

CSM Update for Families - January 26th to 30th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<h1>January 2026</h1>					
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4	5 <i>First day Back after Christmas</i>	6	7 <i>Weekly wellness break2:20-3:00</i>	8 <i>Weekly Gospel 8:50-9:20</i>	9 <i>Steam & Dream Friday 12pm Staff meeting All students must be picked up at 11:30am</i>	10
11	12	13	14 Gr1M&4S Going to Mass 9:00 am <i>Weekly wellness break2:20-3:00</i>	15 <i>Weekly Gospel 8:50-9:20 2:30 SP has activities in school session</i>	16 <i>Steam & Dream Friday</i>	17
18	19 <i>Kindergarten Family Play Day 10:30am</i>	20 <i>Blankets of Hope 1:00pm</i>	21 <i>Weekly wellness break2:20-3:00</i>	22 9 am dental for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students <i>Weekly Gospel 8:50-9:20</i>	23 <i>Steam & Dream Friday</i>	24
25	26 <i>School Pd day No school for students Report cards go home</i>	27 12:30pm 4S&2C field trip to Heien Schuler Gr0H Swim at Nicholas Sheran Pool Leave school at 1:30pm until 3:00	28 9am 6H at Mass <i>Weekly wellness break2:20-3:00</i> <i>Division Board Meeting</i>	29 <i>9 Am Whole School Mass At the Church</i>	30 <i>Steam & Dream Friday Color Team Assembly 9:15am Colour team Dress up Day</i>	31

With the boundary changes we are anticipating new families to join our school community for 2026/27. If you know anybody looking to learn more about our school community please encourage them to attend our open house.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Children of St. Martha

OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday January 27th
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

All families are invited to connect with our community.
Please come meet our staff, tour our building and
discover how we help each student to ...

Belong, Grow, and Shine.

 

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CSM Update for Families - January 19th to 23rd

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

January

Monday January 26 - Professional Day for Staff - No School for Students

Thursday January 29 - Monthly School Wide Mass 9:00 am

Friday January 30 - January Glow and Grow Recognition Assembly

Friday January 30 - Colour Team Dress Up Day

February

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

BELONG. GROW. SHINE

THIS WEEK AT CSM

January 26th to 30th

**MON
26**

- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (PD DAY)
- REPORT CARDS EMAILED HOME

**TUES
27**

- CSM OPEN HOUSE 6:00 TO 7:00
- 4:00 BOYS BB PRACTICE
- 4S AND 2C HELEN SCHULER
- 6H SWIMMING

**WED
28**

- WEEKLY WELLNESS BREAK - 2:20PM TO 3:00PM
- 4:00 - GIRLS BB PRACTICE
- CSM FAMILY LITERACY DAY
- 9:00 AM MASS - 6H

**TH
29**

- 9:00 - GOSPEL
- 4:00 - BOYS BB PRACTICE
- 9:0 AM MASS - WHOLE SCHOOL

**FR
30**

- DISMISSAL 11:30 AM
- TEAM COLOUR DAY
- GLOW AND GROW ASSEMBLY - 1M/2:35
- CELEBRATE INVENTORS AND INNOVATORS

Mon Feb 2 - School Council Meeting - 6:00 pm

HE EXECUTES JUSTICE FOR
THE OPPRESSED AND
GIVES FOOD TO THE
HUNGRY. THE LORD SETS
THE PRISONERS FREE.
— PSALM 146:7

Parent Reflection – Psalm 146

"The Lord keeps faith forever." — Psalm 146

This Sunday's psalm reminds us that God walks closely with those who are poor in spirit — those who approach life with humility, openness, and compassion. Psalm 146 speaks of a faithful God who lifts up those in need and calls us to care for one another with love and justice.

We have seen this spirit alive at Children of St. Martha this week. The start of boys' and girls' basketball has brought excitement and joy, giving students opportunities to grow their skills, discover their strengths, and share their gifts. These experiences help children learn that their talents are meant not only for personal success, but to serve others and contribute to the good of the world.

A special highlight was Blankets of Hope. We are grateful to Laurie McIntosh for leading this beautiful tradition. Each year, this project reminds us of the power of compassion and service. It is inspiring to watch students thoughtfully and lovingly take part — their kindness is a true reflection of God's work in their hearts.

As we look ahead, we have much to be thankful for: professional learning for staff, report cards being shared with families, field trips, our Open House as we welcome new families, and CSM Family Literacy Day, when community members will join classrooms for reading and fun. These moments reflect who we are — a community that strives to *open wide the doors*, nurture faith, and walk together in learning and connection.

Thank you for being part of our CSM family as we continue to grow together in faith, learning, and love.



Loving God,

Thank you for the children entrusted to us and for the community that supports them. Help us to lead with humility, patience, and trust in you. Open our hearts to notice the needs of others and to encourage our children to use their gifts with kindness and care. May our homes be places of love, faith, and hope, and may we walk together as one community.

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.

- **Reports Cards**

- Report cards will be emailed home and available on SPACES January 26 and June 26.
- Regular insights to your child's learning can be found on their classroom SPACES digital portfolio. Parents can expect several posts each month. You can also expect an evening in the spring - Celebration of Learning - where you will be invited into your child's classroom to witness their learning.

Schollie Surveys

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

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
- 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.

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.



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.

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