#### St. Patrick School

Learning to Love & Loving to Learn

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

Hello St. Patrick School Families.

Spring is upon us and we continue to march forward with the school year! It is difficult to believe that we are only a short three months away from summer holidays. Before we look ahead too far, it is nice to reflect on all the good things that have happened during March. A big thank you goes out to Knights of Columbus and Parent Council for cooking and serving pancakes and sausage on Shrove Tuesday. Students loved every minute of it, and it helped us get in the right mindset for Lent. Following this, Ash Wednesday took us to St. Augustine's Church to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. We were blessed to share this time with the students and staff of St. Mary's, as the Church was packed full of students. Thank you to Father Phil and Deacon Brian for taking the time to remind us all of the importance of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting during this season. March also saw many staff from SPT conduct the "Stations of the Cross" at St. Augustine Church. A big thank you to all our student readers and staff who helped organize and continue this tradition. Following the reading, it was nice to serve soup and break bread with many of the parishioners and community members in the Church basement.

Looking ahead to April, our hallways and classrooms will once again be filled with action. Our fourth Lenten Dollar Day will start us off on April 1st with "anything but a backpack day." If possible, remember to bring a \$1.00 donation that goes toward Holy Spirit School's project with Chalice International and Saint Odilia School. Our "One Book One Community" committee has revealed our choice read for this year: Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! A reading schedule has been communicated with students, with March 31st being the official start. This will also culminate with SPT students travelling to the Yates in Lethbridge on Tuesday, May 6th to watch Father Leonard Van Tighem's performance of "Willy Wonka Jr." On April 16th, we will once again be visiting St. Augustines for our annual Easter Mass before students have some time off with no school from Good Friday to April 28th. The end of the month has St. Mary's and Mrs. Nevil hosting a tour for grade 5 students, along with an information meeting for all grade 5 parents on April 30th. More information to come!

Lastly, we had a few staff exit our hallways (some permanently and some temporarily). Our Pre-K leader Shawna Utke is off for a few weeks. We pray for her health and recovery and are excited for her return in May. We also said goodbye to Mrs. Nicole Smith, who has led our breakfast program for the last 8 years. She has moved on to a new job, and we wish her nothing but the best. We have been so blessed to have her serving our students and making sure they enter the classroom with a healthy breakfast every morning. Filling in for Nicole will be Mrs. Tammy Baynham, who is excited to continue on the legacy left behind by Nicole. Welcome, Tammy!

Of course, with all the commotion that comes with another busy month, let us keep central to the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Through this, he has given us salvation, freedom, and the hope of everlasting life. God bless.

Sincerely, Tom Collier Principal



#### **Contact Us:**







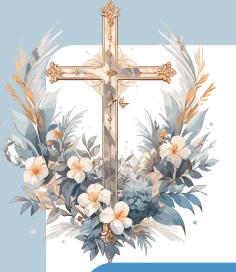




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 30	March 31	• Lenten Dollar Day - Anything but Backpack & Water Bottle	Autism Awareness     Day wear light blue     ECS Field Trip -     Gymnastics @ 12	• ECS Field Trip - Gymnastics @ 12 • School Council Meeting @ 3:45	4	5
6	• Green Shirt/Jersey Day	8 • 4/5U Learning Fair @ 9:30	Lenten Dollar Day -     Dress as a Character     or Celebrity     4/5F Learning Fair     @9:30	O Grade 4/5 G Learning Fair @ 9:30 Grade 1 Learning Fair @ 1:30-300	• Lenten Prayer Service Hosted by 2/3K -"Fasting" @ SPT	12
13 Palm Sunday	• 2/3D Learning Fair @ 1:30	• 2/3K Learning Fair @1:30	• Easter Mass @ 1 @ the Church • Boston Pizza Hot Lunch @ 12	17 • Last Day before Easter Break • Lenten Dollar Days- Backwards or Inside Out • 2/3P Learning Fair @ 1:30	No School - Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	No School	24	25	26
27	28 First Day Back	• KFC Lunch Hot Lunch @ 1	30 • Crazy Hair Day • ECS Field Trip - Fire Station @ 8:30	May 1  • 2/3D & 1V Mass at The Church @ 9  • ECS Field Trip - Fire Station @ 8:30	May 2	May 3







