



St. Paul School
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Principal: Ryan Myndio

Associate Principal: Tina Delinte



Principal's Message:

"A new day will dawn on us from above because our God is loving and merciful. He will give light to those who live in the dark and in death's shadow. He will guide us into the way of peace"
(Luke 1:78-79)

I want to extend a warm 'Welcome Back' to our new and returning students and families! The St. Paul staff has been diligently preparing for a new year and an 'exciting beginning'. Last year, we began the year in a 'hybrid' model, which saw almost half of our classes still operating in a 'multiage' system, while our grade ones and sixes were in a straight grade system. Thankfully, with continuous growth throughout the 2024-25 school year, St. Paul was able to sustain this positive momentum and reach a population well over the three-hundred mark.

The attainment of this goal has enabled St. Paul School to transition to a complete straight grade system for the 2025-26 year. Without the dedication of our incredible staff, we would not have been able to achieve this once thought, unattainable goal. Currently, St. Paul School is one of the fastest-growing elementary schools in the City of Lethbridge.

As you arrive at school in the first week, students and parents will notice several significant upgrades, including new outdoor basketball hoops, enhanced IT resources, a new classroom, four new teachers, and, of course, our impeccably clean interior. *Thanks, Mr. Gil, you're amazing! These improvements were the result of collaborative efforts among the Parent Council, the Administration, and our students. As many of our returning families can attest, our top priority is always to meet the needs of our St. Paul students and community.* A few setbacks to the summer changes were the loss of Jordan's Principle funding and supports, as well as the retirement of our cherished and beloved educator, Mrs. Saler.

However, with all that said, we are entering this year with the most positive attitude we can muster. Mr. Pettipas (Gr. 3), Ms. McMurray (Gr. 2), Ms. Cameron (Gr. 6), and Ms. Hogue (Gr. 2) will all be assuming new teaching roles at the school this upcoming year. All the teachers, support staff, and administration are keen to make this year even more memorable than the last!

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and that your children are as eager as we are to start this year! We're excited about the events and experiences that the new school year will bring. Please keep an eye on our upcoming events, including the Mexican Fiesta, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, SPS Firefighter BBQ, and our cherished Multicultural Nights. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment to the St. Paul School and community.

God Bless, Mr. Ryan Myndio

IMPORTANT DATES

First day of School	Sept 2
First Day of Kindergarten	Sept 8
First Day of ELP	Sept 8
School Council Meeting 6:30	Sept 9
Opening Mass 9:30 am	Sept 18
Photo Day	Sept 22
Family Fiesta	Sept 23
Orange Shirt Day	Sept 26
School PD Day— No School	Sept 29
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation—	Sept 30



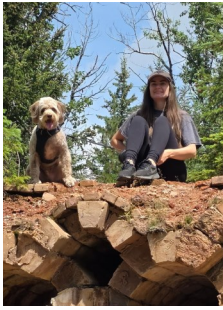
Welcome

Say hello to St. Paul School's newest teachers! We are so excited for them to join our school community

Welcome to St. Paul School!



Ms. Hogue—Gr. 2



Ms. McMurray—Gr. 2



Mr. Pettipas—Gr. 3



Mrs. Simbulan—Gr. 6

Teach —————→ *Love* —————→ *Inspire*



Happy New Year and Welcome back St. Paul students and families! We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the new staff, students and their families who are joining our St. Paul community. We are all looking forward to a great year of growing, learning and working together. This year we begin year 1 of our new Faith Plan with the theme "Open Wide the Doors! Sent to Share Christ's Love". In our Catholic Schools, we witness to others a life lived in relationship with God. We work with a hopeful vision for the future. Here's to a wonderful 2025-26 school year with you!

Tina Delinte
Associate Principal

September Faith Focus

September is a faith-filled month where we will have many opportunities to explore ways that we can be committed to deepening our faith, being responsible for each other and working together even when things are challenging because they are new.

Christian Action Theme:



This month our Christian Action theme is hospitality. Hospitality means being friendly, welcoming and generous and extending this to others with our actions and our words. If we think of the courage it takes for students to reach beyond their comfort zones to learn in new ways, build new relationships and to begin a new school year, hospitality is the essential element in getting things off to a smooth start. At St. Paul School all are welcome and all belong!

Year 1 Faith Plan Scripture

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:29)

Praying together is one of the greatest privileges we have as members of God's community

Milk Program

We will once again be providing students the opportunity to purchase milk (250ml carton) at lunch time. On Tuesdays and Thursdays white milk is available and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday chocolate milk will be sold. This year, milk cards can be purchased through School Cash Online for **\$12.50 for 10 Milk cards or \$25.00 for 20 milks. Single purchases are \$1.25. Starting September 3!**

(This is subject to price increases)

♡ Eat Well
♡ Live Well
♡ Be Well



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

September 8: All students will be welcome to enjoy a healthy breakfast daily from 8:00-8:37am with our breakfast program. Students can enter the community rooms doors and eat in the gym before classes begin. **Breakfast program start date to will be Monday, September 8.**

Nutrition Program

We are very happy to announce that St. Paul will continue our daily Nutrition Program, which provides healthy snacks to all students and bagged lunches for students who come to school without a lunch, will continue throughout the 2025-2026 school year starting **September 8th!**



This reporting & messaging platform celebrates learning and allows parents to stay connected with their child's learning and teacher throughout the year. Progress reports will be issued in November, March, and at the end of the school year, a final report will be shared that reflects all work covered in the 2025-2026 school year.

