

## May Newsletter- From Mr. Collier's Desk

Hello St. Patrick School Families,

Welcome to May! Praying you all had a chance to rest, recharge, and spend some time with your loved ones over the Easter Break. It is always tough to return after a long absence, but our staff and students made the transition look easy and settled into normal routines rather quickly. Although a shorter month, April had many highlights. 4/5F finished off our Lenten Prayer Services with a focus on "Almsgiving," which gave everyone a great reminder of one of the pillars of Lent. Our Lenten Dollar Days organized by Mrs. French raised close to \$700.00 for St. Odilia School and Holy Spirit's Chalice Project. Ms. Wiest and Mrs. Unrau have taken it upon themselves to start a Garden Club, which has exploded in popularity. With roughly forty students showing interest, they now meet every Monday morning to plan and prepare for the planting season ahead.

Grades 1-5 also put on quite the educational experience during their learning fairs hosted in the Gathering Space. A big thank-you to all family and community members who stopped by to show your support and learn a thing or two about whatever was being presented. The teachers and students put a lot of work into it and were overjoyed at how many visitors they had. Another thank-you to Father Phil and Deacon Brian for taking us through Easter Mass on April 16th. With the busy nature that the Easter season can sometimes bring, it is always nice to gather together as a whole school community before a lengthy break.

Looking into May, we have another action packed month ahead. Thunder Athletics for our 4/5s is shifting to the outdoors. For the next six weeks, students will get a chance to participate in either golf or soccer. On May 6th, we will be heading to the Yates in Lethbridge to watch Father Leonard Van Tighem put on "Willy Wonka Jr." Thank you to our One Book - One Community for all they have done to bring this book to life. On the afternoon of May 15th, classes will be presenting games and handing out prizes at our annual "Penny Carnival." Lastly, SPT will be hosting "May Madness" from May 5th - 15th. May Madness is a bracket-style tournament that matches books in one-on-one "games," with the winner being decided by a simple classroom vote.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not mention the passing of Pope Francis the day after Easter Sunday. Serving as the leader of the Catholic Church for over 12 years, he will be remembered for his numerous acts of charity and love. Focusing on the poor, marginalized, and environmental stewardship, his leadership will be greatly missed. "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

- Pope Francis.

God Bless, and have an amazing Month,

Sincerely,

Tom Collier  
Principal

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<https://spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/>



# SPT MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 27	April 28 First Day Back	April 29 • KFC Hot Lunch	April 30 • Crazy Hair Day • ECS Field Trip - Fire Station @8:30 • Grade 5 Tour of St. Mary's	1 • 2/3D & 1V Mass at The Church @ 9 • ECS Field Trip - Fire Station @8:30	2	3
4 • Choir sings at Mass at 9	5	6 • Willy Wonka Performance leave for the Yates @ 8:30 • School Council Meeting at 3:45	7 • ECS Field Trip - Police Station @ 8:45 • Wear Hats for Mental Health Awareness	8 • ECS Field Trip Police Station @8:45	9	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13	14	15 • 4/5G, 4/5U & 2/3P Mass at The Church @ 9 • Penny Carnival - Glow Theme @1:30-2:45	16	17
18	19 No School - Victoria Day	20	21	22 • 1W and Kindergarten Mass at The Church @ 9 • Taco in a Bag Hot lunch	23	24 Fundraiser Pick up @ Sunnyside Nursery
25	26 • ECS Field Trip - Bowling @ 12:15	27 • ECS Field Trip - Bowling @ 12:15 • 4/5s Field Trip- Writing on Stone	28 • Swimming 1V & ECS Mon/Wed @ 1	29 • Twin Day - Spirit Assembly @ 2:30 • Bike Rodeo Gr. 1s & 2/3P @ 2-2:30	30 • Swimming 4/5G @ 10 • Garden Club and Parent Planting Party	31



