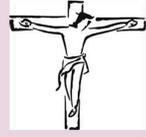


ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS SCHOOL - MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<p>Sunday gospel readings listed below:</p> <p><i>Matthew 17:1-9</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Girls Basketball OLA @ SPFA</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Gr. 6 Confirmation Retreat Day</p> <p>Gr. 1 to Helen Schuler Nature Centre</p> <p>Boys Basketball FLVT @ SPFA</p> <p>School Council Meeting @ 7 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Artist Workshops Round #2 begin</p> <p>Basketball Jamboree</p> 	<p>7</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>Daylight Savings</p>  <p>SPRING FORWARD</p> <p><i>John 4:5-42</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Kindergarten to YMCA</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Kindergarten to YMCA</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Spirit Development Day - no school for students</p>	<p>14</p>	
<p>15</p> <p><i>Luke 18:9-14</i></p>	<p>16</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>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	
<p>22</p> <p><i>John 7:40-53</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Report cards posted</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4B and Grade 5 to Aggie Days</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Portable Planetarium visit</p>  <p>MEETING</p> <p>School Interviews 4:30—7:45 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>School Interviews 12:00-3:15 pm</p>	<p>28</p>	
				<p>Scholastic Book Fair</p>			
<p>29</p> <p><i>John 11:45-56</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Kinder Grad and Spring Photos —Div I</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>Kinder Grad and Spring Photos —Div II</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	

ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS SCHOOL - APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Sunday gospel readings listed below:</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>Choirs perform with the Lethbridge Symphony</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Holy Thursday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good Friday— School Closed</p> 	4
<p>5</p> <p>EASTER</p>  <p><i>John 20:1-9</i></p>	<p>EASTER BREAK</p>					11
<p>12</p> <p><i>John 20:19-31</i></p>	13	14	<p>15</p> <p>Hot Lunch</p> <p>Spirit Day— Matching Day</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>School Council's Spring Dance</p> 	18
<p>19</p> <p><i>Luke 24:13-35</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>April 29th Pizza order opens</p>	21	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Gr. 2 1st Eucharist Retreat @ St. Martha's Church</p> 	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>Apr 29th Pizza order closes</p> <p><i>John 10:1-10</i></p>	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>Pizza Lunch</p> 	30		



March 2026

ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS

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Principal's Message

March can be a quiet little month at St. Patrick Fine Arts; there are many things going on, but we tend to try to keep them a bit muted to show reverence for the season of Lent. March is a great time to practice trying to slow down, to listen to God and to set some genuine goals for stepping more fully into the light He has laid out for us. As mentioned on the big green sign by the road, Lent can also be a 'loud' time where we share our commitment boldly and let our faith be our guide in all that we do! Why not share your many blessings as believers!?

We celebrate our patron saint this month on the 17th, including a chance to revisit our much-loved 'one word' project that kicked off the school year. We also wrap up our basketball season with so much growth among these great athletes. The grade 4-6 students are entering a new round of Artist Workshop option classes to get a little bit more creative and share in some great learning with their teachers. Our choirs are getting ready to perform with the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra on April 1 and everyone is starting to buzz about our upcoming annual 'Learning Through the Arts' Festival, this year titled 'GLOW: God Loves our Wonder'. You will be amazed at what our teachers are dreaming up for this year's celebration! Please save the date for Thursday, May 14 so the kids (and you) can attend!

March also opens the door to the future a little bit more. We will be moving forward with 26/27 registration approvals and helping our grade 6 students envision themselves in their new junior high school with an FLVT school tour and parent night info. Please stay tuned if that applies to you! Although there is no March report card, we are still hosting Parent/Teacher/Student interviews this month to connect on progress, on goal attainment and to ensure no plan is left unmade to support your child's creative learning through to the end of June. Individual Student Plan (ISP) check-in meetings are also during this time, and your involvement in those is crucial to their effectiveness. Thank you for attending these meetings (and for supporting the corresponding Book Fair from Scholastic to expand your library and ours at school!).

So, 'quiet' is a true goal, but are there truly any quiet days when kids are involved? I urge you to seek out those quiet moments in your home with no screens, with shared meals, and with lots of love and laughter. Let March be a time where you share your own best memories about Spring, about setting goals and working hard to achieve them and about being creative, just because you can! God has got you!

