



MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 1 – Kindergarten Grad Photos

- Inside out/Backwards Day

May 7 – Gr 6 Immunizations

- Growing Smiles Flower Delivery TBC

-Hats on for Mental Health

May 8 – 5BI&5SE Bake Sale

May 13 – School Council Meeting at 6 pm

-Multiples Day

May 15 – Joey's Only Hot Lunch

May 19 – NO SCHOOL Victoria Day

May 20 – NO SCHOOL PD Day

May 21 – Marian Mass @ Assumption - Grade 2s

May 22 – Student Wellness Day

May 23 – Assembly

-Future Career Day

May 28 – Grade 6 SABC Camp Departure

-Divisional Board Meeting

May 29 – Kindergarten Parent Celebration in AM

- World Catholic Education Day

May 30 – Grade 6s Return from SABC

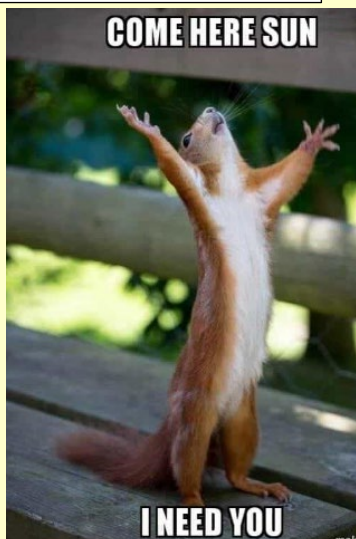
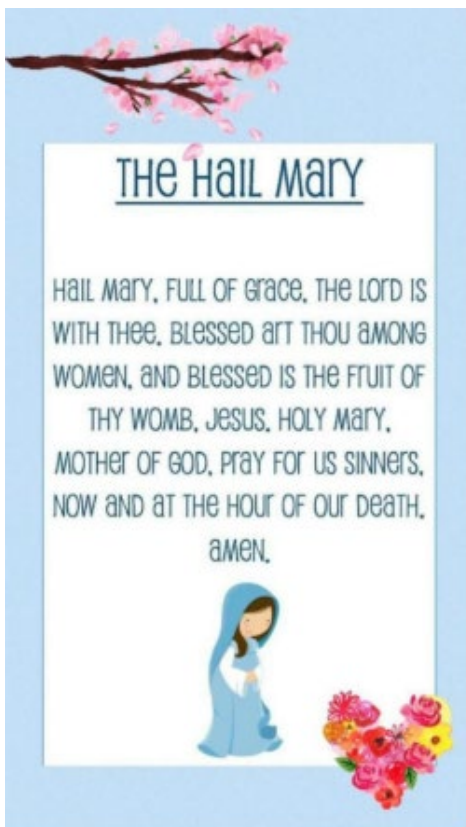
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2,3 – Dental Team for K-2

11 - Last Day for ELP, Kinder Farewell Evening

12 – Last Day for Kindergarten

25 – Last Day for Students



Mme. Bouchard's May Message

Hello May!

May marks the start of our year-end celebrations at ESM. It truly is a special month — learning continues to thrive, and exciting culminating activities are underway.

April was a wonderful month for our school community. Our Grade 3-6 Badminton Club continued after school from Monday to Thursday, giving students a great outlet for fun and teamwork. Our Grade 6 fundraising efforts were another highlight — thank you to all students, families, and staff for your incredible support and hard work. Your commitment truly makes a difference.

April also gave us the opportunity to recognize Administrative Professionals Day. A huge thank you to Mrs. Lencucha and Mrs. Van Roon, who work tirelessly to support our school community, bridging connections between families, students, and staff. We are so grateful for everything you do!

Looking ahead, May promises to be a busy and exciting month. On May 6th, Grades 1-6 will attend the FLVT production of Willy Wonka Jr. Run Club will officially start. On May 21st, we invite you to join us at Assumption Church at 9:00 AM for our Marian Mass — we would love to see you there! Then on May 22nd, we will celebrate Wellness Day and Jump Rope for Heart, a beautiful day to focus on wellness. Be sure to watch for information from your child's teacher as Field Trip Season gets underway!

Later this month, our Grade 6 students will head to SABC Camp from May 28–30. The team has been working hard to plan a memorable and meaningful experience — a true celebration of their years at ESM filled with faith, friendship, and fun.

As always, we encourage you to check your child's Spaces portfolio regularly. It's a wonderful way to stay connected to their learning journey. If you ever have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher — we are always happy to help.

We are also actively planning for the next school year. If you haven't already done so, please complete your child's re-registration. Accurate registration numbers help us plan ahead, and are crucial for those who require bus transportation. A reminder: Southland Bus transportation is available for students who live within our designated catchment area and for those in our French Immersion program. We also have students traveling from Raymond, Coaldale, Coalhurst, and Stirling. Rural bus routes are available for both our English and French streams. Should you have any questions, please contact the office.