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



= Grade 3-5 Mini- Basketball Tuesday(3:30-4:30) Friday(12:20-1:30) at St. Mary's



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

# May Newsletter 2025

## SPT

### Upcoming Events

- May 1st Mass at Church for 2/3D & 1V
- May 1st ECS(Tues/Thurs) Field Trip - Fire Station @ 8:30
- May 4th Choir sings at Mass at 9
- May 6th Willy Wonka Performance @ the Yates
- May 6th School Council Meeting @ 3:45
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - Wear Hats for Mental Awareness Day
- May 7th ECS(Mon/Wed) Field Trip - Police Station @ 8:45
- May 8th ECS(Tues/Thurs) Field Trip - Police Station @ 8:45
- May 15th Penny Carnival at 1:30
- May 15th Mass at church for 4/5G, 4/5U and 2/3P
- May 19th-No school - Victoria Day
- May 22nd Mass at church for 1W & Tues/Thurs ECS
- May 23rd to 26th Fundraiser Pick up at Sunny Side Nursery
- May 26th ECS(Mon/Wed) Field Trip - Bowling @ 12:15
- May 27th ECS(Tues/Thurs) Field Trip - Bowling @ 12:15
- May 27th 4/5s Field Trip to Writing on Stone
- May 28th 1V & M/W ECS swim at 1 pm
- May 29th Twin day - Spirit assembly at 2:30
- May 29<sup>th</sup> Bike Rodeo for Grade 1s & 2/3P @ 2-2:30
- May 30th 4/5G swim at 10 pm
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Garden Club and Parent Planting Party @ 12

### Thunder Athletics



- May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and June 5th will be both soccer and golf
- Thunder will be split into two groups:

Group 1 (4/5UG) will start with soccer.

Group 2 (4/5UF) will start with golf.

- After three sessions, the groups will switch activities.
- Golf students need to be dropped off at the Taber Golf Course.

- The last day for Thunder Athletics will be June the 5th
- Thank you Mr. Collier for organizing this and the teachers who helped by teaching each sport



## IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

- **First Day of School (Grade 1-5): September 2, 2025**
- **Last Day of classes before Christmas Break - December 19, 2025**
- **First Day back from Christmas Break - January 5, 2026**
- **Last Day before Easter Break - April 2, 2026**
- **First Day back from Easter Break - April 13, 2026**
- **Last Day of School (Grade 1- 5): June 25, 2026**

### School Council News

The Next School Council meeting will be held on  
May @ 6th @ 3:45 at SPT

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



#### Upcoming Important School Council Dates

- **May 15<sup>th</sup> - Penny Carnival 1:30 -2:45**
- **May 22 -Hot Lunch - Taco in a Bag**
- **May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup> - Spring Fundraiser pick up at Sunnyside Nursery**

#### Reminder to Register:

Upcoming School Year 2025-2026

To make registration easier, please click on the URL provided below to  
access the registration website directly.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with the your  
username or password, please contact the SPT school office.

<https://spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/registration>



Date: Tuesday, May 6th

Departure: 8:30 AM – Bus departs from  
St. Patrick's School

(5302 48 St, Taber, AB T1G 1H3)

Event: Willy Wonka Performance

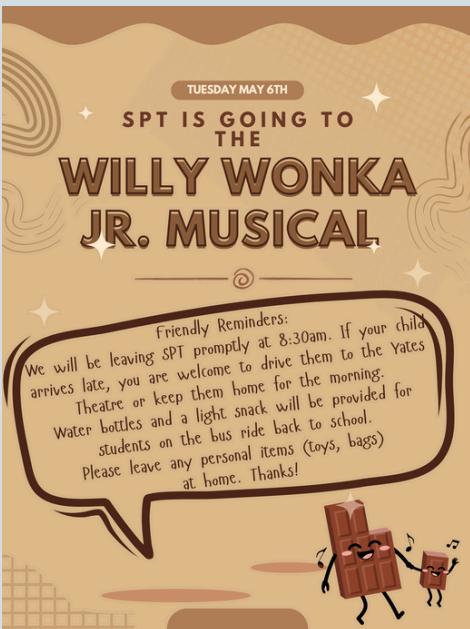
9:45 AM – Arrive at The Yates Memorial  
Center

