

From Mrs. Tilleman's Desk

Dear St. Patrick School Families,

As we enter this beautiful fall month, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many blessings that surround us at St. Patrick Elementary School. October is a wonderful time to pause, give thanks, and recognize the people and moments that make our school community so special. We are truly blessed to have such caring students, dedicated staff, supportive families, and a community that continues to grow together in faith, learning, and love.

This October, we are excited to come together as a school to support the Taber Food Bank through a school-wide food drive. Each week, we will focus on collecting different types of food items that will help support local families in our community.

To add a little fun and friendly competition, classes will compete to see who can collect the most items! The class that collects the most will earn a special class treat as a celebration of their generosity and teamwork. Most importantly, this is an opportunity for our students to learn that even small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We are so proud to help our students put our Catholic faith into action by caring for and supporting those in our community.

We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween together on October 30!

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a school-wide costume parade in the gym at 11:20 am, and we would love to have our families join us for the fun! Families are warmly invited to come and watch the costume parade, cheer on our students, and enjoy this special school community tradition together.

More information about the day's activities and costume expectations will be shared with families as we get closer to the celebration.

October reminds us to slow down and recognize all that we have to be thankful for. At St. Patrick, we are especially grateful for the opportunity to learn, grow, pray, and celebrate together each day.

As we journey through this month, I encourage our students and families to take time to notice the little blessings around us—the kindness of a friend, a helping hand, a beautiful fall day, a shared meal, or simply the gift of being together.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." – Psalm 107:1

Thank you, families, for all that you do to make St. Patrick such a wonderful place to learn and belong. Your support, encouragement, and partnership make a difference every day. We are truly grateful for each and every one of you.

Wishing everyone a beautiful October filled with gratitude, kindness, laughter, and love.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Mary Tilleman

Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School





October 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 9 AM MASS FOR 4/5G, 2/3W & 1W @ ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH - HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE	2 SPT TERRY FOX PIE-IN-THE-FACE CELEBRATION – \$1,000+ RAISED! @ 9 AM	3
4 CHOIR SINGS AT MASS AT 9 AM	5 - DRESS LIKE A TEACHER DAY - FOOD DRIVE STARTS - HOT LUNCH - TACO TIME AT 1 - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ 3:45	6 - PRE-K NATURE WALK @10:30 - PRE-K NATURE WALK @ 2:30	7 - CHOIR PRACTICE AT 3:15 - PRE-K NATURE WALK @10:30 - PRE-K NATURE WALK @ 2:30	8 GRADE 4S ATTEND DIVISION POW WOW	9 THANKGIVING PRAYER SERVICE @ 9 @ SPT HOSTED BY 4/5U	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL 	13 NO SCHOOL - PD DAY	14 NO SCHOOL - PD DAY	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 CHOIR PRACTICE AT 3:15	22 - WEAR BLUE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION DAY - HOT LUNCH - PIZZA 73 AT 1	23 FOOD DRIVE ENDS	24
25	26 WEAR YELLOW FOR SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS	27 PICTURE RETAKE DAY	28 CHOIR PRACTICE AT 3:15	29	30 - HALLOWEEN PARADE @ 11:20 2/3W, 1W & 10 GO TO CLEARVIEW @ 10	31 



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Halloween Parade

We're excited to see everyone's creative costumes for our Halloween Parade on October 30th! The Halloween Parade will take place at 11:20. To help ensure a fun, safe, and inclusive celebration for everyone, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Costumes must be school-appropriate.
- Please avoid blood, gore, or overly scary costumes.
- Weapons or weapon-like props are not permitted.

Thank you for helping us make Halloween a fun, safe, and enjoyable celebration for all our students! We can't wait to see everyone's amazing costumes! 🧛‍♀️ 🎉

Classroom Parties

Classes will be having Halloween parties! Teachers will be reaching out through SPACES with information about what is needed and when the celebrations will begin.



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Choir

Our 4/5 School Choir has begun. They practice every Wednesday at 3:15 and share their talents at the Youth Mass at St. Augustine Church on the first Sunday of every month at 9 am. Thank you Ms. Gross for leading this!

School Council News

The Next School Council Meeting

will be On Monday, October 5th @ 3:45 @ St. Patrick's School

Fall Fundraiser

SPT & Pampered Chef Fundraiser

What: Shop Pampered Chef kitchen products while supporting SPT! 10-15% of sales will go back to SPT to help maintain our natural playground. Friends and family anywhere in Canada can participate, with orders shipped directly to them.