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- April Ist Lenten Dollar Days- Anything but a Backpack & Water Bottle Day
- April 2nd Autism Awareness Day Wear light Blue
- April 2nd ECS(Mon/Wed) Gymnastics Field Trip
- April 3rd ECS(Tues/Thurs) Gymnastics Field Trip
- April 3rd-SPT Parent Council Meeting @ 3:45
- April 7th Wear a Green Shirt/Jersey day
- April 8th -4/5U Learning Fair @ 9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00
- April 9th -4/5F Learning Fair @ 9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00
- April 10th -4/5G Learning Fair @ 9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00
- April 9th Lenten Dollar Days- Dress as a Character or Celebrity
- April 10th Grade I Learning Fair @ 1:30-3
- April IIth Lenten Prayer Service, Hosted by 2/3K @ SPT
- April 14th 2/3D Learning Fair @ 1:30
- April 15th 2/3K Learning Fair @ 1:30
- April 17th 2/3P Learning Fair @ 1:30
- April 16th Boston Pizza Hot Lunch @ 12
- April 16th Easter Mass @ I @ the Church
- April 17th Last Day before Easter Break
- April 17th Lenten Dollar Day- Backwards or Inside Out Day
- April 18th Good Friday No School
- April 21st April 27th No School Easter Break
- April 28th First Day Back
- April 29th KFC Hot Lunch @ I
- April 30th Crazy Hair Day
- April 30th ECS(Mon/Wed) Fire Station Field Trip
- May 1st- ECS(Tues/Thurs) Fire Station Field Trip
- May 1st Mass @ 9 @ the church for 2/3D & IV

#### Thunder Athletics

Thunder Athletics is continuing for our 4/5 students. It is still occurring on Thursdays in April (3,10 &17) We will be teaching Fitness & Baseball.

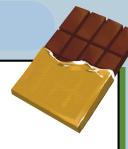


#### **One Book One Community**



#### ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

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#### Dear SPT Families,

From March 31st - May 2nd we are launching our One Book, One Community project and reading a book together as a school community! We've chosen Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. All classes will be reading the book together at school. As a wrap up, our school will be attending Father Leonard Van Tighem School's production of Willy Wonka Jr. at the Yates Memorial Theatre in Lethbridge on May 6th. More information about this event will be coming home shortly.

#### Here's a summary of the book:

Charlie Bucket and his family are poor, struggling to get by. They live in a small house with little food and no money for luxuries. But everything changes when Charlie wins a golden ticket to visit Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory. Inside the factory, Charlie meets quirky characters, including children who are spoiled and misbehaved. As the tour progresses, Charlie learns important lessons about kindness, humility, and family. Will Charlie's good heart be enough to win him the ultimate prize and change his family's fate?

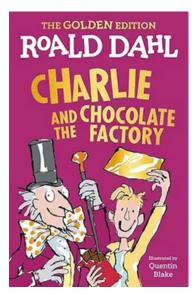
If you would like to follow along at home you can check it out from the public library or here is a link to purchase the book: https://a.co/d/db1Zert

And here is our reading schedule:

- March 31 April 4 Chapters 1-10
- April 7 11 —- Chapters 11-17
- April 14 17 Chapters 18-24
- April 28 May 2 Chapters 25-30



\*\*\* Save the Date\*\*\* May 6th As a wrap-up to reading the book, our school will be attending Father Leonard Van Tighem School's production of Willy Wonka Jr. at the Yates Memorial Theatre in Lethbridge. More information about this event will be coming home shortly.



#### **Learning Fairs At SPT**

It is that time of year where we celebrate our students learning and growth. At SPT we will be doing this through Learning Fairs. There will be one day set aside for each classroom where the students get to showcase a culminating project and share their growth in this school year. Here are the dates of the Learning Fair.

