




CSM Update for Families - February 2nd to 6th



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Groundhog Day  School council Meeting 6pm in library	3 Gr4/5 & 5W Helen Schuler 12:30-3:00pm 6H walking to Nicholas Sheran to swim 1:30pm 4pm Boys BBgame CSM@STC	4 2/3 Sp going to Mass @9:00am Gr4/5 Destination Exploration in class learning Girls Basketball Game at St Paul	5 Weekly Gospel 8:50-9:20 4-5pm Boys Basketball Game CSM@ SPFA	6 Wear RED for Team Canada Steam & Dream Friday Early Dismissal 11:30am Staff meeting 11:40	7
8	9 10:30 2C in class learning With Destination Exploration Girls BB Game at OLA	10 Boys Basketball Game here at school OLA@ CSM	11 9:00am 5W & 2C going to Mass 10:30 Kindergarten family play day Girls BB Game Here vs. FLYT	12 9:15 am 6H doing Liturgy 4-5pm Boys Basketball Game SP@ CSM	13 Steam & Dream Friday RED, White & PINK Dress up Day CSM Take What You Need Day	14 Happy Valentine's Day
15	16 Family Day No school 	17 No school for students	18 No school for students ASH WEDNESDAY First Day of Lent 	19 Teacher convention no school for all students	20 Teacher Convention no school for all students	21
22	23 Girls Home Game vs. SPFA 4pm	24 4-5pm Boys Basketball practice	25 Pink Shirt Day 4pm Girls BBgame @STC Division Board meeting	26 Whole school going to Mass @9:00 4pm Boys Basketball game ESM @CSM	27 Color team day Dress in your team color 9:45 Grow and Glow assembly	28



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CSM Weekly Events

Weekly Events

Wednesday Wellness Break - Every Wednesday 2:20 pm to 3:00 pm
Thursday Gospel Time - Every Thursday 8:50 am to 9:20 am
Friday STEAM and DREAM - Every Friday 9:15 am to 10:55 am

Monthly Events

Mass - Last Thursday of every month - 9:00 am
Colour Team Activity - Last Friday of every month - 9:15 am
Grow and Glow Assembly - Last Friday of every month - 9:45 am

February

- Monday February 2nd - School Council Meeting - 6:00 PM - All are Welcome
- Friday February 6th - Red and White / Support Team Canada Day
- Friday February 13 - Red/White/Pink Day
- Monday February 16 - Family Day - No School for Students**
- Tuesday February 17 - HS Non Operational Day - No School for Students**
- Wednesday February 18 - HS Non Operational Day - No School for Students**
- Wednesday February 18 - Ash Wednesday
- Thursday February 19 - Teacher Convention - No School for Students**
- Friday February 20 - Teacher Convention - No School for Students**
- Thursday February 26 - Monthly School Wide Mass 9:00 am
- Friday February 28 - February Glow and Grow Recognition Assembly
- Friday February 28 - Colour Team Dress Up Day

Grade 5:6 BB Girls Mon/Wed, Boys Tu/Th

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THIS WEEK AT CSM

February 2nd to 6th, 2026

MON
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- GIRLS BB PRACTICE - 4:00 PM
- SCHOOL COUNCIL - 6:00 PM

TUES
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- BOYS BB GAME @ 4:15 PM
- 4:5F AND 5W HELEN SCHULER PM
- 6H SWIMMING PM

WED
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- WELLNESS BREAK - 2:20 TO 3:00PM
- 9:00 AM MASS - 2:3SP, 3S, 1W
- 4:5F DESTINATION EXPLORATION
- GIRLS BB GAME @ ST. PAULS- 4:15 PM

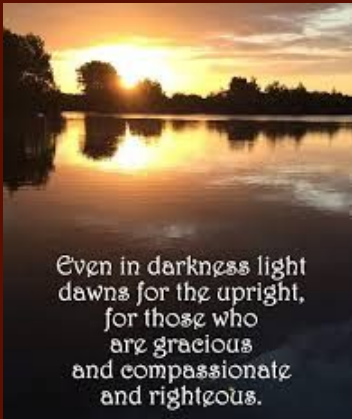
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- GOSPEL TIME - 8:50 TO 9:20AM
- BOYS BB GAME @ SPFA - 4:15 PM

FR
6

- DISMISSAL 11:30 AM
- RED AND WHITE DAY - SUPPORT TEAM CANADA
- STEAM AND DREAM - CULTURE CLUBS - WEEK #1

No School February 16 to 20



Even in darkness light
dawns for the upright,
for those who
are gracious
and compassionate
and righteous.