When: October 19 – November 2, 2026

Order Online: [Pampered Chef Fundraiser](#)

Catalogues and information sheets will be sent home **October 16** (one per family). Orders typically arrive within **7-10 business days** and will arrive in time for Christmas.

Prizes!

- Top Sales
- Most Orders
- 1 Random Draw from all participants

Thank you for supporting SPT!



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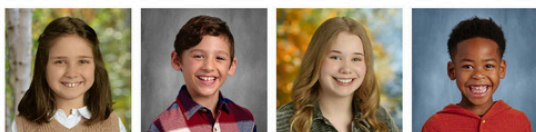
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Picture Retake Day is Coming!

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Retake Day! St. Patrick School



What to Expect:



Students are photographed on Picture Retake Day. Bring your original proof sheet, if you have it!



Retake images sent home 2 weeks after Picture Day.



Review pictures & purchase on mylifetouch.ca

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-ca. Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.

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Picture Re-Take Day is coming up on Tues., Oct. 27th. Any students who were absent on Tues. Sept. 15th and Wed. Sept 16th during our first picture days will automatically be added to have their photo taken on October 27th.

The students who had their photo taken on September 16th and 17th have received their proof sheet. If you decide you would like to have retakes. Please send the proof back with your child including a note how you would like to improve the photo. Please contact the office if you have any concerns or questions.

Super Student Postcards

Our Super Student postcards are getting a fresh new look! We're excited to celebrate our students' amazing achievements and positive contributions. Keep an eye on your mailbox throughout the year for a special postcard celebrating your Super Student!

Permission **CLICK**

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



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Important Reminders

Late or Absent Students

Please use the SafeArrival App to report your child's absence. If you are unable to use the app, please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. to let us know your child will be late or absent.

☎ School Office: 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, Mr. Utke 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

Check out our school website:

spt.holyspirit.ab.ca School Calendar:

spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars

Follow us on Social Media:



St. Patrick School - Taber

@spptaber

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

SPT STAFF SPOTLIGHT



MRS. STOLZ

**POSITION AT THE SCHOOL &
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT SPT?**

**THIS IS MY FIRST YEAR AT SPT AS THE
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**

**SOME OF MY FAVOURITE
THINGS ARE...**

- GARDENING
- CAMPING
- BEING IN THE MOUNTAINS
- BOOKS
- MY CATS (LUNA & LAVENDER)
- COFFEE AND CUPCAKES

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT
WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL?**

**SCIENCE WAS MY FAVORITE SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY
BIOLOGY AND LEARNING ABOUT THE HUMAN BRAIN
AND BODY. THIS REALLY PROMPTED MY PASSION FOR
PSYCHOLOGY.**

**WHO INSPIRES YOU THE MOST OR
FAVOURITE INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE?**

**"THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS
YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN,
THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO" – DR. SEUSS**

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO
WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?**

**I LOVE TO SPEND TIME
WITH MY HUSBAND AND
TWO GIRLS. WE LOVE TO
GOING CAMPING, SWIM AT
THE LAKE AND HIKE IN
THE MOUNTAINS.**

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MRS. UNRAU

**POSITION AT THE SCHOOL &
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT SPT?**

GRADE 4/5 TEACHER

13 YEARS YEARS AT SPT, MOSTLY AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

**SOME OF MY FAVOURITE
THINGS ARE...**

- **FAMILY**
- **THE MOUNTAINS**
- **FLOWERS**
- **MUSIC**
- **WALKS**
- **PHOTOGRAPHY**

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT
WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL?**

SCIENCE

**WHO INSPIRES YOU THE MOST OR
FAVOURITE INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE?**

**"REMEMBER YOUR LEADERS WHO SPOKE THE WORD OF
GOD TO YOU. CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF THEIR WAY
OF LIFE AND IMITATE THEIR FAITH" HEBREWS 13:7**

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO
WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?**

- **ENJOY THE VIEW FROM
MY DECK**
- **GO FOR WALKS WITH
POPPY & AKILA**
- **LOVE SHARING IN MY
CHILDREN'S HOBBIES**
- **READ**
- **HELP OUT AT THE FARM**

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MS. WHITSON

**POSITION AT THE SCHOOL &
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT SPT?**
THIS IS MY FIRST YEAR AT SPT, AND I'M EXCITED TO BE
TEACHING GRADE 2/3!

SOME OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS ARE...

