

ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS SCHOOL - FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Sunday gospel readings listed below:</i>						
						
1 Feb 4th Pizza order closes <i>Matthew 5:1-12a</i>	2 Copper's Coffee order opens Current Student Registration opens	3 	4 Global Play / Winter Walk Day Pizza Lunch 	5 Open House for new families from 6 to 7 pm School Council Meeting @ 7 pm	6 2F to the Galt Museum 	7
8 <i>Matthew 5:13-16</i>	9 New Family Registration Opens	10 	11 Pre-Lent Pancake Lunch 	12 	13 Gr 2 Bake Sale Valentine's Celebration Spirit Day— Valentine Explosion	14 Valentine's Day 
15 <i>Matthew 5:17-37</i>	16 Family Day	17	18	19 SWATCA	20 SWATCA	21
SCHOOL CLOSED						
22 <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>	23	24	25 	26 Grade 6 Silent Day 	27 Artist Workshop Round #1 Ends Copper's Coffee order deadline 	28

ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS SCHOOL - MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Sunday gospel readings listed below:</i></p> <p><i>Matthew 17:1-9</i></p>	2	3	4		5	<p>Gr. 6 Confirmation Retreat Day</p> <p>School Council Meeting @ 7 pm</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p><i>John 4:5-42</i></p>					<p>Spirit Development Day - no school for students</p>	
15	16	 <p><i>Luke 18:9-14</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>Spirit Day—St. Patrick's Green</p> <p>Cupper's Coffee Delivery</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hot Lunch</p>	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p><i>John 7:40-53</i></p>				<p>School Interviews 4:30—7:45 pm</p> 	<p>School Interviews 12:00-3:15 pm</p>	
29	30	31				
<p><i>John 11:45-56</i></p>	<p>Kinder Grad and Spring Photos —Div I</p> 	<p>Kinder Grad and Spring Photos —Div II</p>				



February 2026

ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS

LEARN ACTIVELY - GROW SPIRITUALLY - LIVE CREATIVELY

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Principal's Message

February is a month full of sentiments around love - the most diverse of all of the emotions. There is romantic love (insert kids squirming around and giggling here), human love where we care for all of humankind...perfect as we head into Lent, self-love where we take time to appreciate the amazing ability to be our one best selves, and general love expressed in the form of gratitude. Gratitude is wonderful since it is risk-free, makes everyone feel good (especially the person being grateful) and builds a community of hope for the future.

Here at St. Patrick Fine Arts School, I am so blessed by the people I get to be around each day. I appreciate the warm greetings from parents, lots of hugs and high fives with students, and meaningful conversations with colleagues around how we can best support one another and our students. We get a lot of help from senior leadership and our community partners, always excited to learn more about what we are up to. I often reflect on how great it is, even through the difficult times, that I get to be part of this school community every day.

A big thank you goes out to all of you parents who have already completed your parent survey (emailed to you or pick one up in the school); your views really do matter and by having a lot of respondents, we can take more meaningful action on things needing attention. Thank you to everyone who has already registered for next year or who will get on it ASAP (current Holy Spirit student registration opens Feb. 2) so that we can be as thoughtful as possible in planning for a new year with significant changes in size and in welcoming new families. You doing what you can, when you can makes all the difference! Our new family Open House is Thursday, Feb. 5 from 6-7.

I am grateful for our students who show up each day excited to try something new, to do hard things, and to see Jesus in one another. You volunteer, you participate, and you say 'I go to St. Patrick Fine Arts' with pride. Yes, there are misses at times, but we all have misses! What matters is our ability to learn, to grow and to try again. Be creative to a fault! Even on the cross, Jesus didn't give up on his fellow humans; we can show one another that same grace every day.

And, I can't forget to say 'thank you' to the parents who are taking all of those little steps to make drop off and pick up a bit more simple, and a bit more kind :).

May your February be filled with love and expressions of gratitude,
Ms. Kathy Jones-Husch

THANK
YOU!
♥

Growing in Faith

St. Patrick Fine Arts CREATIVE



Artwork by Cortana C.

One Word.
One Cup. One Community.

At St. Patrick Fine Arts School, we see this lived out each day. Small moments of learning, prayer, and service, often quiet and unseen, are taking root in the hearts of our students. With patience, encouragement, and God's grace, these seeds continue to grow, shaping compassionate, faithful learners who can make a difference in our world.