(1002 4 Ave S, Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P5)

11:00 AM – Performance ends, students  
board the bus

Kids will be provided the snack and  
water bottle on the ride back to the  
school on the bus

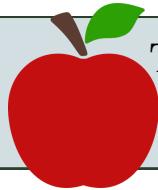
Return: 12:00 PM – Arrive back at St.  
Patrick's School



## Permission **CLICK**

Forms | Approvals | Workflow

Permission forms will be sent out through Permission Click, so  
please be sure to check your emails regularly and complete the  
forms to ensure your child can attend each event.



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5th-9th.

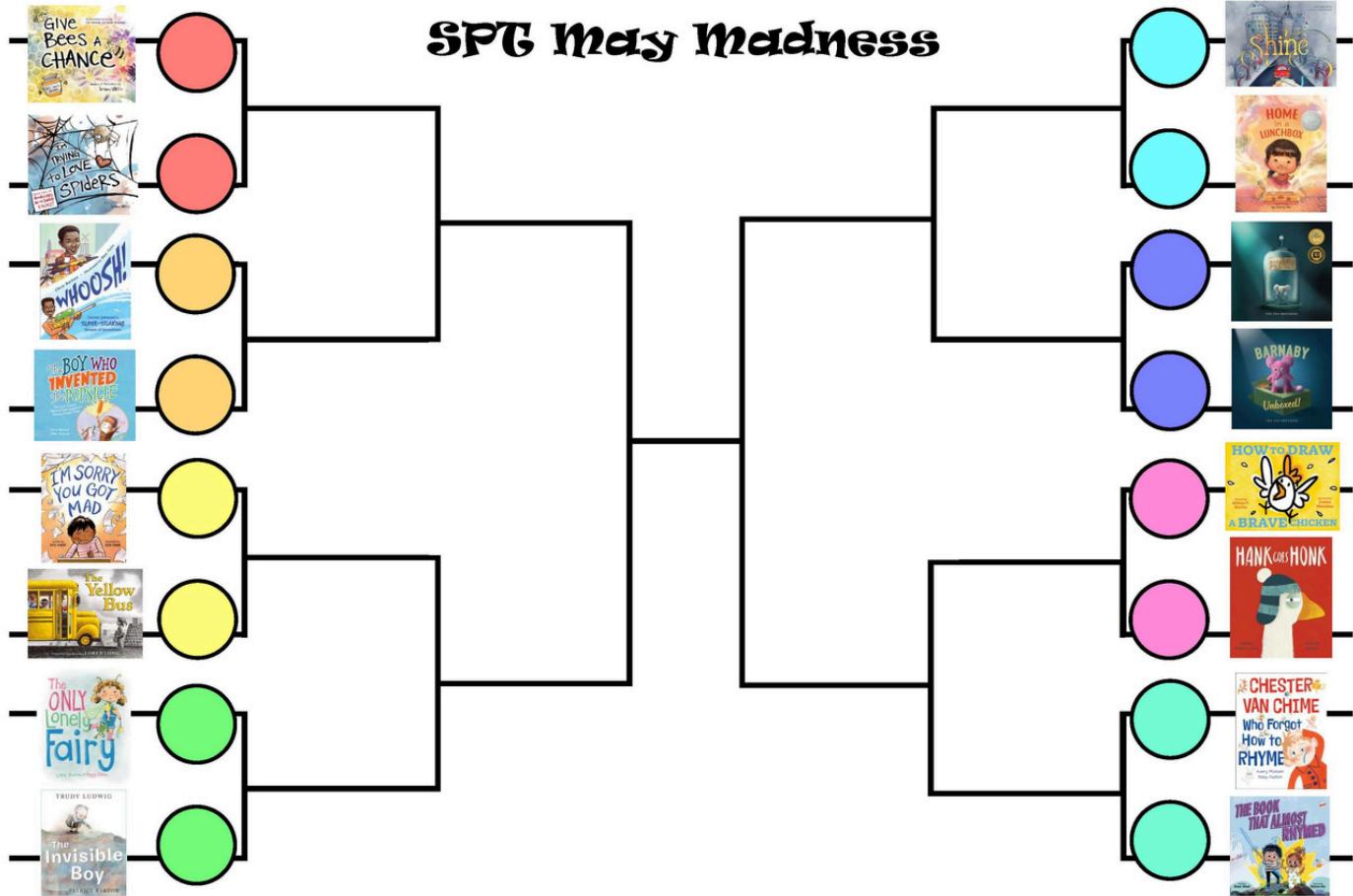


Mental Health Awareness Week  
is May 5-11. The date for Wear Your Hat for Mental  
Health Awareness will be Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all those who participated in our  
Lenten Dollar Days. We have raised \$662.86 for St.  
Odilla School through Chalice.



## SPT May Madness



**Who?** - The Kindergarten to Grade 4/5 classes

**What?** - May Madness is a bracket-style tournament that matches picture books in one-on-one games. The games will be decided by a simple classroom vote

**Where?** - Throughout the entire St. Patrick's School

**How?** - From May 5th - May 30th, each class will receive a bracket book bag that contains the two books that will be competing against each other. There will be a final celebration on June 2nd to announce the winner. All are welcome!





## Reminders:



## Mini Ball



We are fortunate to have the St. Mary's students and staff run this program for our students at St. Mary's School

The Mini Ball program for grades 3-5 offers a fun and engaging opportunity to learn basketball skills. The program runs for the month of May with practices and games on Tuesdays (3:30 – 4:30 PM) and Fridays (12:20 – 1:30 PM) starting May 6th, at St. Mary's School.

### Practices

Tuesday, May 6th,

Tuesday, May 13th,

Tuesday, May 20th,

Tuesday, May 27th

### Practices/Games

Friday, May 9th - Practice

Friday, May 16th - Practice

Friday, May 23rd - Game

Friday, May 30 - Game Wrap up

Thank you to Mr Josh Van Uden for making this happen.

# Important Reminders:

**SPT**

## 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

# Milk and Juice Program

**SPT**

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 School Cash Online.

