

CSM Update for Families - January 19th to 23rd



January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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</i> <small>12pm Staff meeting All students must be picked up at 11:30am</small>	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Gr 1M&4S Going to Mass 9:00 am</i> <i>Weekly wellness break2:20-3:00</i>	15 <i>Weekly Gospel 8:50-9:20</i> <i>2/3 SP has scientist 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 <i>9 am dental for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students</i> <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</i> <i>Report cards go home</i>	27 <i>12:30pm 4:50-2:20 field trip to Helen Schuler Gr 6H Swim at Nicholas Sheran Pool</i> <i>Leave school at 1:30pm until 3:00</i>	28 <i>9am 6H at Mass</i> <i>Weekly wellness break2:20-3:00</i>	29 <i>9 Am Whole School Mass At the Church</i>	30 <i>Steam & Dream Friday</i> <i>Color Team Assembly 9:15am</i> <i>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.



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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

January

Monday January 19th - Kindergarten Family Play Day

Tuesday January 20 - Blankets of Hope

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 Basketball begins Monday January 19.

Girls Mon/Wed at 4:00 PM and Boys Tu/Th at 4:00 PM

BELONG. GROW. SHINE

THIS WEEK AT CSM

January 19th to 23rd

**MON
19**

- 10:30 KINDERGARTE FAMILY PLAY DAY
- 4:00 GIRLS BB PRACTICE

**TUES
20**

- 1:00 PM BLANKETS OF HOPE
- 4:00 BOYS BB PRACTICE

**WED
21**

- WEEKLY WELLNESS BREAK - 2:20PM TO 3:00PM
- 4:00 - GIRLS BB PRACTICE

**TH
22**

- 9:00 - GOSPEL
- 9:00 - HYGENISTS VISITING
- 4:00 - BOYS BB PRACTICE

**FR
23**

- DISMISSAL 11:30 AM
- STEAM AND DREAM - INVENTORS AND INNOVATORS (FINAL WEEK)

Welcome Back



“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

(Psalm 27:1,4,13-14)

As we continue our journey through the school year, we are reminded that God's light guides us, protects us, and helps us move forward with trust and hope. At Children of St. Martha, we are grateful to walk this path with our families as we nurture faith, learning, and community.



Boundary Changes & Registration - Holy Spirit Catholic Schools has shared important information regarding **school boundary changes** and the upcoming **registration process** for the 2026–2027 school year. We encourage all families to review the Division's communication so you are informed about how these changes may affect your family. Registration will be opening soon, and we want to ensure every family has the information needed to make confident, faith-filled decisions for their children.



Welcoming New Families to CSM - We will soon be hosting an **Open House** for families who are new to our community or who may be considering Catholic education at Children of St. Martha. If you know families who live in our area, are new to Lethbridge, or may be impacted by boundary changes, we kindly ask for your help in sharing this opportunity with them. Word of mouth from our current families is one of the most meaningful ways we grow our community.



Your Voice Matters – Schollie Survey - In the coming days, all parents will receive the **Schollie Survey** from Holy Spirit Catholic Schools. This survey gives you an important opportunity to share your feedback about your child's school experience. Your voice helps guide our growth, celebrate what is working well, and strengthen the ways we support students and families. We encourage all families to complete the survey when it arrives. Together, we continue to grow in the light of Christ.

▲ A Short Prayer

Lord, You are our light and our salvation.
Guide our school community with Your wisdom and peace.
Help us to walk in faith, welcome others with open hearts, and shine Your love in all that we do.
Amen.

Information and Updates

● **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.

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.

Schollie Surveys

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>



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.