Finally, May is the month of Mary, our beloved patron saint. We ask for St. Mary's continued prayers for your child, your family, and our school community. **St. Mary, pray for us.**

Yours in Christ,

Kiera Bouchard



A May Message From Mr Harper,

As we step into the month of May, we're surrounded by signs of new life—both in the spring air and in the joyful season of Easter. With longer days and blooming trees, we're reminded that the end of the school year is on the horizon, and there is still much to celebrate together.

May is a month dedicated to Mary, the Blessed Mother. We're excited to celebrate our Marian Mass on May 21st at 9:00 AM at Assumption Parish. This celebration, hosted by our Grade 2MI class, includes a special procession of Grade 2 students and is always a joyful and cherished event. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. We're also blessed to be hosting the statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the school on May 21st and 22nd, giving students the opportunity to visit the chapel, learn more about Mary, and take time for prayer.

On May 29th, we'll recognize the blessing of Catholic Education by marking Catholic Education Day. Since we celebrated Catholic Education Week earlier this year, we invite our entire school community to simply wear blue on this day—a visible sign of our unity, faith, and support for Catholic schools.

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to all ESM students receiving their First Holy Communion this spring. We pray that God will continue to guide you and fill your hearts with grace as you grow in your faith.

As we journey through May, may we take in the hope and renewal around us, and carry it into our homes and classrooms. We also wish all mothers, grandmothers, and those who mother in love, a joyful and blessed Mother's Day.

Thank you for continuing to walk alongside us in faith and community. May this month bring peace, joy, and blessing to you and your family.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

— Romans 15:13



FLOWER DELIVERY JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY!

DELIVERY DATES AT ESM

Wednesday May 7 – 12-5 PM

Thursday May 8 – 8 AM-3 PM

Friday May 9 – 8 AM-12 PM

Calgary, AB

Opportunity to Experience The Blanket Exercise

Wednesday, May 7
6 pm
Ecole St Mary

"The KBE is built on the foundation of long standing, collaborative initiatives and relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples to raise awareness of continuing injustices and impacts of colonization, and to promote further learning. "

<https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/kbe-history/>



To RSVP and for more information,
call 403-327-3098
or email esmoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca



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with disabilities
through physical
activity



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Or by email:

seto849@icloud.com



“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:

- Provide outstanding service to students
- Set high standards through leadership and dedication
- Contribute to the faith-filled atmosphere of our schools
- Lead within the community and parish organizations
- Live out the values of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 6, 2025**. 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 contact Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca for more details.

Let's celebrate those who truly make a difference!



Holy Spirit School Division wants you to come and Explore Our Mental Health and Wellness Resource Fair



Where:
Sandman Signature Hotel
in The Essie Ballroom - back of building,
Wheelchair and stroller accessible.

WHEN:
MAY 15 2025
12-7PM

No cost to attend

GREAT DOOR PRIZES EVERY HOUR:

FREE:
Haircuts
manicures,
Reiki and many
interactional booths.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CALL CHRISTINA - 403-308-2445
OR BILLY AT 403-635-4215**



Honouring Traditions & Reconciliation Society TRADITIONS IN MOTION VOICES OF THE TIPI CIRCLE

 **17 May, 2025**
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

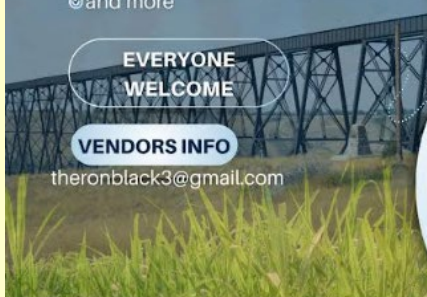
 **Galt Gardens**
Lethbridge, AB

Events

- ☑ Powwow Demonstration
- ☑ Arts and Crafts
- ☑ Traditional face painting
- ☑ and more

EVERYONE WELCOME

VENDORS INFO
theronblack3@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SAMARITAN SUPERSTARS!

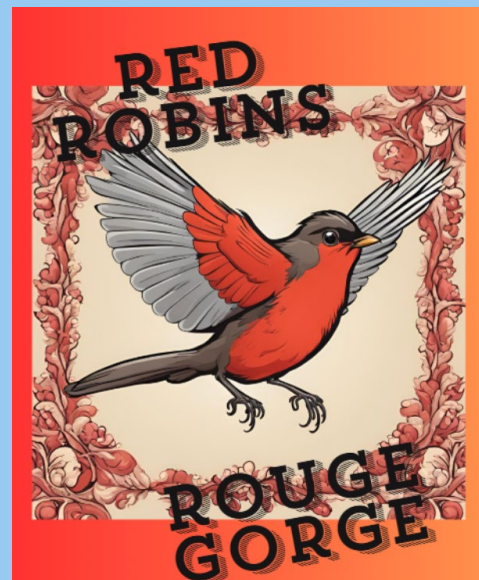


Liv in 6MI



Eyosiyose in 4/5GI

April's Winning House Team Is:





HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

BECOME A *Homestay Family*

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Memories Is Making
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MAY 2025

WED		THU		FRI		SAT
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		 Inside Out and Backwards Day Kinder Grad Photos Grade 6 Badminton 3-4 pm		E-Sports club 12:30 - 2:00		First Communion @ 7:00 pm @ St. Basil's
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL	School PD Day NO SCHOOL	Marian Mass @Assumption @9:00 AM (2MI/Grade 2) World Day of Cultural Diversity!	Student Wellness Day Running Club 3-4	Future Career Day Assembly E-Sports club 12:30 -	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Dental Team K-2	PAT Go Girls and Game On 12-1 Running Club 3-4	Kindergarten New Student Orientation Division Family BBQ FNMI	Running Club 3-4		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			LAST DAY ELP students Kinder Farewell Evening	PAT LA Part B LAST DAY Kindergarten & ELP EAs 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 KONA ICE	National Indigenous Peoples Day at ESM	 Sports Day	National Indigenous Peoples Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
First Communion @ 11:00 AM @ St. Martha'	Closing Mass @Assumpti on @9:00AM (Grade 6)	Talent Show AM Henderson - 1 - 3	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 12:30 Dismissal			
29	30					
	Last Day for The Office					

May

Proclaim! Pilgrims of Hope



"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

— Deuteronomy 31:8

Joan of Arc 1412-1431 (Feast Day: May 30)

St. Joan of Arc is a heroine of France and a Catholic saint, and is often referenced in books, television, movies, and songs. A peasant girl born in the east of what is today France, she was raised in a religious family, and at the age of 12, had a vision from God. These visions continued through her teenage years. In them, an angel told her to lead the French in battles against the British, who controlled the land at this time, and to restore the son of the King, Charles, to the throne. Many people did not believe her. Over time, however, her visions and predictions continued to come true, which led those around her to follow her. Eventually, she traveled in disguise to Charles, who gave her control of an army. This army had a number of successes against the British forces, and eventually Charles did become king.

In 1430, while attacking another British force, Joan was captured. The British put her on trial, accusing her of witchcraft and heresy. There was nothing to these charges, but she was found guilty regardless, and was martyred by burning at the stake in 1431. She is often called upon by those who are seeking to accomplish very challenging tasks, and by soldiers.

You can learn more about Joan of Arc with this video - Brother Francis - [Joan of Arc](#).



The Apostles' Creed

"the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins..."

To believe in the communion of saints is really in a sense an expansion of our belief in the holy catholic Church. We proclaim in this line our belief that we need one another in the Church as part of our path to salvation. We know that communion means oneness, and in this instance the lower-case saints refers not solely to those who have been canonized, but all who are amongst the holy people of God.

In his writings, Paul often refers to or greets his readers as saints. So in this, we see the holiness that surrounds us here on earth, actively working together to support one another as we strive towards heaven.

We know (often all too well) that we are sinners in need of God's grace. The good news that we have in our faith is that God freely distributes to us this grace and forgives our sins. We are called nonetheless to continual conversion, and to extend that same grace of forgiveness to those around us. In this, we see the restoration of the relationships that we have with one another, and with God.

As we seek to become Pilgrims of Hope this year, let us continue to contemplate the Creed, and how our proclamation of the Creed unites us to one another and to all Christians through time and space.

The Jubilee Prayer: [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)

"Proclaiming" In Our Schools

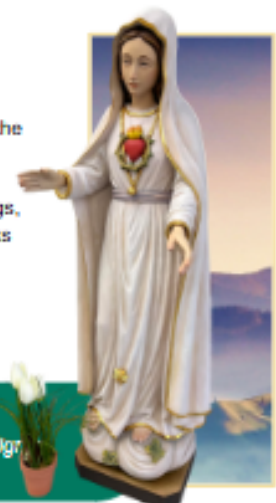
Happy Easter! Joyeuses Pâques! During the Easter season, we continually rejoice in and proclaim the resurrection of Christ, and the opening of heaven's doors to us eternally. This is actually the second longest liturgical season (after Ordinary Time), lasting 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. We return to the singing of the Gloria and Alleluias.

In our schools this year, the Easter season coincides with many celebratory events, such as Feather Blessings, graduations, galas and World Catholic Education Day (Thursday, May 29 - wear blue!). This month also marks the beginning of our now-traditional Marian pilgrimage through our school division — so look for her at your school soon!



Pope's Prayer Intentions - For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity and that society might be humanized.



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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 Ian 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 1W0 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. Bow Island, AB T0K 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