

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

June 2 – Summer Hat Day

June 3 – Beach Day

- PAT LA Part A

- Dental Team for K to Gr 2

June 4 – Tie Dye Day

- Division Family BBQ Night 5-7

June 5 – Fake an Injury Day

June 6 – Creative Hair/Sandals and Socks Day

June 11 – Last Day for ELP

- Kindergarten Farewell Evening

June 12 – PAT LA Part B

- Last Day for Kindergarten

- School Council 6 pm

June 13 – PAT Math Part A

June 17 – PAT Math Part B

June 18 – PAT Social 6RE

- Kindergarten New Student Orientation

June 19 – National Indigenous Day and Blackfoot Naming Ceremony

June 20 – Sports Day

June 23 – Closing Mass at 9 am

June 24 – Talent Show in the AM

- Henderson Pool in the PM-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

June 25 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-12:30 Dismissal

Mme Bouchard's Message June 2025

Dear ESM Families,

As we welcome the warmth and sunshine of June, summer may be just around the corner, but there is still much to look forward to and many opportunities for meaningful learning and joyful experiences. This final month of the school year is filled to the brim with exciting activities, field trips, celebrations, and lasting memories in the making.

Interestingly, May proved to be just as full and vibrant as the month ahead! The last stretch of the school year truly feels like a sprint, with so many wonderful events and milestones to acknowledge. In May, we wrapped up another great season of Grade 3–6 Badminton. Our dedicated Run Club continues to thrive.

A highlight of the month was the Grade 2-led Marian Mass at Assumption Parish. Celebrated beautifully by Father Santiago, this special event was a touching tribute to our patron, St. Mary. The students represented our school with reverence and joy, making it a truly meaningful experience for all who attended.

We also came together as a community for Wellness Day—an inspiring celebration of spiritual, physical, emotional, and social well-being. Students enjoyed yoga, music, healthy snacks including Booster Juice, and activities like chalk art, bubble blowing, and Jump Rope for Heart. The energy throughout the school was electric! Many thanks to our Wellness Committee for creating such an uplifting and engaging day for everyone.

Our Grade 6 students recently returned from their SABC Camp experience—a definite highlight of their year! With the support of our hardworking Grade 6 team and fundraising committee, every student was able to participate in this unforgettable trip. Thank you to all who donated their time, efforts, and support, especially our parent chaperones. This camp marks a meaningful milestone as our Grade 6s prepare to begin their next chapter. A reminder to Grade 6 families to join us for the Closing Mass and Grade 6 Farewell on **June 23rd at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption Parish**. We can't wait to celebrate our students and their many accomplishments.

June brings its own wave of excitement:

June 18th New Kindergarten Orientation and Kona Ice

June 19th: National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration with drummers, dancers, and a gift of a Blackfoot Name for our school

Grade 6 students will also be writing their PATs in Social Studies, Math, and LA this month. Please stay tuned to your child's class communication for important dates and updates. As always, we are looking for parent volunteers—especially for the swimming trip—to help bring these experiences to life. If you are able to lend a hand, we are so grateful.

The school year officially wraps up on **June 25th with a 12:30 p.m. dismissal**. On that day, you will receive a final learning snapshot through Spaces. We encourage you to take a moment to celebrate your child's growth and achievements.

June is a time of reflection, gratitude, and joy. It's a moment to recognize how much our students have learned, how far they've come, and the bonds we've built together. Thank you for the privilege of sharing in your child's educational journey. We are so proud of them, and so grateful for your continued support. Wishing you all a joyful June and a summer full of adventure, rest, and family memories. **May God bless you and keep you safe, always.**

Warm regards,

Mme Bouchard

A Message from Mr Harper

Welcome to June! This year has flown by—and with all the upcoming field trips and special events, this month will go by even faster. Thank you for everything you do to help make these experiences possible for our students.

May was a special month of celebration and reflection. We gathered for our Marian Mass, Marian Pilgrimage, and World Catholic Education Day, each reminding us of Mary's important role in our lives. As Catholics, we believe that Mary intercedes for us as a loving mother, always leading us closer to Jesus and watching over us with care and compassion.

Congratulations to all of our students who have already celebrated their sacraments this year, and to those who will be celebrating in June. These are such important milestones in their faith journey, and we are so proud of each of them.