May we remain hopeful, trusting that God is at work in ways both big and small, and that may we continue to nurture the seeds of faith planted within our school community. God bless your February!

Carla Ferrari, Associate Principal

Preview of 26/27 Calendar Dates

- First day of school - Monday, September 1, 2026 (note Labour Day is Sept. 7)
- Last day of classes before Christmas Break - Friday, December 18, 2026
- First day back from Christmas Break - January 4, 2027
- Last day of classes before Easter Break – Thursday, March 25, 2027
- First day back from Easter Break - Monday, April 5, 2027
- Last day of school for Elementary & Junior High students – Friday, June 25, 2027
- Last Diploma for High School students - June 28, 2027

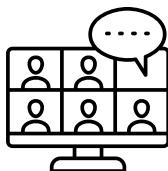
From February 2 to February 23, we are selling Cupper's Coffee to support the Interfaith Food Bank Society of Lethbridge. Coffee will be ready for pick-up on St. Patrick's Day (March 17).

Orders can be made through [School Cash Online](#). If you would prefer to make a direct donation to the food bank, please do so [here](#).

Our theme this year is connected to our One Word Project. Students were asked to design a coffee label that represents ONE WORD that captures the heart of St. Patrick Fine Arts: who we are, what we value, and how our faith and fine arts shape our community.

Congratulations to Cortana C. in 6D for her winning design! We are so proud of her for using her artistic gifts to help those in need! There were many great entries this year, all celebrating community!

As we journey through February, we are reminded of the Parable of the Mustard Seed, a small seed that grows into something far greater than expected. Jesus teaches us that even the smallest acts of faith, kindness, and love can grow into something powerful when nurtured with care and trust in God.



School Council Update



February Blues?

Spring is just around the corner; well, we sure hope it is with the beautiful weather we are having. If you love the winter, I do hope we get more snow for us to enjoy!

Get Involved in School Council!

Our next meeting is February 5 at 7pm. We'd love your voice and ideas! All SPFA parents are welcome—no experience necessary! Upcoming meeting dates include March 5 and May 7 at 7pm. If you can't attend but have creative ideas, attend virtually at meet.google.com/esi-gwiq-uhz.

Did You Know?

Having a child at St. Pat's automatically makes you part of our School Council. Each month we come together to advocate for students and staff, plan fundraiser initiatives, organize social and wellness events, and create Hot Lunch programs. There is room to provide input on school operations, too! Together we ensure all students have a memorable school year.

Thank you!

Thank you to Amanda Kada and volunteers for a tasty January Hot Lunch. Also, thank you to all the volunteers that made Movie night a wonderful event, with a huge THANK YOU to Galaxy Cinemas Lethbridge for the incredible donation of popcorn.

Looking Ahead

Open House attendance - would you like to come to be an ambassador for the great things happening at our school? Please come to the Open House on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 6-7 pm. Hot Lunch committee: February 11 Lenten Pancake Hot Lunch event in conjunction with the St. Martha's Knights of Columbus chapter. We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help with this wonderful school community event. Please reach out to spfasc@holyspirit.ab.ca or beccainnes02@gmail.com for more information.

Looking forward to what the last half of the school year holds at SPFA! Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Becca Innes
School Council Chair



Notices

Please visit the school website for any Community Notices under Newsletters / Community Notices. This month's postings include:

- Lethbridge Little League
- Food Bank Fundraiser
- Lethbridge Public Library
- Royal City Soccer
- Lethbridge Soccer Association



WELCOME!

**ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

OPEN HOUSE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5
6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Learn Actively. Grow Spiritually. Live Creatively.

HEARTFELT BITES

Fundraiser

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 13**

in the drama room
from 9:15-11:15am

\$1 per item

*Hosted by the
Grade 2s & 3s @ SPFA*

*All Proceeds will go to Support
the Lethbridge Food Bank*



CUPPER'S COFFEE FUNDRAISER

Purchase coffee between February 2nd and February 27th (delivery date is March 17th)
to support the Interfaith Food Bank!

St. Patrick Fine Arts *Creative*



Artwork by Cortana C.

