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June 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Grade 4/5 Field Trip – Writing on Stone	2 Sports Day	3
4 SPT Choir sings @ 9 AM Mass	5 Grade 1 Learning Showcase Grade 1C & M/W ECS – Swimming (11:00 – 12:00)	6 Pizza Hut Hot Lunch Grade 1 Spray Park 1:30-2:30 PM	7	8 Grade 2/3's Spray Park (1:30-2:30 PM) Twin Day	9 Grade 4/5 Spray Park (10:30-11:30 AM)	10
11	12 Grade 1C & M/W ECS Swimming (11:00 – 12:00) Wax Museum Learning Fair (1:45 – 3:00 PM)	13 Grade 1F & T/Th ECS – Swimming (1:30-2:30 PM)	14 •Grade 1F Field Trip Tour of Taber •M/W Kindergarten Graduation •Last day of Kindergarten •Grade 4/5's Swimming (1:30-2:30)	15 •Grade 1C Field Trip Tour of Taber •T/Th Kindergarten Graduation •Last day of Kindergarten •Grade 2/3's Swimming (1:30-2:30)	16	17
18	19 Grade 4/5's – Bowling/Golf @ The Pin (4/5W – 12-1 PM) (4/5G – 1:15 – 2:15)	20 Grade 4/5's Swimming (1:30-2:30) Grade 1 – Bike Rodeo on our Track @ 1 PM	21 Grade 5 Farewell	22 Grade 2/3's Swimming (1:30-2:30) Year End Mass @ SPT @ 11:15 AM	23 Penny Carnival	24
25	26 School Year-End Picnic	27 Last Day of School Dance Party with Cst. Chris from 2:00 – 3:00 PM	28	29	30	

SPT ROCKS



our Faith Action this month is Faithfulness. We believe in God through grace and the Holy Spirit, adhering to God and the truth.



Energy Challenge for June



Plant a Plant continued

Thank you to Shantel Payne and Amanda Cornet for coordinating all the Hot Lunches this year. We really appreciate you.



Thunder Athletics is done for the year. We can't wait to start it up next school year.



We welcome Father Phil to our school for our Closing School Mass on June 21 at 11:15 AM in our Gathering Space. All are welcome to attend.

Mark your Calendars

- June 2 - Sports Day
- June 4 - SPT Choir sings at Sunday Mass 9:00
- June 5 - Gr.1 Learning Showcase
- June 6 - Last Hot Lunch of the Year
- June 8 - Twin Day
- June 12 - 4/5 Learning Showcase- Wax Museum
- June 14&15-ECS Grads (Last Days for ECS and PreK)
- June 21- Grade 5 Farewell
- June 22- Year End Mass at school 11:15
- June 23 - Penny Carnival
- June 26 - School Picnic at Legion Park
- June 27 - Last Day of School, Dance Party on Front Lawn @ 2:00



= Please come and join us.

June 2023

ROCK TIME



Rock Time is our weekly assembly that happens the first day back from the weekend at 8:45 AM in our gym. You are welcome to join us if you like.

We have returned to Ordinary Time in our Liturgical Calendar. Here are the Gospel readings for Rock Time:

John 3:16-18

John 6:51-58

Matthew 9:36-10:8

Matthew 10:26-31

Happy Father's Day



As we wrap up the school year we will be celebrating many things, as well as our faith. We will be reciting and learning the Apostles Creed on a daily basis. It is a profession of our faith.

Our Learning Showcases have begun. Thanks to those parents who have attended.



Our classes are going swimming at the Taber Pool and visiting the Spray Park. Please look at the schools calendar to see when your child's class is participating in these awesome field trips.

LEARNING TO LOVE & LOVING TO LEARN

Farewell to those who have helped us Love to Learn and Learn to Love



Ms. Jessica Duncan

Ms. Duncan is going on a maternity leave. She is due to have her baby girl at the end of this month. She will be returning to our school and her 2/3 multiage classroom in the spring of 2024. Congratulations Ms. Duncan!