- MY HOMETOWN OF FERNIE, B.C.
- MY DOGS, HENRI AND COOPER
- MOUNTAINS, WATERFALLS, SUNSHINE,
AND TIME OUTDOORS
- FIGURE SKATING
- PICKELBALL AND TENNIS
- TRAVELLING AND EXPLORING NEW
PLACES
- CHOCOLATE!

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL?

ART METAL AT MY HIGH SCHOOL IN FERNIE WAS MY ABSOLUTE
FAVOURITE! WE MADE COPPER BRACELETS AND CREATED SILVER
RINGS AND PENDANTS FROM WAX DESIGNS. I LOVED TURNING AN
IDEA INTO SOMETHING I COULD WEAR OR GIVE AS A GIFT. THERE WAS
SOMETHING PRETTY SPECIAL ABOUT SAYING, "I MADE THAT!"

WHO INSPIRES YOU THE MOST OR FAVOURITE INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE?

DEFINITELY MY MOM, LAURA-LEE! SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY ROLE MODEL—AND MY
FAVOURITE PERSON TO BORROW CLOTHES FROM (SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE!). SHE
WORKS IN SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 IN B.C., SUPPORTING EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE
PROGRAMS, INCLUDING STRONGSTART. HER DEDICATION TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
INSPIRES ME, AND I'M PROUD TO FOLLOW IN HER FOOTSTEPS BY WORKING IN
EDUCATION.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?

YOU'LL OFTEN FIND ME HEADING
BACK TO FERNIE, CAMPING,
ENJOYING A WALK, HITTING THE
SKI SLOPES, OR DOING A LITTLE
SHOPPING. MOST OF ALL, I LOVE
SPENDING TIME WITH MY
FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

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MRS. SAWATZKY

**POSITION AT THE SCHOOL &
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT SPT?**

THIS IS MY SECOND YEAR AT SPT IN THE LIBRARY

**SOME OF MY FAVOURITE
THINGS ARE...**

- **ANIMALS OF ALL KINDS**
- **BOOKS**
- **LIVE THEATER**
- **SOUR GUMMY CANDY**

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT
WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL?**

**I HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED LANGUAGE
ARTS, ART & DRAMA... BUT I ALSO LOVED
SCIENCE CLASS!**

**WHO INSPIRES YOU THE MOST OR
FAVOURITE INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE?**

**"SOMEWHERE INSIDE ALL OF US IS THE POWER
TO CHANGE THE WORLD"
-MATILDA (ROALD DAHL)**

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO
WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?**

- **I LOVE SPENDING TIME
WITH MY FAMILY AND
PETS (AUGGIE, ROSIE,
LUCY, AND OOZIE),**
- **TRAVELING AND SEEING
NEW PLACES**
- **VISITING MUSEUMS**
- **HIKING AND BEING IN
NATURE**
- **READING**



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

Piitawaani

Traditional Powwow

Thursday, October 8th

5:00pm-7:00pm

Grand Entry at 5:00pm

Children of St. Martha School

206 McMaster Blvd. W.

- ◆ Host drum will be paid.
- ◆ First 14 registered dancers will be paid (all dancers welcome).
- ◆ Food trucks available for purchase of dinner.

Please bring lawnchairs or blankets.

Everyone welcome!



Dancer Registration Form

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS | Taber Oct 20 -24 Nov 4 & 5 Vauxhall Nov 6 & 7

Help us get to know one another, strengthen the bonds of our faith community, and put names to faces.

**WE WANT ALL PARISHIONERS
INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY!**



BOOK A PHOTO SESSION *For Your Picture*

- Sign up after Mass
- Sign up when a volunteer calls you
- Invite family and friends to take part
- What to wear: colour coordinated or complimentary clothing, long sleeves,
- Session is approximately 30 minutes



UNAVAILABLE *for a Photo Session?*

- **Submit a photo by November 6**
- \$20 submission fee
- **Print:** VIRTUAL no larger than 4 x 6 inches
Submit to the parish office
- **Digital:** VIRTUAL minimum file size of 1 MB
Submit by email secretary@catholicparish.ca
- High-quality, high-resolution image
- Photographer's permission required
- No close-ups or headshots
- Include names and correct spelling



***Photo packages may be purchased,
but there is no obligation to buy.
Everyone pictured will receive a directory.***



NEED A RIDE OR HELP SUBMITTING A PHOTO?
Call Parish Office: 403-223-2226

Please be part of this special parish keepsake and communication tool!



My Photo Session Date:

Time:

Location