One Word. One Cup. One Community

Visit SchoolCash Online to order yours today. The cost is \$22 for one $\frac{3}{4}$ lb bag with \$5 going to the Food Bank.

2026-2027 Registration Reminders **(Information adapted from Holy Spirit shared info)**

New School Boundaries

New West Lethbridge school boundaries will take effect for the 2026-2027 school year. These boundaries determine school placement and transportation eligibility. New year Boundary maps are available on the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division website.

Registration Process

Stage 1: New Boundary-Affected Families Began January 19, 2026

Families impacted by boundary changes were contacted first via e-mail. Requests to attend a school outside the assigned boundary may be submitted, but are not guaranteed even if you currently attend a school outside of your resident boundary (including St. Patrick Fine Arts). Transportation will no longer be provided for out-of-boundary schools, except for grade 6 students who elect to stay at their current school. That is part of the grandfathering process for those students only.

Stage 2: Existing Holy Spirit Families Begins February 2, 2026

Registration opens to all existing Holy Spirit Catholic School Division families across all grades. Requests are reviewed based on available space in each school site.

Stage 3: New Registrations Begins February 9, 2026

Registration opens to all new students. Your assigned school will depend on which boundary area you live in. Please see the new boundary maps on the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division website.

Grade 6 Students - 2026-2027 year only

All students entering grade 6 can stay at their current school for the 2026-2027 school year with transportation provided (for grade 6 students only). Students currently attending Father Leonard Van Tighem in grade 5 will remain registered there for grade 6. Families may submit a request for a grade 6 student to attend a different school, and those requests are reviewed after March 9. After the 2026-2027 school year, grade 6 students will attend their boundary school unless approved to attend elsewhere.

Transportation

Although St. Patrick Fine Arts has been a 'school of choice' with transportation provided, next year is different. Transportation eligibility is now based on attending boundary schools for all Holy Spirit schools. Students attending a school outside of their boundary are not eligible for transportation with the exception of grade 6 students who elect to stay at their current school and St. Francis students who went to St. Patrick Fine Arts prior to grade 7 and want to stay at St. Francis for grades 8 and 9. We should know more about routes in August once registration and transportation needs for each school are more defined.

Next Steps

Schools will begin contacting families regarding registration decisions after **March 9, 2026**. Please complete your student's registration form as soon as possible. Timely submission is appreciated to support the approval process and to know your wishes.

If you have questions about any of this information, please do not wait to reach out. We want to ensure you are informed and can make the best decisions for your family. We remain grateful for your commitment to Catholic education through Holy Spirit Catholic Schools. You can call our school office at 403-327-4386 or email spfaoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca anytime.

2026-2027 Registration Examples

*Note: all scenarios state
grades children are in
during 26/27 school year

Confirmed K-6 St. Patrick Fine Arts student:

- Lives in Riverstone, Canyons, Paradise Canyon, Sunridge or Mountain Heights
- Assigned to St. Patrick Fine Arts School
- Transportation may be available (dependent upon distance to school)
- Registration opens February 2nd

Confirmed K-6 St. Patrick Fine Arts student:

- Lives in Ridgewood Heights or Heritage Heights (east of University Drive W)
- Assigned to St. Patrick Fine Arts School
- Transportation available from both neighbourhoods
- Registration opened January 19th

Possible K-6 St. Patrick Fine Arts student:

- Lives outside of SPFA boundary
- Assigned school is either St. Kateri or Children of St. Martha
- Request can be made to attend St. Patrick Fine Arts (but acceptance is not guaranteed)
- Transportation to SPFA is not available
- Registration opened January 19th
- school views this waitlist after Mar 9

Confirmed Gr. 6 St. Patrick Fine Arts student:

- Lives outside of SPFA boundary
- went to SPFA for gr 5
- Assigned school is either St. Kateri or Children of St. Martha
- Can elect to stay at St. Patrick Fine Arts
- Automatic acceptance
- Transportation is available (for grade 6 students only) for this year
- Registration opened January 19th

Grade 6 student leaving St. Patrick Fine Arts School:

- registers at FLVT for grade 7 with transportation provided for all students
- can request to register at St. Francis Jr. High, but no transportation is available.

