

From Mrs. Tilleman's Desk

As we move into the month of May, there is so much to celebrate and look forward to here at St. Patrick School! The spring season always brings renewed energy, exciting opportunities for learning, and meaningful moments for our school community to come together.

One of the highlights of May is our beloved **Penny Carnival** – a long-standing SPT tradition that our students look forward to each year. The Penny Carnival will take place on May 14th from 12:45–2:45 p.m. and is always filled with games, laughter, treats, and community spirit. This special event is a wonderful opportunity for students, staff, and families to gather together and celebrate the joy and connection that make St. Patrick School such a special place. If you are available, we would love for you to join us for the fun!

May is also a time when we celebrate **Catholic Education Week**. Catholic education is a tremendous gift, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to nurture our students academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally within a faith-filled environment. At St. Patrick School, we strive to keep Christ at the center of all that we do – helping students grow not only in knowledge, but also in compassion, kindness, service, and faith. Catholic education allows us to walk alongside our students as they discover their God-given gifts and learn the importance of caring for others and contributing positively to the world around them.

As we begin to wrap up another wonderful school year, there are many exciting activities happening throughout the school. From swimming lessons and field trips to special classroom activities and celebrations, the weeks ahead will be busy and full of fun opportunities for our students. Please be sure to keep an eye on your child's agenda and Spaces, as well as our school social media pages, for important updates, reminders, and upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and involvement in our school community. We are grateful for each and every family that helps make St. Patrick School such a welcoming and faith-filled place to learn and grow.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Mary Tilleman

Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School

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School Council News

The Next School Council Meeting
will be on
Wednesday May 6th 3:30
@ St. Patrick's School

Hot Lunch

- Wednesday, May 13thth - Free Hot dog Hot Lunch for the whole school
- Tuesday, May 26th - Firehouse Subs

Deadline for orders:
Tuesday, May 19th

Upcoming Important School Council Dates

May 20th to May 23rd -
Spring Fundraiser pick up at
Sunnyside Nursery

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 for any questions you may have.

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PENNY

CARNIVAL

Thursday, May 14th

12:45 - 2:45





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Thunder Athletics

Due to the high level of interest in the Thunder Athletics program in May, students have been divided into two groups: 4/5UG and 4/5UF.

The **4/5UG group will begin with badminton** on May 5, 7, 12, and 14, followed by golf on May 19, 21, 26, and 28.

The **4/5UF group will start with golf** on those same May dates, then move to badminton on May 19, 21, 26, and 28.

Golf sessions will take place at the golf club (4900 46 Ave, Taber) from 3:30–4:15. Students may bring their own clubs, but equipment will also be available for those who need it.

Badminton sessions will be held at the school from 3:15–4:15.

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 on Wednesday (3:30 – 4:30 PM) and Fridays (12:30 – 1:30 PM) starting May 1st.

Fridays - 12:30-1:30

May 1st

May 8th

No Practice on May 15th

May 22nd

May 29th

Wednesday - 3:30-4:30

May 6th

May 13th

May 20th

May 27th



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May Madness

Who? - The Kindergarten to Grade 4/5 classes

What? - May Madness is a bracket-style tournament that matches picture books in one-on-one games. The games will be decided by a simple classroom vote

Where? - Throughout the entire St. Patrick's School

How? - From May 4th - May 30th, each class will receive a bracket book bag that contains the two books that will be competing against each other. There will be a final celebration to determine the winner.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week will be on May 4-8. The date for Wear Your Hat for Mental Health Awareness will be Wednesday, May 6th.



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Important Dates 2026-2027

- ***First Day of School (Grade 1-5): September 1, 2026***
- ***Last Day of classes before Christmas Break - December 18, 2026***
- ***First Day back from Christmas Break - January 4, 2027***
- ***Last Day before Easter Break - March 25, 2027***
- ***First Day back from Easter Break - April 5, 2027***

Reminder to Register

Upcoming School Year 2026-2027

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>



Permission forms will be sent out through Permission Click, so please be sure to check your emails regularly and complete the forms to ensure your child can attend each event.



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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 School Calendar:

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



"Share the Mission" Award
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Recognizing Those Who Inspire – Nominate Someone Today!

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our school community?

The **Share the Mission Award** is your opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond to serve, lead, and inspire!

This prestigious award honors community members, parents, students, and school staff who:

- **Go the Extra Mile:** Provide outstanding service for our students, schools, and community.
- **Lead the Way:** Rise to challenges and set new standards for others to follow.
- **Strengthen our Faith:** Enhance the Catholic atmosphere of our schools and parishes.
- **Serve the Community:** Show exceptional leadership in community/parish organizations.
- **Embody our Mission:** Reflect the heart of the division in everything they do.

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 5, 2026**. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized, submit your nomination today! The recipient will be honored at the division's Opening Mass.

Nominate now! Use the [online nomination form](#) or if you have any questions, contact Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca for more details.

Let's celebrate those who truly make a difference!



Open Wide the Doors!

Sent To Share Christ's Love

St. Mary Magdalene

Feast Day: July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene,
woman of many sins, who by conversion
became the beloved of Jesus,
thank you for your witness
that Jesus forgives
through the miracle of love.

You, who already possess eternal happiness
in His glorious presence,
please intercede for me, so that some day
I may share in the same everlasting joy.
Amen.

St. Mary Magdalene — Pray for us!