Mrs. Carly Firth

We say goodbye to Mrs. Firth, our librarian, and wish her all the best. We appreciate all she has done for our community, she definitely has instilled a love for reading in our students. Without her we wouldn't have had our One Book One Community projects, book fairs and our May Madness Fun! Thanks for all you have done Ms. Firth.

Mrs. Darla Machacek

Mrs. Machacek is retiring!! After 24 years of working with our school in many wonderful capacities Mrs. Machacek is putting herself first. She is an educational assistant who puts her whole heart and soul into what she does. She has been part of our Break Program from it's beginning and takes pride and joy in working with our students. We have been so lucky to have her. Congratulations Mrs. M!



Ms. Marie Cooney

Farewell to Ms. Cooney. We can't thank her enough for coming on board in the middle of school year. Our grade 1 students have been so lucky to have her. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



Ms. Sydney MacRae

Ms. MacRae is moving her teaching profession to Lethbridge. She will be teaching at St. Patrick Fine Arts school. We wish her all the best and will miss her very much. Thanks for all you have done Ms. MacRae!



We will miss you. Until we meet again.....



SPT NATURAL PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Thank you to our School Council for organizing all the wonderful fundraisers for this school year and a big thank you to you for participating in these fundraisers:

Farm to Table Vegetables: \$3100

Bake Sales: \$3300

Growing Smiles Plants: \$5000

Thank
You



Total of \$11400

This money helped send students on some great year end field trips and will support the next phase of our natural playground project.

Here's what's next for our Playground....

1. Rowan Memorial Garden in honour of Rowan Beckie. This will include trees and benches.
2. A Boulder Park
3. A Mud Kitchen



Thank you to Fortis Inc. They will be donating a bench to the Rowan Memorial Garden.

If you have questions or wish to make a donation to the Rowan Memorial Garden or any other part of the Natural Playground, please visit our website or contact Ms. Nevil at the school, 403-223-3352.

We plan on starting the next phase in the summer and fall of this year. Please feel free to join us in the planning or implementation of this project. Thanks so much.

St. Patrick School Choir

Thank you to all of our Grade 4/5 students who participated in choir this year and sang at St. Augustine's 9 AM Children's Mass every month.

Thank you to Ms. Gross and Miss MacRae who led the students in every choir practice. Your time and dedication are appreciated.

Thank you!!



It's the end of the year already! This week is the last week for library classes, there will be no book checkout but if your child is still reading their book, they are welcome to keep it until they're finished. Please ensure that all books are returned before the last day of school. I will be sending home final overdue notices with students this month if there are any outstanding books. If you notice mistakes on the list, don't worry, I will be doing inventory in the next few weeks and I hope this will sort out any errors. It's been a great year and I hope everyone has a wonderful summer!



Happy reading,
Mrs. Firth
Library Clerk, St. Pat's School Taber



Important Dates 2023-2024

First Day of School (Grade 1-5): September 5, 2023

Christmas Break: December 23, 2023 - January 7, 2024

Easter Break: March 29, 2024 - April 7, 2024

Last Day of school (Grades 1-5): June 27, 2024

SPT

School Council News:

Thank you to our wonderful school council for another great year. They have worked hard to coordinate fundraisers, hot lunches, and support our students/staff in school events and field trips. We appreciate all that they have done this year.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings to find out what's happening in our school community. Our school council advocates for all SPT students and staff.

Please consider joining our school council for the 2023-2024 Year.

Milk & Juice Program

Thank you to all of our Grade 5 students who have helped run the milk & juice program this year and thank you to Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Wickson for taking charge and to Mrs. Kerner for ensuring the program ran smoothly.

The last day for milk and juice sales will be Friday, June 23rd.



If your child has not used up their milk card, please have them hang onto it for the next year as it will still be valid.

*****Proceeds from the milk program supplement our SPT Leadership Initiative & 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:



Superintendent's Blog:

Our Superintendent, Ken Sampson, shares the latest information in educational programming in his blog located at <https://blog.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

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

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.

