



January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 29	Dec 30	Dec. 31 New Years Eve	1 New Years Day	2	3	4
Christmas Break						
5	6 First Day Back <i>Epiphany</i> 	7 Parent Council Meeting @3:45	8 Hot lunch—KFC 	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 	16 	17	18
19	20	21 Hot lunch—Free Hot dog	22 Gr 4/5 Skating @ 9:30 Gr 2/3 Skating @ 10:45  	23 Gr 1 skating @ 10  	24	25
26	27	28	29 Gr 4/5 Skating @ 9:30 Gr 2/3 Skating @ 10:45  	30 Gr 1 skating @ 10  	31 Groundhog Day Wear PJs or Spring Clothing 	



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



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

January Newsletter- From Mr. Collier's Desk

Dear St. Patrick School Families,

As we celebrate the coming of Christ's birth, I wanted to extend some well-wishes to you all this holiday season. I pray that you are all able to rest, recharge, and be filled with the Holy Spirit as we bid farewell to 2024 and ring in the new year ahead.

December brought with it many events and activities throughout our school. Of course, much of this culminated in our Christmas concert held on December 12th. Much gratitude to our amazing staff and students who worked tirelessly to put on a great show. Also a big thank you to our parents and family / community members who came out to show your love and support. Our students were thrilled to share their talents and spread some Christmas cheer.

Looking to 2025, January will also be an exciting time in our hallways. After a two week break, classes will resume on Monday, January 6th. There have been many new faces this year, and another one to welcome will be Ms. Ashley Pearse. Since the beginning of Mrs. Tilleman's maternity leave near the end of November, we have been blessed with a number of different teachers filling our 2/3M classroom. Ms. Pearse comes to us from Father Leonard Van Tighem school in Lethbridge where she primarily taught Grade 9 math. She does, however, have experience teaching in elementary and is excited to return. Her official start date will be on January 6th and will be with us for the rest of the school year. This will allow Mrs. Mabin to officially begin full-time as our Associate Principal. Welcome Ashley!

We also have skating starting up on January 22, 23, 29 and the 30th. Additionally, we are in the process of finalizing dates and times for our Thunder Athletics programming. First up will be Volleyball beginning on Thursday, January 16th. More information to come in the new year!

Again, God Bless you all this holiday season. Looking forward to seeing you all again in January as we embark on the new year of 2025!

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Warm regards,

Tom Collier

Principal



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Meet Our new Teacher For 2/3M



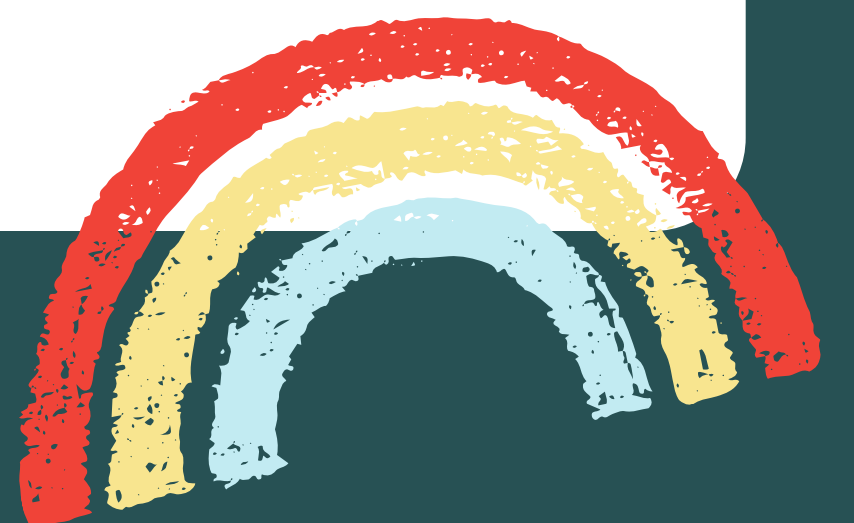
Dear Families of St. Patrick School,

I am excited to introduce myself as the new teacher for Mrs. Mabin's 2/3 class! My name is Ms. Pearce, and I feel truly honored to be joining such a welcoming community.

A little about me: I'm passionate about teaching and love making learning fun and engaging. I enjoy reading, spending time with my dog in nature, and bringing those outdoor experiences into the classroom whenever I can. I believe in meeting students where they're at, helping them grow, and creating an environment where they feel excited to learn. Whether it's through games, art, or hands-on activities, I want every student to feel inspired and supported in their learning journey.