Looking ahead, we will celebrate our Closing Mass and Grade 6 Farewell on Monday, June 23rd at 9:00 AM at Assumption Parish. Mass will be hosted by our Grade 6 classes. This is a special day to celebrate our time with them and send them off with our prayers and blessings as they head to junior high. Families are warmly invited to join us.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and all you do to make École St. Mary such a wonderful place to learn and grow. It's truly a gift to serve this community, and I'm grateful to continue as associate principal next year. Working alongside such dedicated staff, amazing students, and supportive families is a real blessing.

June will be filled with learning, fun, and many great memories. And of course, we can't forget to celebrate our dads, father figures, grandfathers, and others this month—Happy Father's Day to all of you!

Wishing you a joyful June and a restful summer ahead.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." – Romans 12:12

Blessings

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile

in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me

with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.

– Author unknown

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL -Wednesday June 25th- 12:30pm.

EARLY DISMISSAL (like Fridays)

The busses will be here at 12:30 to bus kids home. Please arrange to pick your child up at 12:30.

Can you Volunteer?

June is a busy month with classroom and school field trips. If you are able to volunteer on a class trip please contact the office!

We are looking for parents/guardians/grandparents to help out on **Sports Day**, **June 20**th and **Henderson swimming**, **June 24**th **from 1-3 pm**.

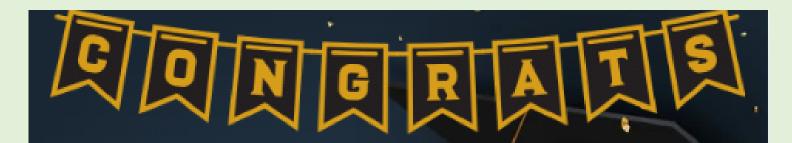


SAMARITAN SUPERSTARS

For May!







Miguel A Brixlyn H Elike A Jaxon H Chris B Liv I

Xavier B Max K Randal B Lidia K

Levi B Otto K

Hector B Alyiah L

Camden C Sage M
Kendall C Maddex M

Paulyne D Rayanne M

Manolito E Davis M

Adriel E Hamda N

Ândre F Lynette N

Monroe H Adrian N

Amber H Clinton N

Harleigh O

Drinian P

Ayanna P

Elise P

Lucia P Jaxson V

Danica Q Nikita W

Parker R Declan W

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Kids Bowl Free 2025

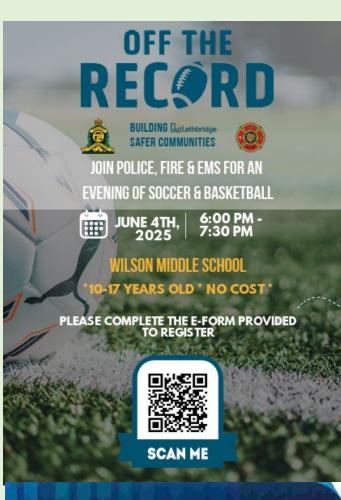
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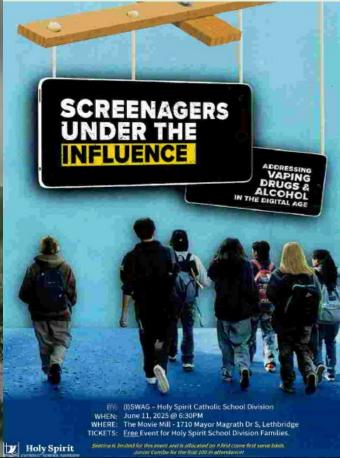


THURSDAY, JUNE 19 10 AM IN THE ÉCOLE ST MARY GYM

All are Welcome! for more info, contact the ESMoffice at 403-327-3098 Bobby Plume at plumeb@holyspirit.ab.ca







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ADDRESSING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN THE DIGITAL AGE