Blessings,
Kathy Jones-Husch, Principal



**THANK YOU FOR
COMPLETING YOUR
REGISTRATION FORMS
AND FOR DOING SURVEYS!
YOU'RE THE BEST!**



Please send your thoughts/feedback to spfaoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca

Growing in Faith

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we are invited into a time of prayer, reflection, and renewal. Lent calls us to open our hearts more fully to God and to one another, to live with intention, compassion, and generosity.

Over the past weeks, we have already seen beautiful examples of this spirit alive in our school community. Through our Pink Shirt Day Kindness Cross, students reflected on how simple acts of kindness can open the door for others to encounter Jesus. Each act, each word of encouragement, and each choice to include someone becomes a small but powerful way of living our faith in action.

Our recent bake sale was another meaningful expression of this commitment. Together, our community raised almost \$1,500 for the Interfaith Food Bank, a tangible reminder that when we come together with generous hearts, we can make a real difference in the lives of others. As we continue our Lenten journey, our Grade 5 students will lead us in their upcoming Mission Project, creating care packages for those experiencing homelessness in our community. Their leadership reflects the Gospel call to serve with love and dignity.

We are also excited that our Grade 6 students will attend a Confirmation retreat at St. Martha's Church, joining peers from the other Catholic west side schools to strengthen their faith, prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and build new friendships. This retreat is a beautiful example of our wider Catholic community journeying together in faith.

This month, we also celebrate our patron saint, Saint Patrick, whose life was marked by courage, perseverance, and deep trust in God. He opened wide the doors of faith in Ireland, sharing the Good News with humility and conviction. During Lent, we are reminded that we, too, are called to live boldly in our faith, not only in words but in action, bringing light and hope to those around us. On St. Patrick's Day, students will reflect on their One-Word Project, creating pins to guide their growth and deepen their connection to our faith-filled fine arts community.

May this Lenten season continue to shape us into a community rooted in kindness, service, and faith, always opening the door a little wider for Christ to enter and for others to feel His love through us.

Carla Ferrari,
Associate Principal





School Council Update



Happy March!

Spring is just around the corner; and School Council is excited to step into the new season with you all.

Get Involved in School Council

Our next meeting is **March 5, 2026 @ 7pm**. We'd love your voice and ideas! All SPFA parents are welcome—no experience necessary! If you can't attend but have creative ideas, consider attending virtually at meet.google.com/esi-gwiq-uhz. You will be let into the meeting once your request is seen.

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 as well as create Hot Lunch programs. Together we ensure all students have a memorable school year

Thank you!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus at St. Martha's Parish and the wonderful parent volunteers that made our pre-Shrove pancake lunch event such a success! So many pancakes and sausages were eaten that day that the kids were for sure ready for Lent!

Looking Ahead

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help with upcoming school community events. Please reach out to spfasc@holyspirit.ab.ca or beccainnes02@gmail.com for more information.

I know this is going to be an incredible spring season for our school community. 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 Orcas

Royal City Soccer

Writers' Guild of Alberta

General Information

CONGRATULATIONS!



Heartful Bites Fundraiser

Congratulations on a successful Bake Sale!
Grade 2 and 3 students worked hard and raised
almost **\$1500** for the Interfaith Foodbank.

That's AMAZING!

'Keep Christ in Christmas' Poster Contest

Our very own Luise K. won the Knights of
Columbus District *Keep Christ in Christmas*
Poster contest. Way to go Luise!



March Interviews are Coming!

Grades 1 to 6 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews take place on
Thursday, March 26th from 4:15 - 7:30 pm and
Friday, March 27th from 12:00 - 3:15 pm.

Book your spot via your Conference Manager account starting March 9th.
Kindergarten interviews will be scheduled separately. Please check your e-mail for
an invitation or call the office at 403-327-4386 to book your spot.

General Information

Kids Don't Come With Instruction Manuals...



