

ÉCOLE ST. MARY SCHOOL – 2026/2027

CHECKLIST FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

- Have all forms required for registration been given to the school office?
 - Birth and Baptismal certificates and emergency contacts. (Canadian Citizenship Documents)
 - Transportation Registration – needs to be completed online through your parent Powerschool Portal before June 30th, 2026
- When is the first day of school for Grade 1 to Grade 6 students?
 - **September 1st, 2026**
- When is the first day of school for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Programs?
 - **Kindergarten – September 8th, 2026**
 - **Pre-Kindergarten – September 8th, 2026**
- What time does school start for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students?
 - The first bell rings at **8:00 a.m.** The students should be in their classrooms at this time.
- What time do Kindergarten and Early Learning Programs start and finish in the morning? Kinderplay in the afternoon?
 - Kindergarten starts at 8:00 a.m. **Kindergarten finishes at 11:10a.m** Monday to Thursday. There is NO Kindergarten on Fridays.
 - Students must be picked up from their teachers pick up location at 11:10am unless other arrangements have been made.
 - **Kindercare** operates Monday to Thursday 11:10am to 6:00pm and is ran by the **Boys & Girls Club of Lethbridge**. On Fridays it will run from 6:45am to 6:00pm. Contact them directly for inquiries and details. 403-327-6423.
 - **Early Learning** starts at 8:15 and ends at 11:15am Monday to Thursday. There is no ELP on Fridays.
- Will your student be **late**?
 - Prior to 7:45 a.m., please leave a message on our answering machine if your child will be late for any reason. The answering machine is available from 3:45 p.m. until 7:45 a.m. every day. After 7:45 a.m. you may leave a message with the office staff. You can also leave messages during the day if office staff are busy and miss your call.
 - Your student **MUST STOP** at the office to pick up an Admit to Class slip upon their arrival.
- Will your student be **absent** from school due to illness, appointments or holidays?
 - To excuse your student's absence, prior to 7:45 a.m. please leave a message on our answering machine. After 7:45 a.m., leave a message with the office staff.
 - If the school has not been contacted by the parent, the school is required by Alberta Education to contact parents and emergency contacts to confirm the student's absence.
 - This task is done after the morning attendance and again after the afternoon attendance.
- What are your students doing for **lunch**? Lunch and recess will be rotated in 2 groups. Lunch time is 12-1pm.
 - Most students bring a bag lunch. There are NO microwaves.
 - Send utensils for food that needs it-there are no forks or spoons available for students
 - Students are not allowed to leave the school grounds over the lunch hour. If you wish to take your child out for lunch, you must come to the office and sign them out.
 - There is no Canteen at school. Students are required to bring their own lunches.
- What are your students going to wear?
 - Review the dress code in your handbook or on the school website esm.holyspirit.ab.ca

- Does your student have any new **health** or other problems that may have developed over the summer that will affect the school day?
 - Does the office know about any health-related conditions, or is an appointment necessary to discuss them?
 - Does your child require medication be taken at school? If so, have all required medical forms been completed for the current year and given to the office. These can be found on the website.
 - Medication **may not** be administered to students until all forms are completed by the parent and physician.

- Does your student know where he or she is going **after school**? Do they know how they will get there?
 - The school will receive current bus routes in early September and whenever changes are made. You may check www.holyspirit.ab.ca under schools, transportation for updated information.
 - Bus maps will be available in the office and online at www.southland.ca/lethbridge
- Are you picking them up?
 - Your student will be waiting outside at their designated zone door.
 - There is no supervision after 3:10 p.m. Students cannot stay at school waiting for their ride.
 - If your plans change, contact the school office **before 2:00 p.m.** so we may contact the teacher and your student in their classroom.

- Do they know what **bus** they will be taking?
 - If your student is in the younger grades, will someone be there to meet them at the bus stop? The school bus drivers will not let Kindergarten to Grade 2 students off the bus unless there is someone to meet them.
 - Please inform your child's teacher their bus number and stop number. This will be assigned to you **AFTER** you complete the Transportation Registration form.
 - For those who need the bus on the first day of school, it is the Parent's responsibility to find their bus stop at Southland.ca
 - Bus passes are handed out at the end of September as riders are confirmed.

