

## **From Mrs. Tilleman's Desk**

Dear SPT Families,

As we move into the month of March, our school community begins the sacred season of Lent—a time of reflection, prayer, and growth. This month, our faith theme is forgiveness, inviting us to pause, reflect, and consider how we can follow Jesus' example in our words, actions, and relationships.

Lent reminds us that forgiveness is not always easy, but it is always powerful. Through acts of kindness, prayer, and reconciliation, we are encouraged to let go of hurt, offer grace to others, and open our hearts to God's mercy. In our classrooms and throughout our school community, students will be exploring what forgiveness looks like in everyday life—at school, at home, and with friends.

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32*

We are excited to share that our One Book One School initiative will wrap up on March 11th. That evening, families are invited to join us for a Glow Family Dance from 6:00–7:00 p.m. as we celebrate reading, community, and time together. We hope you can join us for this fun and meaningful event.

We will also be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair toward the end of the month. More details will be shared soon, and we look forward to welcoming families to celebrate reading and learning together.

In addition, Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on March 19th and March 26th from 3:30–6:30 p.m. Teachers will be sending out sign-up links through Spaces shortly.

As always, we invite families to continue these conversations at home—encouraging moments of reflection, forgiveness, and compassion in daily life. Thank you for your continued partnership as we journey together through this meaningful season of Lent.

May this time of Lent be one of renewal, grace, and peace for your family.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Mary Tilleman

Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School

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# March 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 • CHOIR SINGS AT MASS @ 9	2 • PARENT COUNCIL MEETING @ 3:30	3	4	5	6 • PRAYER SERVICE - LENT "PENANCE" HOSTED BY 4/5U @ 9	7
8 • <b>HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE TODAY</b>	9 • NO SCHOOL - PD DAY	10 • SPRING FUNDRAISER STARTS	11 • HOT LUNCH BP'S • FAMILY DANCE @ 6	12 • MASS FOR 2/3P & ECS AT ST. AUGUSTINES CHURCH	13 • NO SCHOOL - DIVISION SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	14
15	16	17 • PRAYER SERVICE - ST. PATRICK'S DAY HOSTED BY 1W & 1V @ 9 AM • WEAR GREEN - SPIRIT ASSEMBLY AT 2:30	18 • MON/ WED ECS GRAD PICTURES	19 • TUES/ THURS ECS GRAD PICTURES • PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS 3:30-6:30 PM	20 • PRAYER SERVICE - LENT "ALMSGIVING" HOSTED BY 2/3D @ 9 • ROCK YOUR SOCKS FOR DOWN SYNDROME DAY	21
22	23	24	25	26 • HOT LUNCH - COULEE CAFE • PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS 3:30-6:30 PM • SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	27 • PRAYER SERVICE - LENT "FASTING" HOSTED BY 4/5G @ 9 • SPT STAFF HOST STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH AT 6 • SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR	28
29	30 • SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR • DENTAL CLEANING FOR ECS, GR. 1S & GR.2S • SPRING FUNDRAISER ENDS • GRANDPARENTS TEA & DRAMA SHOW	31 • SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR • AUTISM AWARENESS DAY - WEAR BLUE • DENTAL CLEANING FOR ECS, GR 1S & GR 2S	1 • EASTER (HOLY WEEK) MASS @ ST. AUGUSTINE @ 1:30	2 • LAST DAY BEFORE EASTER BREAK	3 • NO SCHOOL - GOOD FRIDAY	4

= CHOIR @ 3:15

= DRAMA CLUB @ 3:15





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## School Council News

The Next School Council Meeting  
will be on  
**Monday, March 2nd @ 3:30**  
@ St. Patrick's School

## Hot Lunch

- Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - Boston Pizza
  - Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Coulee Cafe
- Deadline for orders: March. 8, 2026**



**THANK YOU TO  
EVERYONE WHO  
SUPPORTED OUR  
LITTLE LOVE  
MARKET**

**WE MADE A PROFIT OF \$806.75. PROCEEDS WILL GO  
TOWARDS SUBSIDIZING FIELD TRIPS, SCHOOL  
ACTIVITES/EVENTS AND MORE!**



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

Please email  
[sptschoolcouncil@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:sptschoolcouncil@holyspirit.ab.ca) for  
any questions you may have.



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## SPRING FUNDRAISER

This year we have the wonderful opportunity to partner with another local business in Taber, Sunnyside Nursery!

We have been working very closely with Cindy from Sunnyside Nursey to offer affordable and beautiful flowers. You will be able to pick up your orders at your convenience with the dates we have provided straight from Sunnyside Nursery.

The Spring Fundraiser will begin on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and the order deadline is Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

No Late order will be accepted.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation in lieu of ordering, you may send cash or cheque in an envelope marked "DONATION". These monies are considered a benevolent gift to the school; therefore, no tax receipt will be issued.

All orders and money must be submitted by:  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Order pick up: May 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> at Sunnyside Nursery  
Payments can be: Cash, Cheque & online via SchoolCashOnline  
Make cheques payable to St. Patrick School Council  
Blessing to you and your generous support!



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## Rock Your Socks

### Its World Down Syndrome Day

We will be participating in “Rock your Socks” for World Down Syndrome Day on Friday, March 21st. This campaign encourages people to wear fun, mismatched, colorful socks to represent a celebration of differences. It is a way to build awareness and acceptance and remind us that different is beautiful and wonderful.

## Inside Shoes Please

Now that it is muddy outside it is more important than ever to have a pair of inside shoes that will work for gym class. Please make sure your child has inside shoes they can keep in their locker

## Administrative Assistant Position Available(Part-Time)

St. Augustine's Church is currently seeking applicants for an Administrative Assistant position.

Full details about the role, qualifications, and application process can be found in the document linked below:

<https://www.catholiccycc.ca/careers.html>

If you know someone who may be interested, please feel free to share this opportunity.





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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

Check out our school website:

[spt.holyspirit.ab.ca](http://spt.holyspirit.ab.ca) School Calendar:

[spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars](http://spt.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/calendars)

Follow us on Social Media:

 St. Patrick School - Taber

 @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\\_trustees/board\\_meetings](https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board_administration/board_of_trustees/board_meetings)



*Saint Benedict Joseph Labre,*

you gave up honor, money, and home for love of Jesus.

Help us to set our hearts on Jesus and not on the things of this world.

You lived in obscurity among the poor in the streets.

Enable us to see Jesus in our poor brothers and sisters and not judge by appearances.

Make us realize that in helping them we are helping Jesus.

Show us how to befriend them

and not pass them by.

Saint Benedict Joseph Labre,

you had a great love for prayer.

Obtain for us the grace of persevering prayer,  
especially adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, poor in the eyes of men  
but rich in the eyes of God, pray for us.

Amen!