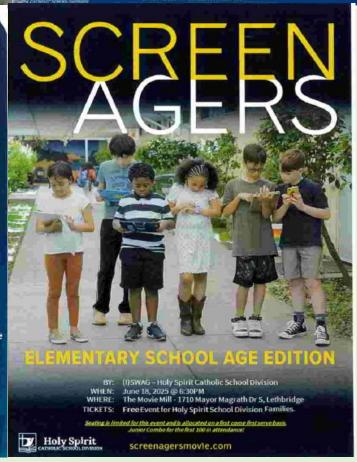
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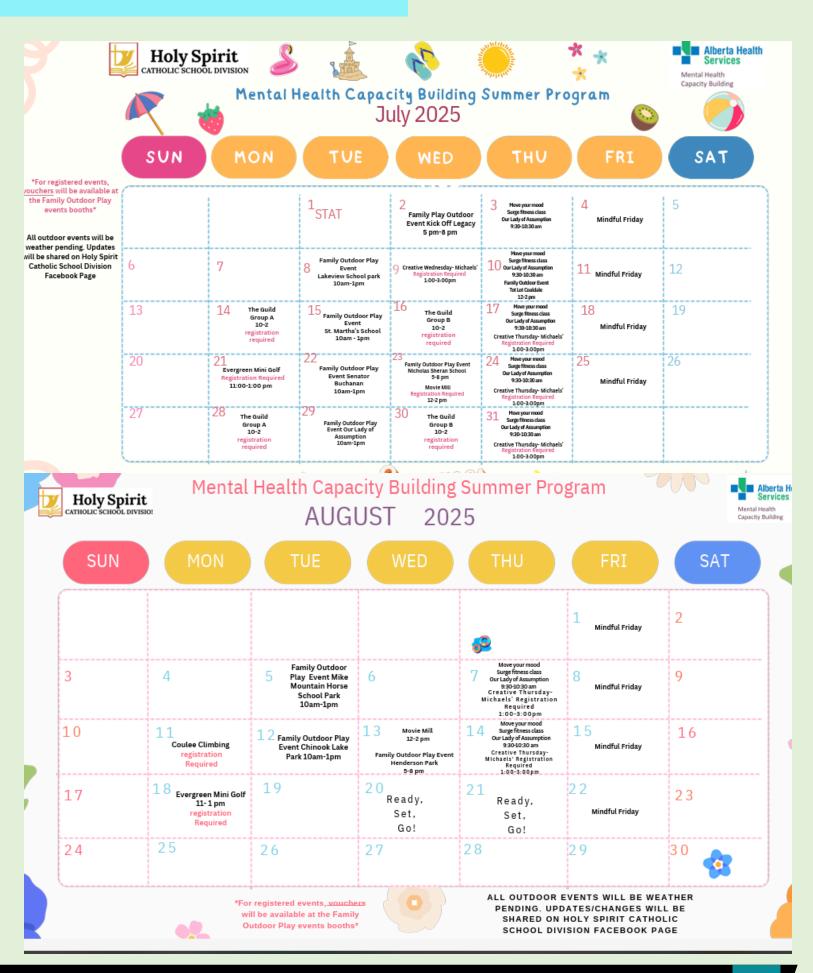
WHEN: June 4, 2025 @ 6:30PM

WHERE: The Movie Mill - 1710 Mayor Magrath Dr S, Lethbridge TICKETS: Free Event for Holy Spirit School Division Families.

Seating is limited for this event and is allocated on a first come first serve basis. Junior Combo for the first 100 in attendance!











CELEBRATE our GIFT of the EUCHARIST

come WALK the streets WITH JESUS as we Walk and PRAY for PEACE

June 22, 2025 ~ Feast of Corpus Christi

"LET US CELEBRATE WITH PARTICULAR DEVOTION THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, WITH ITS TRADITIONAL PROCESSION. OUR FAITH IN THE GOD WHO TOOK FLESH IN ORDER TO BECOME OUR COMPANION ALONG THE WAY NEEDS TO BE EVERYWHERE PROCLAIMED, ESPECIALLY IN OUR STREETS AND HOMES, AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR GRATEFUL LOVE AND AS AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SOURCE OF BLESSINGS" POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II 2005 APOSTOLIC LETTER MANE NOBISCUM DOMINE

PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

You and your families are invited to join us on this special day to walk in a procession as we bring the Holy Eucharist to the streets of Lethbridge.

THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO PROFESS THEIR FAITH AND BELIEF IN THE BODY, BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST. FOR MANY OF US OUR MEMORIES OF THE SPECIAL TIMES IN OUR CHURCH LIFE ARE WHAT HELPS KEEP OUR GIFT OF FAITH DURING THE TIMES WHEN WE FIND IT CHALLENGING. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE OCCASIONS AND THIS IS OUR WISH FOR YOU.

