

From Mrs. Tilleman's Desk

Dear SPT Families,

As we welcome the month of January, we hope that your Christmas season was filled with joy, peace, and special moments with family and loved ones. We are excited to begin a new year together and look forward to all that God has in store for our school community.

We will return from Christmas holidays on **Monday January 5th, 2026**, and we are eager to welcome our students back as we continue our learning journey together in 2026.

Unfortunately, due to the closure of the rink, we will not be able to go skating this January as originally planned. We appreciate your understanding and will look for other opportunities in the future to enjoy winter activities together. January tends to be a quieter month as we ease back into our routines after the holidays, but we still have some fun moments to look forward to together. To bring a little extra joy and energy to our days, we will be celebrating National Sticker Day on January 13 and Crazy Hair Day on January 16. These small celebrations are a wonderful way to brighten the winter days and bring smiles to our school community.

As we begin this new year, we ground ourselves in faith and trust in God's guidance:

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

— *Jeremiah 29:11*

May this verse remind us that each new beginning is filled with hope, purpose, and God's loving presence.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a wonderful start to the year together!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Mary Tilleman

Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School

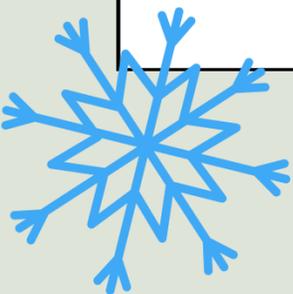
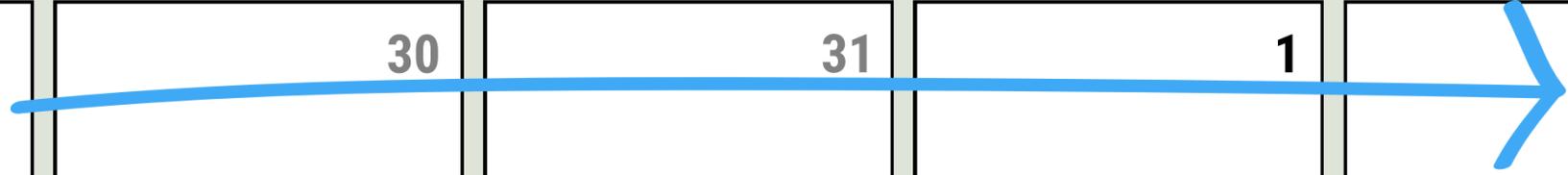
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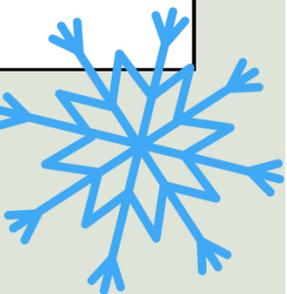


JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	No School 29	30	31	1	2	3
4	• FIRST DAY BACK 5	6	7	• HOT LUNCH ORDERES DUE 8	9	10
11	• PARENT COUNCIL MEETING @ 3:30 12	• NATIONAL STICKER DAY 13	• HOT LUNCH - PIZZA 73 14	15	• CRAZY HAIR DAY 16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	• HOT LUNCH - TACO TIME 29	30	31



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Winter Gear

It is important that your child comes to school prepared to go outside for recess. The only time our students are inside for recess is when the weather feels colder than -20 degrees Celsius.

Please make sure your child comes to school in warm clothes.

A winter coat, snow boots, gloves/mittens and toque/ earmuffs are very important. Please label all of your child's winter gear.

Thank You

Thank you to all who attended our annual Christmas Concert on December 11th and donated to our silver collection. We raised \$348.85 in cash donations for Santa's Anonymous

School Council News

The Next School Council Meeting

will be on

**Monday, January 12th @ 3:30
@ St. Patrick's School**

Hot Lunch

- Wednesday, January 14th - Pizza 73
 - Thursday, January 29th - Taco Time
- Deadline for orders: Jan. 8, 2026

Due to a recent incident at the Community Centre, we are unable to offer skating this year. We appreciate your understanding.

SPT Going to Thursday Mass Again

Starting February 5th, our classes will be alternating going to the Thursday morning masses at 9am at the church. This is weather permitting.



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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

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spt.holyspirit.ab.ca School Calendar:

spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars

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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