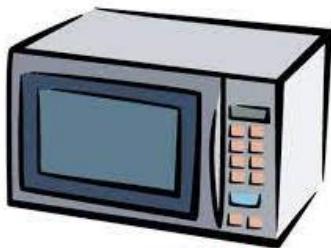
Agenda Notes – The agenda is an important communication tool between home and the school. If there are any changes in your child's schedule, a change in bus/kidzone schedule, or a change in who is picking up your child, please make note in your child's agenda. If the change occurs during the day, give 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 – Just a friendly reminder that if you are sending your child with a lunch/snack that needs to be heated, please ensure it is pre-cooked. Items like Mac N Cheese bowls, ichiban ramen, or anything that requires cooking time doesn't allow us to help all students and it doesn't allow your child to have adequate time to eat during our nutrition breaks.

Reusable Utensils for Nutrition Times – We have noticed an increase of students requiring a disposable spoon during nutrition break to eat their snacks such as yogurt, apple sauce, soup, etc. We are currently out of disposable utensils for our lunch room. We are asking that if your child's snack/lunch requires a spoon, fork, etc, to please send them with a reusable one from home that they can keep in their lunch kit.



HOLY SPIRIT SMT & SPT 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Aug 30 First day for staff
Aug 30 Opening Mass

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AUGUST '23

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Sept 4 Labour Day
Sept 5 First day for students
Sept 21 No busses
Sept 22 School PD Day
Sept 27 Div. Board Meeting
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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OCTOBER '23

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Oct 9 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 20 No busses
Oct 23 Div. PD Day
Oct 25 Div. Board Meeting

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DECEMBER '23

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Dec 20 Div. Board Meeting
Dec 21 Last day before break
Dec 22 School PD Day
Dec 23-31 Christmas break
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 26 Boxing Day

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I - 15 (71)

FEBRUARY '24

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Feb 1 Semester 2 begins
Feb 16 School PD Day
Feb 19 Family Day
Feb 20 Day in lieu of Sept 30 for support staff
Feb 20 & 21 Unassigned time for teachers
Feb 22 & 23 SWATCA
Feb 28 Div. Board Meeting

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APRIL '24

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Apr 1-7 Easter break
Apr 8 First day after break
Apr 24 Div. Board Meeting

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MAY '24

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May 17 School PD Day
May 20 Victoria Day
May 22 Div. Board Meeting
May 27 Spiritual Dev. Day

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JUNE '24

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Jun 26 Div. Board Meeting
Jun 27 Last day students
Jun 28 Last day for teachers

O - 20 (196)
I - 19 (180)

No students
Stat Holidays
School PD/Div. PD/Spiritual
Dev./Collab. Days
Div. Board Meetings
First and last days for students
First and last days for teachers



“Share the Mission” Award Call for Nominations!

Nominations are now welcome for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division’s *“Share the Mission Award.”* This prestigious award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

- Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students;
- Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow;
- Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;
- Demonstrated involvement and leadership in community / parish organizations;
- Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions:

*We are a Catholic faith community, dedicated to providing
each student entrusted in our care with an education rooted in the
Good News of Jesus Christ*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership with home, parish and society,
our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will
live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.*

Our Catholic faith is the foundations of all that we do.

If you know of an individual or group deserving of the *“Share the Mission Award,”* please forward their name to Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca by June 9, 2023.

Nomination information is accessible on the division’s website or by clicking on this link:
[Share the Mission Award Nomination Form](#)



Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

Division Family Gathering



**Join us for a time of
Indigenous games, food, and fun!**

Catholic Central High

Taatsikoyis (Centre Tipi)

East Campus (field)
405-18th Street South

June 7, 2023

- ❖ Prayer 5:00pm
- ❖ Meal 5:15pm-5:45pm
- ❖ Indigenous Games 6:00pm-8:00pm

“Siksikaitstapi Families” Welcome!

(Please bring your own chair. In case of inclement weather, the event will move indoors to the CCH East Gym.)