Please be sure to accept your teachers invitation to your child's SPACES class; as this will be your pathway of communication directly to the teacher. You can download the SPACES EDU app on your device to have all your child's classroom at your fingertips.

Connect with your homeroom teacher or contact the office if you require assistance getting your SPACES account set up.

Backpack Rollout:

Thanks to Costco Wholesale, St. Paul School was donated backpacks for students in our community.

If your child needs a backpack, please come to the school office to collect one.



Entering St. Paul School

For the safety of all students, our policies for entering the school are:

- Use the main entrance.
- All visitors must check in at the office.
- Parents/Caregivers are NOT permitted to attend classrooms or walk through the school.

ABSENCES

When a child is absent from school, parents are asked to call the school on the day of the absence. As we are concerned with the safety of students, we will call you should you have not already done so.

When your child is sick at school:

If a child becomes sick while at school, the parent/guardian will be notified to come and pick up the student immediately.

Please be sure to keep your contact information and the information of any additional emergency contacts up-to-date throughout the year so we are able to get your child home in a timely manner.

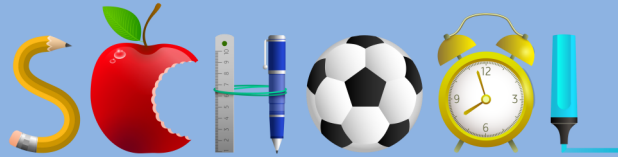
Medical History/Allergies:

For school staff to have a better idea of what type of medical conditions/allergies are common with your child we are encouraging all families to update the office with your child's medical history/allergies. This information will help us determine the course of action when symptoms are presented during school hours.



Supervision

Supervision is provided fifteen minutes before school, at all recesses, noon hour, for the buses after school and in the office for fifteen minutes after dismissal. Anyone arriving before or after these times is not supervised. Parents are requested to make personal arrangements for their child outside of these supervision times.



Lunch in the Classroom and Microwaves

St. Paul School continues to provide a supervised lunch program. Students have a minimum of 20 minutes to eat and more if they require it. **Please Note: MICROWAVES have been returned to all classrooms at this time.** Student can reheat (not cook) their food for a max of 30secs. No frozen meals or un-popped popcorn please!



Notice to Parent or Guardian of Religious Permeation

The *Alberta Human Rights Act* requires a school board to give notice to a parent or guardian when courses of study, education programs, instructional materials, instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion. All of the schools in this district are Catholic Separate Schools, the essential purpose of which is to fully permeate Catholic theology, philosophy, practices and beliefs, the principles of the Gospel and teachings of the Catholic Church, in all aspects of school life, including in the curriculum of every subject taught, both in and outside of formal religion classes, celebrations and exercises. Every course of study and educational program, all instructional materials, instruction and exercises will at all times include a subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.

Drop off, Pick up and Parking Reminders

For the safety of all St. Paul staff and students during this time we are asking that parents refer to the school map for the designated entrance for the child(ren). Please take a look at the map below for those entrances and the muster points for pick-up at the end of the school day. We appreciate your cooperation.



School Bus

St. Paul students who reside 1.6km or more from the school are eligible for the 2025-2026 school year to ride the bus with **no** monthly/annual fee.

Please check your School Engage account to register your child for the bus. Or contact the office to see if your child is eligible.

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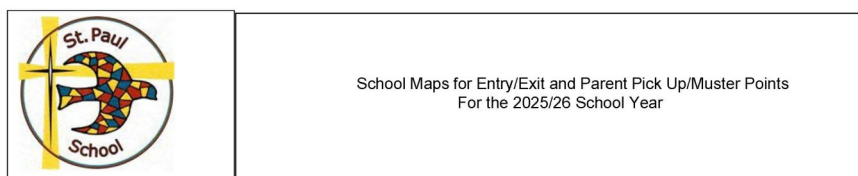
****NOTE:** All students must be registered to ride the bus**