K-6 student who attended Father Leonard Van Tighem School in 25/26:

- Lives in Heritage Estates or Ridgewood Estates (east of University Drive W)
- Assigned school is St. Patrick Fine Arts
- Request can be made to other schools (but acceptance is not guaranteed)
- Transportation is available from both neighbourhoods to SPFA only
- Registration opened January 19th

New Families to Holy Spirit Catholic School Division:

- Live in St. Patrick Fine Arts School boundary
- Transportation is provided from some areas (dependent on distance to school)
- Registration starts February 9th; eligibility varies as per division admin procedure

2026-2027 Holy Spirit Westside Schools



St. Patrick Fine Arts School (grades K-6)

St. Patrick Fine Arts is situated in Riverstone on Rivergreen Road W. The school serves the neighbourhoods south of Macleod Drive (Riverstone, The Canyons, Paradise Canyon, Mountain Heights) and east of University Drive (Heritage Heights and Ridgewood Heights).



Children of St. Martha's School (grades Pre-K to 6)

Children of St. Martha's School is situated across from Nicholas Sheran Park on McMaster Blvd W. It serves the neighbourhoods south of Whoop-Up (Copperwood), west of University Drive and east of Jerry Potts (part of Indian Battle Heights) as well as north of Macleod Drive (Varsity Village).



St. Kateri Elementary School (grades Pre-K to 6)

St. Kateri is situated in The Crossings neighbourhood. It serves the areas north of Whoop-Up Drive and west of Jerry Potts Blvd (Canyon Meadows, Garry Station, West Highlands, The Crossings and part of Indian Battle Heights). The new school building is now scheduled to open in January 2027. Students who register at St. Kateri will be enrolled as St. Kateri students. Until the school building is complete, however, the school will operate as a separate school using space at Father Leonard Van Tighem. Bussing will be provided to all students living the required distance away until the new building is complete.

Grade Configuration

2026-2027 School Year- Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5

2027-2028 School Year - Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6



Father Leonard Van Tighem (grades 7-9)

Father Leonard Van Tighem is situated in Indian Battle Heights on Stoney Crescent W. and will operate as a junior high school only, serving all west side students. Most students from St. Patrick Fine Arts, Children of St. Martha's and St. Kateri will transfer to this junior high school.

Grade Configuration

2026-2027 School Year - Grades 6-9

2027-2028 School Year - Grades 7-9

A fundraising concert for local food banks.

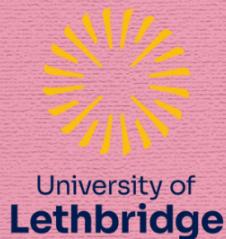
If Music Be The Food of Love

Entrance by Donation.
Suggested donation: \$20
or Pay What You Can.

Featuring performances by
the University of Lethbridge
Singers, soloists, Aurora
Choral, and Special Musical
Guest: John Wort Hannam.



With thanks to

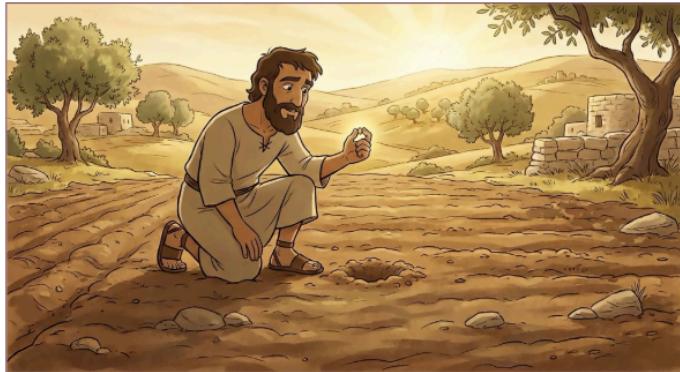


Friday, February 13, 2026 | 7:30 PM
Southminster United Church
1011 4 Avenue South

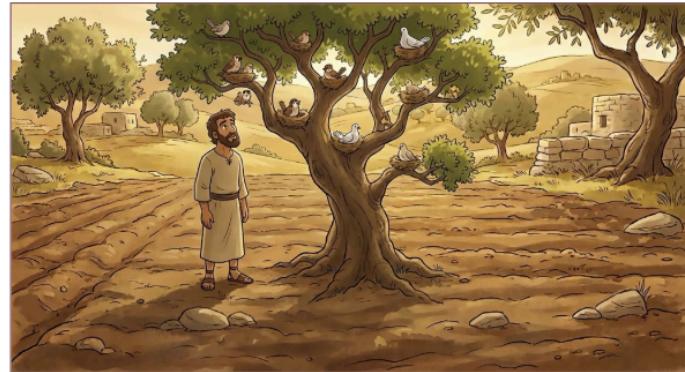
ALL PROCEEDS TO LETHBRIDGE FOOD BANK, INTERFAITH FOOD BANK, AND UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION FOOD BANK.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed | Luke 13:18-19



Jesus asked, "What is the Kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it with? It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and plants it in his field.