\$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.

## 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

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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](https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board_administration/board_of_trustees/board_meetings)





## “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:

- Provide outstanding service to students
- Set high standards through leadership and dedication
- Contribute to the faith-filled atmosphere of our schools
- Lead within the community and parish organizations
- Live out the values of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 6, 2025**. 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 contact Rhonda Kawa at [kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca) for more details.

Let’s celebrate those who truly make a difference!

REGIONAL REGISTRATION MAY 12TH TO MAY 31ST



CITY OF  
TABER



3/5/10 KM RUN  
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL  
5 PIN BOWLING  
AIR GUN RIFLE  
ARCHERY  
ATHLETICS  
BALL HOCKEY  
BASEBALL

BADMINTON  
BEACH VOLLEYBALL  
CRIBBAGE  
E-SPORTS  
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SMALLBORE  
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FOR MORE INFO PLEASE VISIT :

[www.southernalbertasummergames.ca](http://www.southernalbertasummergames.ca)



## CHALLENGER BASEBALL

This is a great opportunity for young individuals with cognitive and or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participating in a sport, such as baseball. The coaches help each player by providing a safe and enjoyable experience, and to assist players with all aspects of the game.



Empowering children with disabilities through physical activity

To Register:

[www.lethbridgelittleleague.com/challenger](http://www.lethbridgelittleleague.com/challenger)

Or by email:

[seto849@icloud.com](mailto:seto849@icloud.com)



**Free  
Registration!**



## *St. Joan of Arc*

I pray to you, Joan of Arc,  
To help me hold firm in my faith,  
To believe in my ability,  
And to act well and wisely.  
Amen.

St. Joan of Arc - Pray for Us!