April 8th - 4/5 U @ 9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00

April 9th - 4/5 F @ 9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00

April 10th - 4/5 G @ 9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00

April 10th - Grade 1s @ 1:30- 3:00

April 14th - 2/3D @ 1:30

April 15th - 2/3K @1:30

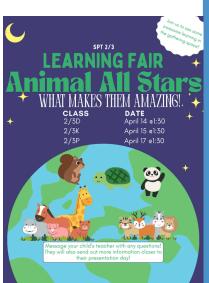
April 17th - 2/3P @ 1:30













The next school council meeting will
be held on:
Thursday, April 3rd @ 3:45 PM
Tuesday, May 6th @ 3:45 PM
Upcoming Important School Council dates:

- Hot Lunch on April 16th Boston Pizza @ 12:00
- Hot Lunch on April 29th KFC @ 1:00

#### Please pay for Hot Lunch by April 9th.

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

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

A big THANK YOU to everyone who ordered flowers through our Spring Fundraiser. We are excited to be supporting local this year. The money raised from the fundraiser will be going to upgrading the sign to a digital sign. We will send out reminders regarding order pick up times closer to the end of May. Please contact SPT School Council if you have any questions.



Thank you for all who attended our Movie Night. We raised \$310.75 Also a special thank you to our school council for putting it on! The money raised will be going towards upgrading the sign to a digital sign.



PLEASE RETURN ALL

### LIBRARY BOOKS

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL14-17

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THE LIBRARY BOOKS





#### Mini Ball

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 (12:30 – 1:30 PM) starting May 6th. There is a \$50 fee which includes a unique t-shirt only available to participants and a lightweight size 5 basketball. Space is limited to the first 50 paid and registered players. No late registrations will be accepted. To register, please complete the form and return it to the St. Pat's office by April 3, 2025. Payment can be submitted online via School Cash.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!

#### **Practices**

Tuesday, May 6th,
Tuesday, May 13th,
Tuesday, May 20th,
Tuesday, May 27th - Practice
Practices/Games

Friday, May 9th - Practice Friday, May 16th - Practice Friday, May 23rd - Game Friday, May 30 - Game Wrap up





- I. April lst: Anything But a Backpack and Water Bottle Day
- 2. April 9th: Dress as a Character or Celebrity Day
- 3. April 17th: Backwards or Inside Out Day



#### **Donation Details:**

- We invite students to donate \$1 or more on each theme day.
- Proceeds will go to the Holy Spirit School Division's partnership project with St. Odilia School through Chalice International. The funds will help provide education for vision-impaired children.

If you're interested in learning more about the project and how it's helping students, you can visit Chalice's St. Odilia School page.

It's a great way to get involved while helping others during this season.

#### Reminder to Registrar: 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





#### **Important Reminders**



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

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.

\$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 School Calendar:

spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars Follow us on Social Media:

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@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\_tru\_stees/board\_meetings

"Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!"

- Psalm 25:7



 ${f Proclaim!}$ Domenico Savio was born into a large family in rural Italy in 1842, and from a young age was keenly interested in his Christian upbringing, attending Mass and receiving special Pilgrims of permission to receive the Eucharist. He was a hard worker at school, and to continue his education at age ten, began walking about five kilometers each way to the school at Hope Castelnuovo. It was here that he would eventually meet St. John Bosco, with whom he then returned to Turin. He resolved during this time to become a saint, and experimented with various penances that he thought would assist with this goal. John Bosco, upon hearing of this, forbade it and recommended that Dominic focus on his studies and duties, doing all to the best of his abilities, which led Dominic to say "I can't do big things but I want everything to be for the glory of God." He continued to work diligently at school, to pray frequently and fervently, and sought to be a good example to his classmates

In the spring of 1857, at the age of 14, Dominic became ill, passing in March. Don Bosco wrote a short biography of Dominic, which led to his increasing popularity despite his young age at death. Due to his heroic virtue, he was canonized in 1954, and until 2017 was the youngest non-martyr saint in the Catholic church. You can learn more about him by watching one of these short videos:

Story of Saint Dominic Savio (Saints and Angels) | Saint Dominic Savio (Stories of Saints) | The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends (Brother Francis FORMED)

#### The Apostles' Creed

"the holy catholic Church..."