I'm looking forward to working with you and your child this year, and I am thrilled to join the SPT family. Together, we will embrace St. Patrick's motto, "Learning to Love and Loving to Learn," and have a fantastic year of growth and discovery!

Warmly,
Ms. Pearce





St. Patrick's School Newsletter

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Happy New Year

Upcoming Events

- Christmas Break: Dec. 21 - Jan .5
- First day back to school Jan.6
- Groundhog Day -wear PJs or dress in spring clothes on Jan 31st

Thunder Athletics

On Jan. 16th Thunder Athletics will be starting up. It will run on Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 for our 4/5 students. We will be starting with volleyball. There will be more information to come regarding the February schedule. Permission forms will be sent through Permission Click.



Skating Schedule SPT

- Grade 4/5's on Wednesday January 22nd and January 29th at 9:30
- Grade 2/3's on Wednesday January 22nd and January 29th at 10:45
- Grade 1's on Thursday January 23rd and January 30th at 10am

All skating is happening on the large ice. Parents are welcome to join us on the ice as long as they're wearing a helmet and we appreciate help with tying skates. Weather permitting, the classes are planning to walk to the skating arena, otherwise they will be transported by bus. School Admin. will be transporting their skates and helmets to the arena, so please place your child's items in a labelled bag. Thank you so much. If your child is in need of skates or a helmet, please let their teachers know as soon as possible. We have some available at the school for them to borrow but would like to know well ahead of time.

Please complete a Permission Click form to give your child permission to partake in this activity. Please check your email for the link.



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.**



School Council News

The Next School Council meeting will be held on
Tuesday, January 7th @ 3:45 PM

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

- Hot Lunch on Jan 8th - KFC
- Hot Lunch on Jan 21st - Free Hot Dogs

Thank You

Thank you to all who attended our annual Christmas Concert on December 12th and donated to our silver collection. Thank you, we raised \$316.95 for Safe Haven Adopt a Family.

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

SPT going to Thursday Mass Again

Starting February 6th, our classes will be alternating going to the Thursday morning masses at 9am at the church.

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



Milk and Juice Program



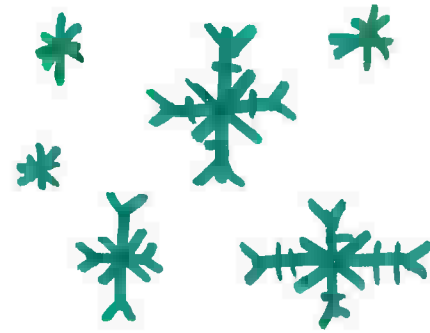
We are offering chocolate milk and juice. The program is run by the Grade 5 students and teachers. The milk and juice is available during the 1st nutrition break. Milk Cards can be purchased at the office or on School Cash Online. If you purchase a card online, please ask your child to come to the office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



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Breakfast Program Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡	♡
♡	♡ ⁶ Granola Bar + Fruit	♡ ⁷ Cereal milk Fruit	♡ ⁸ Toast Vegetable	♡ ⁹ Yogurt Berries Granola	♡ ¹⁰ Crackers Cheese + Fruit	♡
♡	♡ ¹³ Granola Bar + Fruit	♡ ¹⁴ Cereal milk Fruit	♡ ¹⁵ Cookies + Dip Fruit	♡ ¹⁶ Egg Wrap + Fruit	♡ ¹⁷ Crackers Cheese Vegetable	♡
♡	♡ ²⁰ Trail Mix + Fruit	♡ ²¹ Cereal milk Fruit	♡ ²² Toast Vegetable	♡ ²³ Cookies + Fruit	♡ ²⁴ Smoothie Day!	♡
♡	♡ ²⁷ Crackers Cheese Vegetable	♡ ²⁸ Cereal milk Fruit	♡ ²⁹ muffin + Fruit	♡ ³⁰ Yogurt Berries Granola	♡ ³¹ Granola Bar + Vegetable	♡
♡	♡	Notes:				



Proclaim!

Pilgrims of Hope
St. Thomas Aquinas

Feast Day: January 28

Come, Holy Spirit, You are the source of light and wisdom. Fill my mind with your brightness, and take away anything that keeps me from learning and loving. Help me think clearly and remember what I learn. Make it easier for me to understand, and give me the grace to share my thoughts with others.

Be with me as I start my work, guide me as I go, and help me finish it well. I ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father forever. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas — pray for us!