It is suggested that we wear white, or red (second choice) which represents the Body or the Blood of Christ. School students are invited to wear any clothing that represents their CATHOLIC schools. Younger children and Elementary school age children must be accompanied by a parent(s).

The procession is a reverent and respectful procession with joyful song and prayer as we process with the Monstrance we show our adoration for the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

We leave from St. Basil's at 12 noon, after the 11:00 am Mass. The Eucharist is placed in the Monstrance, and then on the carrier. Those wishing to walk follow the procession moving south on 13th Street with a prayer stop at the corner of 2nd Avenue before continuing to CCH. You are invited to take turns carrying the carrier.

At Our Lady of Assumption procession begins with a prayer service at 11:45 am. Once the Monstrance is on the carrier we walk east to Mayor Magrath Drive, where we turn north. After a prayer stop at 8th Avenue we continue walking along Mayor Magrath to 6th Avenue, then we turn left and continue walking to 20th Street. We turn right at Ecole St. Mary's and continue until we reach CCH field.

You are invited to walk with us all the way (with the prayer stop it will take about 1 hour), or join us at one of the prayer stations. If you cannot walk join us at Catholic Central High School, East campus on the field.

At CCH we will have Benediction on the field, weather permitting. In bad weather we will gather in the cafeteria. This will be followed by a social lunch and a soccer game with Father Santiago (weather permitting).

There are three major processions in the life of the church, including Corpus Christi: the Sunday after Trinity Sunday

procession which is to follow the Mass...The procession should be seen as a public declaration of the parish community's faith.....Processions are a very important part of our Catholic identity. We are a pilgrim people on a journey, a journey of growth in faith and self-awareness. We are called to be followers of Jesus, to walk with Him.

For more information please go to the parish website - AllSaintsLethbridge.org



LOST AND FOUND

Come check out the lost and found for your child's clothing and items-All items left after June 25 will be donated.

STUDENT DROP OFF/ PICK UP

Students can be dropped off no earlier than 7:45am. There will be no supervision before 7:45am if you choose to leave your child unattended at the school this is your parent responsibility.

Parking lot is for <u>STAFF ONLY</u>. You may park on the east side of the street. The west side, by the field, is for school buses only. In the morning the sidewalk between the flag pole and the parking lot is a drop off zone. Hug and Go. Please do not park there for long periods of time.

SICK KIDS

If your child(ren) is sick – KEEP THEM HOME. Help stop the spread of germs. Call or email the office to excuse their absence.

ATTENDANCE

Children thrive and succeed when they attend school regularly. We understand things come up, appointments made during school hours, emergencies, sickness etc. Please call the office to let us know if your child(ren) will not be at school on any given day. You can call 403-327-3098 or email esmoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM

Our Last day for our nutrition program is Friday June 20st. Please be sure to send your child with enough snacks for the day as we may not have extras.

JUNE 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	SUMMER HAT DAY Dental Team K-2	BEACH DAY PAT LA Part A Go Girls and Game On 12-1 Running Club Dental Team K-	TIE DYE DAY Division Family BBQ FNMI EVENING 5-7 @FLVT Grade 5 VBall	FAKE AN INJURY DAY Running Club 3- 4 Grade 5 VBall	CREATIVE HAIR/ SOCKS AND SANDALS DAY	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Board Retirement Evening	LAST DAY ELP students Kinder Farewell Evening	PAT LA Part B LAST DAY Kindergarten & ELP EAS Grade 5 VBall School Council 6 pm	PAT Math Part A	Confirmation @ 5 PM @St Martha's
15	16	17	18	19	20 🍆	21
		PAT Math Part B	PAT Social 6RE Kindergarten New Student Orientation 6:30 KONA ICE	National Indigenous Peoples Day at ESM	Sports Day Last day of Nutrition Program	National Indigenous Peoples Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
First Communio n @ 11:00 AM @ St. Martha'	Closing Mass @ Assumption @9:00AM (Grade 6)	Talent Show AM Henderson Pool – 1-3 PM	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 12:30 Dismissal			
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	Last Day for The Office					



Hope

"First of all, then, I were that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." — Matthew 3:3

St. Peter (Died 64 AD) and St. Paul (5 AD-64 AD) (Feast Day: June 29)

St. Peter and St. Paul are often celebrated together as they each played an important role in the early Church, and were separately martyred in Rome under Nero in roughly 64 AD. Pope Benedict XVI said of them that "Christian tradition has always considered Sts. Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ."