- If you are not there when your student arrives at home, do they know who will be responsible for them, what the rules are and how to get Emergency help?

- Does the school have your **updated** address and home, work and cell phone numbers that may have changed since last school year?
 - If your information changes throughout the year please contact the school **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. It is vital that your information be current in case of an emergency.**

- Does your child have their home phone number and your emergency numbers **written** in their school agenda? Backpack? Lunch kit?
 - If your child's class is using agenda's they will receive the agenda on the first day of school.
 - The agenda is an excellent aid to parent/teacher communication. The teacher will use it to send information home and the parents may use it to correspond with the teacher throughout the year. **Please check your child's agenda every day if they have one.**

- Did you order school supplies from School Start?
 - School Start delivers to the school, and the package will be ready for pick up on the first day

Fees are due by September 30, 2026. All fees are to be paid via School Cash Online.

2026-2027 École St Mary Bell Schedule

MONDAY –THURSDAY

7:45 AM DOORS OPEN
7:55 AM WARNING BELL
8:00 AM ENTRY BELL
3:00 DISMISSAL BELL

FRIDAY

7:45 AM DOORS OPEN
7:55 AM WARNING BELL
8:00 ENTRY BELL
12:30 PM DISMISSAL BELL

Kindergarten: 8:00am – 11:10am Mon-Thurs
ELP 8:15am – 11:15am Mon-Thurs

There will be no supervision after school so please inform the office if you are going to be late.

École St. Mary School Website & Newsletter

Our **monthly newsletter** is published on our website: esm.holyspirit.ab.ca under Resources & Publications – Newsletter. You may read the **monthly newsletter** online, via email - through School Messenger.

We encourage parents to view and get to know our website as there are many features to better serve our ESM families. For the most up to date events and any changes please refer to the website Calendar.



HOLY SPIRIT EL/JH 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Aug 25 First day for staff
Aug 28 Opening Mass

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AUGUST '26						
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Sept 1 First day for students
Sept 7 Labour Day
Sept 23 Div. Board Meeting
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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SEPTEMBER '26						
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Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 13 PD Day
Oct 14 PD Day
Oct 28 Div. Board Meeting

O – 21 (46)
I – 19 (39)

OCTOBER '26						
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Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 12 Div. PD Day
Nov 13 PD Day
Nov 25 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (66)
I – 18 (57)

NOVEMBER '26						
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Dec 16 Div. Board Meeting
Dec 18 Last day before break
Dec 21-31 Christmas break
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 26 Boxing Day

O – 14 (80)
I – 14 (71)

DECEMBER '26						
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Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 4 First day after break
Jan 25 PD Day
Jan 27 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (100)
I – 19 (90)

JANUARY '27						
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Feb 15 Family Day
Feb 16 & 17 Non-operational days – NO Staff or Students
Feb 18 & 19 SWATCA Teachers
Feb 18 & 19 CUPE – with the exclusion of EAs
Feb 24 Div. Board Meeting

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I – 15 (105)

FEBRUARY '27						
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Mar 24 Div. Board Meeting
Mar 25 Last day before Easter break
Mar 26 Good Friday
Mar 29 Easter Monday
Mar 26-31 Easter break

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MARCH '27						
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Apr 1-2 Easter break
Apr 5 First day after break
Apr 26 PD Day
Apr 28 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (156)
I – 19 (143)

APRIL '27						
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May 24 Victoria Day
May 25 Spiritual Dev. Day
May 26 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (176)
I – 19 (162)

MAY '27						
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Jun 23 Div. Board Meeting
Jun 24 Last day for students
Jun 25 Last day for teachers

O – 19 (195)
I – 18 (180)

JUNE '27						
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No students
Stat Holidays
School PD/Div. PD/Spiritual Dev./Collab. Days
Div. Board Meetings
First and last days for students
First and last days for teachers

JULY '27						
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Opportunity Changes Everything



WHAT BGC LETHBRIDGE CAN OFFER IN YOUR SCHOOL

BGC Lethbridge has been proudly serving our community for **35** years!