The Nicene Creed uses here the words 'I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. These four marks are actually quite significant, and perhaps help us to understand this section more clearly. They are calls to action that animate our lives, not just a passive mention of the Church. Our word Church comes from the Greek word kyriakon, derived from Kyrios - 'something belonging to the Lord' or ekklesia - 'an assembly of people called forth.' After Vatican II, we often refer to the Church as the 'People of God." That's all of us!

at all times.

- One we desire unity with one another, with our Catholic brethren, and with our Christian family. (CCC 813-818, 820, 866)
- Holy we believe that the Church is the place where we find holiness - in the sacraments, in our liturgy, and so on. While the Church is not perfect, it is holy. God is the source of holiness; the Spirit unites us in holiness; Christ is the perfect model of holiness.(CCC 823-829, 867)

- catholic small c catholic means universal we embrace one another and make room for each other to belong. We accept the Great Commission to share the Gospel with those around us, in all times and places. (CCC 830-835, 868)
- Apostolic we believe in the foundation set by the Apostles after Christ's death, the succession of the Popes, and the teaching authority of the Church. Apostle means 'one who is sent' - we are all sent to share the Good News. (CCC 857-865, 869)

So, we are called to belong, with one another, to the Lord, to follow the path set out by the apostles, to find our holiness in the Church, and to be one and universal in our outlook. As we seek to become Pilgrims of Hope this year, let us continue to contemplate the Creed, and how our proclamation of the Creed unites us to one another and to all Christians through time and space.

#### "Proclaiming" In Our Schools

The Jubilee Prayer: English | French | Spanish

Inside the overall Jubilee year, there are a variety of specific celebrations that are occurring on the calendar. It is exciting this month that we have two celebrations that are specifically pertinent in our schools. From April 25-27, there will be a jubilee of teenagers that will culminate with the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis. This will be followed on April 28-29 with the jubilee of people with disabilities. Given these two celebrations, it might be a good time this month to review Christus Vivit — Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation to and about young people, which was the response of the Holy Father to the 2018 Synod on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment" which laid a new foundation for the Catholic Church's current work with youth and young adults. We have embedded this into this current faith plan, so some of it will likely sound familiar to you! In the upcoming Easter season, we might for instance revisit the message at the outset, which are words of great encouragement to us:

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive! He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One. He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope.



Pope's Prayer Intentions — For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

#### Gospel Readings

April 6, 2025 5th Sunday in Lent

Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — John 8:7

How often do we find ourselves judging others or making critical comments about how other people act or what they look like? Does giving your opinion sometimes lead you into gossip? This is what happened to the people in Jesus' time when they found this woman committing a serious sin. They wanted to punish her. They felt justified shaming her in public and acting like they never did anything wrong. They did not want to admit they sometimes sin too. It was easier to find fault with someone else. Jesus reminded them, and us, that we should be careful of what we do with our opinions. Instead of criticizing others, we should look at ourselves and seek forgiveness for what we have done.

How can I love those around me, instead of judging?
How can I encourage others when I hear them being judged?



"For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get."

- Matthew 7:2

#### Prayer:

Dear Lord, it is easier to look at others' faults than our own. Please give us the grace to see our own weaknesses and ask forgiveness for them rather than judging others.

April 13, 2025 Palm/Passion Sunday

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14-23:56

"Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit'; and when he said this he breathed his last." — Luke 23:46

After much pain, suffering, humiliation, and ridicule, Jesus turned over all that he had left to his heavenly Father. While our "sufferings" this Lent of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer cannot compare to the suffering of our Lord, we too are called to give all we have left to God. We are about to walk through Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Are you ready? What is left in your life that needs to be given to the Lord to allow you to fully celebrate Easter this year?