However, the two of them were very different people, and likely did not spend much time together. They represent different components of the Church in some ways; St. Peter representing the established church and perhaps the heart or emotion, and St. Paul representing the missionary spirit of the church and the head or reason. They came from different backgrounds, Peter as a fisherman called by Christ during his life, and Paul as an educated Pharisee and Roman citizen called by Christ after his death. As Pope Francis said in 2020,

"We celebrate together two very different Individuals: Peter, a fisherman who spent his days amid boats and nets, and Paul, a learned Pharisee who taught in synagogues. When they went forth on mission, Peter spoke to Jews, and Paul to pagans. And when their paths crossed, they could argue heatedly, as Paul is unashamed to admit in one of his letters (cf. Gai 2:11). In short, they were two very different people, yet they saw one another as brothers, as happens in close-knit families where there may be frequent arguments but unfailing love. Yet the closeness that joined Peter and Paul did not come from natural inclinations, but from the Lord. He did not command us to like ne another, but to love one another. He is the one who unites us, without making us all alike. He unites us in our differences."

You can learn more about Sts. Peter and Paul here.

The Apostles' Creed

"the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

We know that we are one — one whole body, spirit, and soul — and not separate components. Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension opens the door for the same to happen to us — to die, but to be resurrected bodily. We don't know how this will happen, or what our bodies will be like, but we do know that it will be as God has always intended.

And, while we don't really understand heaven and its relationship to our earthly life, we do know that the eternal life is the one that we are created for. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1024) says " Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme and definitive happiness." There is really no way for us (in our limited human understanding) to describe what this will be like — Scripture uses a variety of metaphors and analogies to help us to picture it. One thing that is clear, though, is that heaven will be union with God — and so we must live our lives seeking to align our will with His, to love as He loves, and to seek holiness so that our hearts are prepared for this union.

We conclude the Creed with Amen — so be it, I agree, I believe. When we end the Creed this way, it is one final affirmation of all that we have just proclaimed. It restates, in the shortest possible way, our belief, and our solidarity with those with whom we have proclaimed it — one another and all Christians through time and space.

"Proclaiming" In Our Schools

Habemus Papam! On Thursday, May 8, we welcomed the news of the election of Pope Leo XIV. You can read more about Pope Leo here, learn more about his coat of arms and motto here, learn more about his coat of arms and motto here, and find his prayer card <a href="https://example.com/here. We can take heart from his initial address to the faithful, known as an Urbi et Orbi blessing, where he greeted the world with the words:

"Peace be with youl Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, In your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you!"







Pope's Prayer Intentions — That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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Division Parishes

"...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25



Assumption Church Lethbridge

Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres

Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm

Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 6:00 pm

2405-12th Avenue S. Lethbridge, AB T1K 0P4 Tel: 403-327-8931



St. Basil's Church Lethbridge

Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres

Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm

Mass (Sunday): 7:30 am | 11:00 am

604 13 Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2S7 Tel: 403-327-8931



St. Martha's Parish Lethbridge

Father William Monis

Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am | 11:00 am

> 355 Columbia Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 5Y8 Tel: 403-381-8891



Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Lethbridge

Father Gary Sedgwick

Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am

643 12B Street N.

Lethbridge, AB T1H 2L6

Tel: 403-328-4753



St. Ambrose Parish Coaldale

Father lan Gagne

Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am | 4:00 pm

1523-23rd Avenue Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2 Tel: 403-345-3400



St. Catherine Parish Picture Butte

Father Ian Gagne

Mass (Sunday): 11:00 am

762 Crescent Avenue Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0 Tel: 403-732-4433



St. Augustine Parish Taber

Father Philip Van Tinh Le

Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am

> 5009-48th Avenue Taber, AB T1G 1T4 Tel: 403-223-2226



St. Michael's Parish Bow Island

Father Wojciech Jarzecki

Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am

1101-1st Street E. Blow Island, AB TOK 0G0 Tel: 403-545-2023



St. Michael's Parish Pincher Creek

Father Marino Infante

Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am

958 Christie Avenue; Box 339 Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 Tel: 403-627-3071