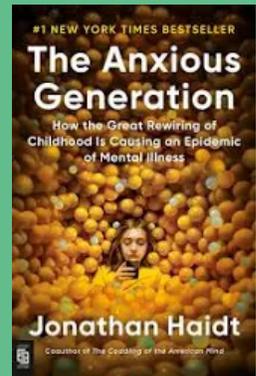
Learning with AHS and Community Education Services

Did you know that AHS has many live and recorded sessions on a wide range of topics to help you navigate the many facets of children and teens? Visit [this site](#) for more information. You can also subscribe to their newsletter. *Note that some content does not reflect Catholic teachings.

Worth a Look to Gain Perspective...

Diary of a CEO (podcast/other media) and 'The Anxious Generation' book

There are many pathways to learning about the impact of screen time on the brain, but these are two good places to start. Thought-provoking and timely to help you protect your children and yourselves from an uncontrolled technological landscape.



Activity #1

My Lunch Box Checklist

NAME _____

How to get started

1. Read the lists of foods in the chart below. Put a checkmark next to the foods you like to eat.
2. Use the space provided to add the names of foods you like to eat that are not listed.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

- Beets
- Bell peppers
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Celery
- Corn
- Cucumber
- Green beans
- Kale
- Lettuce
- Mushrooms
- Peas
- Potatoes
- Spinach
- Squash
- Sweet potato
- Tomatoes
- Apples
- Apple sauce
- Bananas
- Berries
- Grapes
- Mango
- Melon
- Oranges
- Peaches
- Pears

Other vegetables and fruit I like to eat:

WHOLE GRAIN FOODS

- Bagels
- Bread
- Bun
- Cereal
- Couscous
- Crackers
- Muffins
- Naan
- Noodles
- Pancakes
- Pita
- Rice
- Tortillas

Other whole grain foods I like to eat:

PROTEIN FOODS

- Cheese
- Kefir
- Milk
- Yogurt
- Beef
- Chicken
- Eggs
- Fish
- Lamb
- Pork
- Wild game
- Beans
- Hummus
- Lentils
- Nuts
- Seeds
- Seed, pea or nut butter
- Tofu

Other protein foods I like to eat:



Need help with Lunches? Ask a Dietician!

Have picky eaters? Have them help build lunches by reviewing healthy options and then making those part of your shopping list. There are more great resources for parents/schools [here](#).

SCHOLASTIC

WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

March 26th and March 27th

Please help our school meet our goal and inspire a love of reading in all students. Scholastic gives back a portion of every dollar spent at the Fair as rewards to our school!

It takes a village, and a few amazing volunteers, to make our Book Fair a success. Click on the link to see the book fair webpage.



[Learn More](#)

[Preview Books](#)

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer opportunities for "SPFA Book Fair 2026" are now open.
To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page.

volunteersignup.org/CDEAJ

It only takes a few seconds to do.
Thank you for volunteering!

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 upon acceptance, 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 out of boundary 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 reflect grade the children are in during the 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

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

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

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

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.

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

The Parable of the Wedding Feast | Luke 14:7-14 (GNT)



Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, ‘Let him have this place.’ Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place.



Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, ‘Come on up, my friend, to a better place.’ This will bring you honor in the presence of all the other guests. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great.”



Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors—for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death.”

St. Benedict Joseph Labre and the Wedding Feast

St. Benedict Joseph Labre shows us that humility means trusting God with our lives, even when others don't understand us. His life reminds us that God works through those who appear small in the eyes of the world.



Saint of the Month - St. Benedict Joseph Labre

St. Benedict Joseph Labre 1748-1783 (Feast Day: April 16)



St. Benedict Joseph Labre was born in 1748 in France. He wanted to become a monk and tried joining several religious communities, but each time he was told he was not a good fit. Instead of giving up on God, Benedict asked God what He wanted from his life. Eventually, Benedict felt called to live as a pilgrim, traveling from shrine to shrine throughout Europe.

He lived very simply and did not seek comfort or praise. Benedict slept outside or in churches, shared what little he had, and spent much of his time praying. Many people ignored him because he was poor, but others noticed his deep faith and kindness. Even though he owned almost nothing, Benedict was joyful because he trusted completely in God. When he died at the age of 35 in Rome, the people there recognized his holiness and mourned him.

St. Benedict Joseph Labre

St. Benedict Joseph Labre,
you gave up comfort and money
because you loved Jesus.