Parent Reflection – Psalm 112

“The just are a light in darkness to the upright.” (Psalm 112)

At Children of St. Martha, we are blessed to witness this light each day — in the kindness of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the support of our families. Even in the busy rhythms of school life, moments of faith, learning, and connection continue to shine brightly.

Here is a reflection on our week together:

- **PD Day (Monday):** Staff engaged in professional learning focused on strengthening teaching, learning, and student well-being, ensuring we continue to grow in ways that best serve our children.
- **Report Cards Shared:** Families received report cards highlighting student learning, growth, and effort. We are grateful for the strong partnership between home and school as we celebrate progress and support next steps.
- **Open House:** It was a joy to welcome new and prospective families into our building. Our doors — and hearts — remain open as we continue to grow our CSM community.
- **Family Literacy Day:** Our school was filled with guest readers and shared stories, reminding us that literacy builds not only skills, but relationships and belonging.
- **School-Wide Mass:** Gathering in prayer as a community grounded us in faith and reminded us that Christ is present among us, guiding our words and actions.
- **Grow & Glow Assembly:** We celebrated student growth, character, and perseverance, and recognized our **STEAM & DREAM Inventors and Innovators**, whose creativity and problem-solving continue to inspire us.

Each of these moments reflects how light is shared — through learning, faith, welcome, and celebration — and how together we help one another walk confidently forward.

Loving God,

Thank you for the light you place within each child, family, and staff member in our community.

Help us to reflect Your love through kindness, courage, and compassion.

May we be a light to one another, especially in moments of challenge or uncertainty.

Bless our school and all who walk through its doors.

Amen.

Information and Updates

- **Morning Routine**

- Students who wish to join us for breakfast may come into the school starting at 8:15. Breakfast is not grab and go and students will be expected to sit at a table to eat.
- Any students not coming in for breakfast should go directly to the playground via the north side of the school.
- Students attending Boys and Girls Club or the It's a Blast Program should enter through the south doors.

- **Parking Lot and Bus Loop**

- There are moments of the day when the parking lot is becoming very full. Please follow the following requests:
 - Always park in the parking lot. Do not drop off in driving lanes.
 - Do not park in the Accessible Parking Spots.
 - If you are dropping off and do not want to park - please use the loop on McMaster Blvd.
 - There is also parking available on Columbia Blvd and at St. Martha Parish.

- **Winter Weather**

- Indoor recess will be determined with a combination of temperature, wind and judgement. We will use -20 celsius as our guideline - however we will use our judgement if weather seems extreme. We will also do our best to avoid having students inside for the entire day and students can expect to have outside recess at least once during the day. In the new year we will be sending home permission forms for properly dressed children to go out for short periods of time when temperatures drop below -20. Please pay attention for a permission slip for CSM FROST FIGHTERS.
- Please ensure that all students are prepared for outdoor play and learning at all times. Proper winter jackets, snow pants, tuques or ear covering, mittens or gloves, scarf or face covering and boots - waterproof mittens and gloves will increase warmth and enjoyment of the snow.

CSM Girls BB Games

Wed Feb 4 - CSM plays at St.Pauls

- 1212 - 12th Avenue North

Mon Feb 9 - CSM plays at OLA

- 2219 - 14th Avenue South

Wed Feb 11 - FLVT plays at CSM

Mon Feb 23 - SPFA plays at CSM

Wed Feb 25 - CSM plays at STC

- 235 Mildred Dobbs Boulevard North

Mon March 2 - ESM plays at CSM

Friday March 6 - Jamboree (Time and Location TBA)

CSM Boys BB Games

Tues Feb 3 - CSM play at STC

- 235 Mildred Dobbs Boulevard North

Thurs Feb 5 - CSM plays at SPFA

- 80 Rivergreen Road West

Tues Feb 10 - OLA plays at CSM

Thurs Feb 12 - SP plays at CSM

Thurs Feb 26 - ESM plays at CSM

Tues March 3 - CSM plays at FLVT

- 25 Stoney Crescent West

Friday March 6 - Jamboree (Time and Location TBA)

All students and families are welcome to watch home games:

- Students must be with an adult family member.
- Permission to stay is arranged beforehand. No after school phone calls to make arrangements.
- Hallways will remain closed after school.
- Students remain seated in the gym.
- Students cheer and support both teams playing appropriately.
- No food and drink in the gym.
- Must be picked up at the end of the game by 5:15.