The plant grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make their nests in its branches."

St. Bernadette and The Mustard Seed

Jesus tells a tiny story about a tiny seed — the mustard seed. Even though it's one of the smallest seeds, it grows into a big tree where birds can rest. Jesus wants us to know that God's Kingdom often begins in small, hidden ways. A single act of love, kindness, or faith can grow into something much bigger than we expect.

Just like a mustard seed, God can take the small things we do and help them grow into blessings for others.



Saint of the Month – St. Bernadette Soubirous

St. Bernadette Soubirous 1844-1879 (Feast Day: April 16)



St. Bernadette Soubirous was a young girl from a very poor family in France. She was often sick, and she couldn't read or write well. One day, when she was 14, Bernadette went to gather firewood near a place called Lourdes. There, she saw a beautiful lady who later revealed herself as Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Mary asked Bernadette to pray, to tell the local priest to build a chapel, and to encourage people to come to the spring of water that soon appeared there. Bernadette didn't try to get attention or praise—she simply listened, trusted, and shared the message Mary had given her.

Even though many people doubted her at first, Bernadette stayed humble and steady in her faith. Later, she became a nun and lived a quiet life of prayer and service. Lourdes eventually became one of the most famous places of healing in the world.

Just like the mustard seed, Bernadette's small, simple "yes" to God grew into something huge—a place where millions of people come to find hope, healing, and God's love.

St. Bernadette Soubirous

Hail, Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!
St. Bernadette, pray for us!



CONNECTED KIDS

A PLAY-BASED COUNSELLING GROUP FOR SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL GROWTH.

Friday afternoons

March 6 to April 24, 2026

2:00 pm–4:00 pm

Open to:

• Children ages 7-9

Facilitators:

Chantelle Kultgen, MACP

Canadian Certified Counsellor

Kelli Bowles, MACP

Canadian Certified Counsellor

No cost to participate

 LFS Counselling office:
1098 3rd Avenue North

This group will provide children with the opportunity to learn and practice skills to support their social and emotion growth.

Using a combination of facilitator directed and self-directed activities, participants will be given opportunities that promote self-esteem and problem-solving skills within a safe and inclusive environment.

To register, please contact:

Lethbridge Family Services Counselling Intake

403-327-5724 or counsellingintake@LFSfamily.ca

Intakes are occurring in February 2026

FEBRUARY FUN CAMP



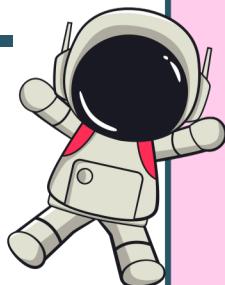
For Youth 8-12 years old

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**10:00 AM -
3:00 PM**



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REGISTRATION FEE

Feb 17, 18 & 19

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*More Info: 403-320-8888 or
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FEBRUARY 27, 1:30-3 PM

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MAIN BRANCH, COMMUNITY ROOM

REGISTRATION - \$10/PERSON





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For Youth 14-17 yrs.

Thursdays Feb 12th to Mar 26th, 2026

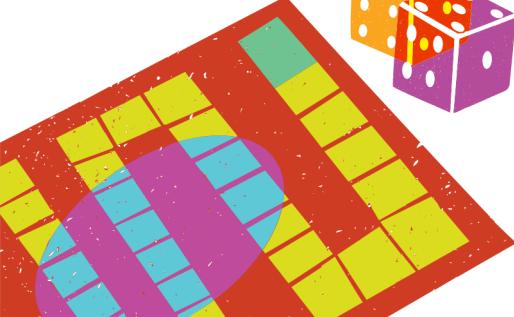
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**Where: Lethbridge Public Library
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