For more information, please contact
Shelley Kirkvold at 403.327.9555



Litowaahkomstii’oppi
“Where We All Gather to Play Games”

**FAMILY
FUN**

**LEARNING
CENTRES**

**CRAFTS
& GAMES**

**SCAVENGER
HUNT**

**ALBERTA
OPEN
FARM DAYS
HOST**

ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURE

AUGUST 19 • 11 AM - 3 PM

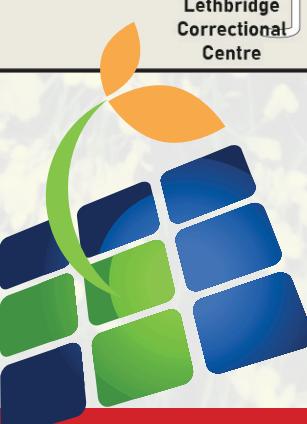
BBQ Lunch \$5

**Register for a Crop Tour
11:00 am or 1:30 pm**

Visit Learning Centres



**FARMING
SMARTER**





JULY 2023

MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING SUMMER PROGRAM



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

 Alberta Health Services
Mental Health
Capacity Building

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To attend the **Monday YMCA Strong Kids** class, you must receive a voucher at the Holy Spirit Tent at the Free Family Outdoor Play Events on Tuesdays and Wednesdays- Spaces limited
YMCA location: 140-74, Mauretania Rd W, Lethbridge

To attend the **Creative Thursday CASA Art** event, you must receive a voucher at the Holy Spirit Tent at the Free Family Outdoor Play Events on Tuesdays and Wednesdays- Spaces limited.
CASA location- 230, 8 St S, Lethbridge

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Holiday

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Free Family Outdoor Play
Henderson Lake Park
10 AM - 1 PM

5
Free Family Outdoor Play
Henderson Lake Park
3 PM - 6 PM

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Coaldale Spray Park
11:00 AM-1:00PM

Creative Thursday
CASA Art Event
Voucher needed
6-8PM

7
Mindful Friday
No matter where you are in your journey, stop and reflect. This time next year, nothing will be the same.

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10
Movement Monday
YMCA Fit Kids
Youth ages 10-15
Voucher needed
11AM-12PM

11
Free Family Outdoor Play
Wilson Middle School
10 AM - 1 PM

12
Free Family Outdoor Play
Wilson Middle School
3 PM - 6 PM

13
Creative Thursday
CASA Art Event
Voucher needed
6-8PM

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17
Movement Monday
YMCA Fit Kids
Youth ages 10-15
Voucher needed
11AM-12PM

18
Free Family Outdoor Play
Nicholas Sheran School
10 AM - 1 PM

19
Free Family Outdoor Play
Nicholas Sheran School
3 PM - 6 PM

20
FREE Family Swim
Pincher Creek Swimming Pool, max 68 people
1 PM - 3 PM
895 Main St, Pincher Creek
Creative Thursday
CASA Art Event
Voucher needed
6-8PM

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24
Movement Monday
YMCA Fit Kids
Youth ages 10-15
Voucher needed
11AM-12PM

25
Free Family Outdoor Play
Lakeview Elementary School
10 AM - 1 PM

26
Free Family Outdoor Play
Lakeview Elementary School
3 PM - 6PM

27
Creative Thursday
CASA Art Event
Voucher needed
6-8PM

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Mindful Friday
"In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths."
Proverbs 3:6



AUGUST 2023

MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING SUMMER PROGRAM



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION



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31	Movement Monday YMCA Fit Kids Youth ages 10-15 *Voucher needed* 11AM-12PM	1 Free Family Outdoor Play Senator Buchanan School 10 AM - 1 PM	2 Free Family Outdoor Play Senator Buchanan School 3 PM - 6 PM	3 Creative Thursday CASA Art Event *Voucher needed* 6-8PM	4 Mindful Friday Being your toughest critic is the same as being your worst enemy. Be kind to yourself.	5
6		7 Holiday	8 Free Family Outdoor Play Coalbanks Elementary School 10 AM - 1 PM	9 Free Family Outdoor Play Coalbanks Elementary School 3 PM - 6 PM	10 Creative Thursday CASA Art Event *Voucher needed* 6-8PM	11 Mindful Friday "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely." Proverbs 3:5
13	14	15	16	17 Taber Aquafun Centre FREE Family Swim 4:00pm-5:00pm 4700 50 St, Taber, AB Max 140 people *Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult	18 Mindful Friday Big things often have small beginnings. Celebrate tiny victories.	19
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