AWAY GAMES:

- Athletes arrange their own transportation to all away games (address above) - start time is always 4:15.
- Arrangements should be made ahead of time to avoid panic and mid day phone calls on game day.
- Please let your coach know ahead of time if you will not make be able to go to a game so they can invite other players.

Schollie Surveys

You will be (or already have) be receiving an email with information and a link to complete the Schollie Survey for our school. Below is some more information about that survey. It is very important and helpful

The Schollie Survey is a customized feedback tool used by Alberta's Holy Spirit Catholic School Division for students, parents, and staff to provide specific input on school environments, learning, and supports, helping guide planning and decision-making. It focuses on divisional priorities and community needs, allowing stakeholders to share their voices directly to shape school futures.

Key Aspects of the Schollie Survey

- Customized Content: Tailored to the unique needs and priorities of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division and its communities.
- Comprehensive Feedback: Gathers insights from students (Grades 4-12), parents, and staff.
- Informs Planning: Data helps guide three-year plans, budget allocation, resource decisions, and professional development.
- Specific to the Division: While complementing provincial surveys, it focuses on the local context where parent participation is often higher.
- Administration: Conducted online, taking about 10-15 minutes, with links/QR codes distributed by the division or schools.

If you prefer a paper copy - please email csmadmin@holyspirit.ab.ca and we can send one home with your child or you can come by the school and complete it in person.

If you your child has and ISP (individual program plan) - there is an additional survey we would love your feedback on. You should receive by email - but if you prefer a paper copy please email csmadmin@holyspirit.ab.ca and we can send one home with your child - or you can come by the school and complete it in person.

If you would like to complete the digital survey and need it sent again please contact our office at anytime.

Schollie Surveys

Please take time to complete a Survey. These surveys are very important for our future planning.

Last day to Complete is Thursday February 5th

The parent survey may be found at: (survey should take 4 to 5 minutes to complete)

<https://www.research.net/r/HSCSParent>

OR

www.schollie.com/survey/HSCSParent

The Inclusive Education Service survey may be found at: (survey should about 3 minutes to complete)
- This one should only be completed ONLY by Parents of Students with an Individualized Program Plan (ISP). This will not need to be completed by all families.

<https://www.research.net/r/HSCSInclusiveEd>

OR

<http://www.schollie.com/survey/HSCSInclusiveEd>

2026–2027 Registration Timeline

Friday, January 16

Families affected by school boundary changes will receive:

- An update about their new designated school
- Access to **early registration**, which opens **January 19**

If your family is reassigned to another school **but you wish to remain at CSM**, please contact **Mrs. Clamp** at clampj@holyspirit.ab.ca - please see below for more information.

All **current GRADE 5** students - may remain at CSM for GRADE 6 **WITH transportation**.

New Bus Routes will be shared as soon as we know them.

Please note:

- Families requesting to stay at CSM must apply as **out-of-boundary** students
- Families are responsible for transportation
- Final placement decisions will be made in **early March**, based on available space
- If space is not available, students will attend their designated boundary school

February 2

Registration opens for:

- **All current Holy Spirit students** in Lethbridge (IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR REGISTRATION PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE)
- All students in **communities throughout the division**

All current CSM families will be able to **re-register** at this time. Registration links and forms will become active on this date.

February 9

Registration opens for **new families** not currently enrolled in Holy Spirit Catholic Schools.



Mission | Vision | Motto

Rooted in faith and guided by love, The Children of St. Martha School celebrates each child. We honour connection, foster growth, and inspire every learner to be kind, courageous, and full of hope.

Our vision is to be a community where faith, learning, and connection guide every child to reach their full potential — growing together in strength, identity, and compassion.

Belong. Grow. Shine.