What are some things I can do this week to be quiet and spend time reflecting on all Jesus did for me?

Did I give my all to this Lenten season? What can I do this week to meet Jesus on his road to Calvary?

# Palipalion Sunday

#### Praver

Dear Lord, please help me to surrender all that I am and to walk closely by your side through this very holy week in preparation for your resurrection.

Download this month's <u>Saint Prayer Card</u> — St. Dominic Savio <u>Saint Prayer Card</u> (black and white version for colouring)

#### Gospel Readings

April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

#### He is Risen! Alleluia!!!

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered His head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. —John 20:6-8

The Lord is risen! It is the miracle of all miracles! Jesus has overcome death! The disciples couldn't understand at first what had happened because no one had ever risen from the dead before, and we might not be able to understand it either. But the resurrection is a promise that our life doesn't end in death. There is something more waiting for us on the other side. Jesus has bought us eternal life! What an awesome God who always loves us! Thank you for such a gift, Lord! We praise You!



Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." — John 20:19

A greeting of peace was not the first thing the disciples expected to hear from Jesus. "Where were you when I needed you?" "Why did you all run away?" "I'm disappointed in you." Those were the sort of things the disciples might have expected to hear. Instead, Jesus came in love. He wished them peace. He knew they were afraid and ashamed. But he proved that his death was all about forgiveness, even of their sins. It is the same for us. No matter what we have done, no matter how terrible we may think it is, Jesus comes to us with forgiveness, peace, and great love.

How do you think you would have felt if you were one of the disciples when Jesus appeared to them? What are some things I can do to accept Jesus' love?	
<b>Prayer:</b> Dear Lord, thank you for the abundant love you give to me all the time, even when I don't feel worthy. Please help me to accept the forgiveness and peace you offer me.	Goved 3-16

#### Sources

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What Christians Ought to Believe by Michael Bird The Quest for the Creed by Fr. Dwight Longenecker The Creed by Timothy O'Malley

#### **Division Parishes**

"...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25



#### Assumption Church Lethbridge

Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres

Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 6:00 pm

> 2405-12th Avenue S. Lethbridge, AB T1K 0P4 Tel: 403-327-8931



#### St. Basil's Church Lethbridge

Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres

Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 7:30 am | 11:00 am

> 604 13 Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2S7 Tel: 403-327-8931



#### St. Martha's Parish Lethbridge

Father William Monis

Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am | 11:00 am

> 355 Columbia Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 5Y8 Tel: 403-381-8891



#### Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Lethbridge

Father Gary Sedgwick

Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am

643 12B Street N.

Lethbridge, AB T1H 2L6

Tel: 403-328-4753



#### St. Ambrose Parish Coaldale

Father Ian Gagne

Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am | 4:00 pm

1523-23rd Avenue Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2 Tel: 403-345-3400



#### St. Catherine Parish Picture Butte

Father Ian Gagne

Mass (Sunday): 11:00 am

762 Crescent Avenue Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0 Tel: 403-732-4433



Father Philip Van Tinh Le

Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am

> 5009-48th Avenue Taber, AB T1G 1T4 Tel: 403-223-2226



#### St. Michael's Parish Bow Island

Father Wojciech Jarzecki

Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am

> 1101-1st Street E. Blow Island, AB T0K 0G0 Tel: 403-545-2023



#### St. Michael's Parish Pincher Creek

Father Marino Infante

Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am

958 Christie Avenue; Box 339 Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 Tel: 403-627-3071

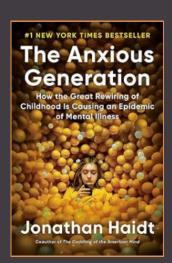
# "It was the help I didn't know I needed."

**April 10, 2025** 

7:00 PM St. Mary's School - Taber



Scan QR code or click <u>here</u> to register today!









An evening for parents based on Jonathan Haidt's bestselling book, The Anxious Generation