- ✔ Licensed Childcare
 - ✔ **Affordability Grant** will be available for ALL kindergarten children.
 - ✔ Kindercare will run from after kindergarten program until 6pm, PD Days & School Holidays
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- ✔ First Priority Summer Camp Registration
 - ✔ Certified Staff
 - ✔ Healthy Snacks
 - ✔ Educational, Sport & Art Programming
 - ✔ Subsidy Available
 - ✔ And So Much More!



FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CONTACT US   
 (403) 327-6423
 info@bgclethbridge.com
 bgclethbridge.com



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your teachers are excited to offer the opportunity to purchase quality standardized school supplies through **School Start** for the 2026/2027 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

You can order anytime; however,
**THE EARLIER YOU ORDER
THE MORE YOU CAN WIN!!!**



**ORDER BY
JUNE 12, 2026:**

**Be entered to
win a \$1,000
grocery card!**

**ORDER BY
JUNE 30, 2026:**

**Be entered to
win a \$1,000
in cash!**

**ORDER BY
JULY 17, 2026:**

**Be entered to
win a \$1,000
in cash!**

**Missed the above order dates? It's okay! You can order
anytime for your child's back to school supply kit!**

*Order by June 12, 2026 and you will be entered into each draw.
Winners will be announced on our School Start Facebook and Instagram pages.*

3 Ways to Order



Online

You can place your order online at schoolstart.ca. Our site is best compatible with Firefox or Chrome.



Phone

You can call our customer service centre at **1-800-580-1868** to place your order over the phone.



Email

You can print and fill out the order form and return to our office via email to: info@schoolstart.ca.

HOME: The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to your home. If you have a P.O. Box, please use your 911 address. Because the kits are delivered to your home, you will have the ability to:

- ✓ Pre-label your child's supplies
- ✓ Add extra supplies for home use or for your child attending another school

SCHOOL: The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to the school in August, before your child arrives, and labeled with their name on the School Start package. *Any orders placed after July 15 will be delivered to your home.*

Thank you for your support!

Starter Package

Qty. Description

- 1 Sheet of Personalized Student Labels (0.5" x 1.75")
- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Grey
- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Green
- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Light Blue
- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Black
- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Navy Blue
- 1 School Start Portfolio (Twin Pocket) - Light Blue
- 2 Staedtler Norica HB #2 Pencils (pre-sharpened) - 12 pack
- 1 Staedtler Coloured Pencils (pre-sharpened) - 12 pack
- 6 School Start White Premium Eraser

Qty. Description

- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Yellow
- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - White
- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Orange
- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Red
- 1 School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Purple
- 1 School Start Portfolio (Twin Pocket) - Red
- 2 School Start Exercise Book - 1/2 Plain - 1/2 Interlined (7 1/8" x 9 1/8") - 72 pages
- 1 Crayola Original Broad line Washable Markers (Conical Tip) - 10 pack
- 2 Crayola Wax Crayons - 24 pack

Cost of Starter Package	\$ 36.54
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Items required by teacher and to be ordered if you do not already have them

Description	Qty. Req'd	Price	Qty. Ordered	Subtotal
Super Sharpie Permanent Marker (Black)	2	2.36	_____	_____
Expo Low Odor Dry Erase Chisel Tip Markers - 4 pack (Assorted Colours)	1	8.57	_____	_____
School Start 5" Blunt Scissors	1	3.11	_____	_____
School Start Clear Glue Stick - 21 g.	12	1.55	_____	_____
School Start One Hole Pencil Sharpener w/ Container	1	2.55	_____	_____
School Start Plastic Pencil Box (8" x 4.7" x 2.3") - Assorted Colours	1	2.79	_____	_____
Royale Facial Tissue (2 Ply) - 126 Sheets	3	2.35	_____	_____
Paper Towel Roll	2	3.19	_____	_____
Crayola Watercolour Paint Set (24 colours)	1	6.12	_____	_____

Cost of Required Items	(prices include tax)	\$
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Shipping	\$ 4.50
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Total Cost (Starter Package + Required Items + Shipping)	(prices include tax)	\$
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Contact Info / Payment

_____ Student Name (label to appear on supply box) _____ Phone Number _____ Email (summer contact info)

By Credit Card Payment: Visa Mastercard Cheque **(made payable to: School Start)**

_____ Card Number _____ CVV _____ Expiry Date \$

_____ Name as it appears on card _____ Signature Amount