Help us to care more about Jesus
than about the things we own.

You lived quietly among the poor.
Help us to see Jesus in people
who are poor or in need, and not to judge them.
Help us remember that when we help them,
we are helping Jesus too.

You loved to pray, especially in front of
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
Teach us to keep praying, even when it is hard.

St. Benedict Joseph Labre,
poor in the eyes of the world
but rich in God's eyes, pray for us.
Amen.

There are
15 SPFA
students
in this
show!!

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL FINE ARTS
PRESENTS**

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Lyrics by
Tim Rice

Music by
**Andrew Lloyd
Webber**

Directed by
Braden Dalton

**March
12-14 &
17-21
7:00 PM**



**March
14, 15,
20 & 21
2:00 PM**

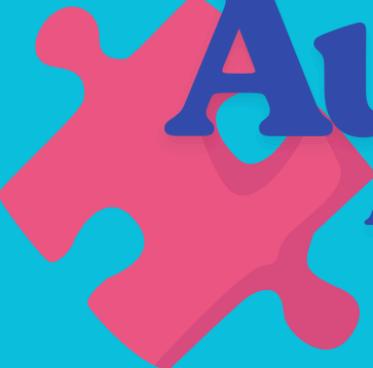
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Autism & Us

A Parent Connection Group



Hosted By :
CHINOOK AUTISM SOCIETY &
Family First Facilitators from Holy Spirit School Division

SESSIONS OFFERED:

Session 1: Autism & Neurodivergence Basics

Session 2: Sensory Systems & Behaviour

Session 3: ISP Support & School Resources

Session 4: Q & A Night

SESSIONS AND DATES

Ecole St Mary

9-11 AM

MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31

Children of St Martha

6-8 PM

MARCH 11, 18, 25,

APRIL 1st

RSVP by Mar 5

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

Tanya Koopmans

Family First Facilitator

koopmanst@holyspirit.ab.ca

403-634-2712

Our volunteer Board is made up of parents, caregivers, and community members who are deeply connected to and passionate about autism and neurodiversity. We share real-life experience, practical support, and helpful resources, and work to connect families with the care and community supports they need.



WHO ARE WE?



LETHBRIDGE FAMILY LIFE
TWO PARISHES ONE FAMILY

JOIN US FOR:
**ST. PATRICK'S
STEW SUPPER**

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 14TH,
6 PM - 8 PM
HOSTED AT:
ASSUMPTION HALL**





LETHBRIDGE FAMILY LIFE
TWO PARISHES ONE FAMILY

ADORATION

Praise & Worship

MARCH 15th | 7:15pm - 8:00pm

Hosted at:

Our Lady of the Assumption Church
2405 12 Ave S, Lethbridge





LETHBRIDGE FAMILY LIFE
TWO PARISHES ONE FAMILY

FAMILY SKATE

Night

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FREE ENTRY

SKATES NOT PROVIDED

RENTALS CAN BE FOUND AT
BERT & MAC'S SOURCE FOR SPORTS

ICE SKATING | DONUTS | COMMUNITY TIME

Civic Ice Centre

905 6 Ave S, Lethbridge



Lethbridge Family Life March Event Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Lenten Fridays



Mass & Adoration

- At: Assumption Church
- 9:00 AM Mass
 - 10:00 AM Adoration
 - 12:00 PM Rosary
 - 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
 - 7:15 PM Teaching
 - 7:45 PM Benediction

- At St. Martha's Parish
- 9:30 AM Adoration
 - 3:15 PM Benediction
 - 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross



Soup Supper

- At: Assumption Hall
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

- At: St. Martha's Parish
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Family Adoration



Family Adoration Sunday March 15th

- At: Assumption Church
- 7:15 PM - 8:00 PM

Family Events



- ### St. Patrick's Stew Supper Saturday March 14th
- At: Assumption Hall
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



- ### Family Skate Saturday March 21st
- At: Civic Ice Center
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Free Admission

Youth Ministry



- ### Youth Night Grades 9 - 12 Sundays
- At: Assumption Hall
• 7:15 PM - 9:00 PM



- ### Youth Nights Grades 6 - 8 Wednesdays
- At: St. Martha's Parish
• 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM