♥
♥	No School 17 ST PATRICKS DAY	No School 18	Cookies, Dip, Apples 19	Toast, Vegetable, Cheese 20	Crackers Cheese Fruit 21	♥
♥	Granola Bar + Fruit 24	Cereal, milk, Fruit 25	Egg Wraps, Fruit 26	Cookie + Yogurt 27	No School 28	♥
♥	TRAIL mix + FRUIT 31	Toast, Boiled egg, Fruit 1	Cereal, milk, Fruit 2	Muffin, Fruit, Cheese 3	Smoothie Day! 4	♥
♥	♥	Notes:				

○ God,

You raised up St. John the Baptist
to prepare a perfect person for Christ.

We call upon St. John's intercession
to properly prepare us with a true
sense of repentance to receive

Your grace and salvation.

Make us faithful to truth and justice,

as You did Your servant,

John the Baptist, herald of Your

Son's birth and death.

Lord, may You increase

Your life within us.

Amen.

St. John the Baptist — pray for us!