School Fees

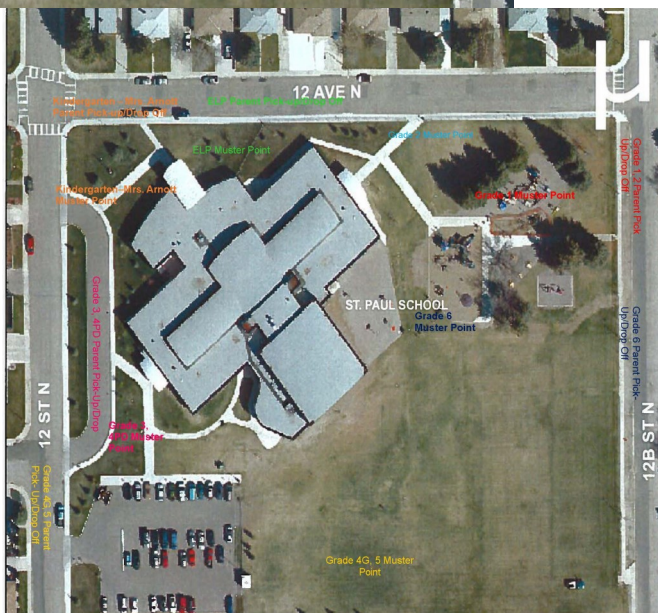
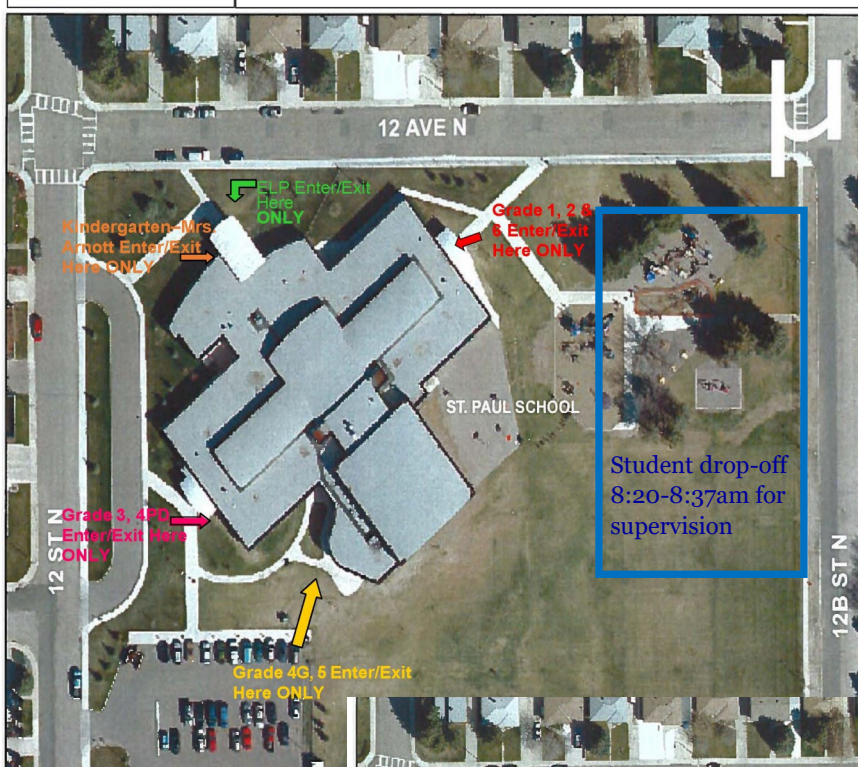
School fees are due and payable by

September 30, 2025.

If you have any problems regarding the payment of these fees, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



School Maps for Entry/Exit and Parent Pick Up/Muster Points
For the 2025/26 School Year



Additional Reminders:

Water Bottles:

All water fountains have been removed and replaced with filling stations. Please send your child with a water bottle to use while at school.



Current Members ...

Chair -

Michelle Linder;

Vice Chair -

Open;

Treasurer -

Dalyce Mackay;

Secretary -

Dalyce Mackay;

Fundraiser Coordinator -

Open;

Hot Lunch Coordinator -

Pat Morris; Tiffany Freer



STAYING CONNECTED



We have many ways for you to stay connected with us. Please check out our school website at

<https://stpaul.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

You will notice on our home page it is easy to stay connected with FaceBook. Please give it a try!

To receive all upcoming editions of our newsletter, please see our website:

[https://stpaul.holyspirit.ab.ca/
resources_publications/newsletters](https://stpaul.holyspirit.ab.ca/resources_publications/newsletters)

JUST A REMINDER THE STUDENTS ARE DIMISSED EVERY FRIDAY AT 12:35PM



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Fair Notice Letter

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Holy Spirit Catholic School Division is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to help a student take responsibility for their actions, change their behavior and learn from their mistakes.

When students' behaviors pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, the Southwest Alberta Regional Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Protocol assists administrators in taking the necessary steps to protect the well-being of students and staff. This protocol ensures that schools can respond promptly to worrisome behaviors or threatening incidents, such as possession of a weapon or replica, bomb threats or plans, verbal, written, or electronic (internet, text) threats to harm oneself or others, as well as other acts of violence, including fire-setting.

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This letter complies with procedure 2 of *Administrative Procedure 322: Violence Threat / Risk Assessment (V-TRA) Protocol*, which states that parents/ guardians will be provided with "fair notice" that each threat will be taken seriously. Should you wish to further review this Administrative Procedure, please visit our website at www.holyspirit.ab.ca.

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Sincerely,

Chantel Axani, Superintendent of Schools

Updated August 2025



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LETHBRIDGE BOOK & MAGAZINE FESTIVAL

15TH ANNIVERSARY

September 20, 2025 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lethbridge Public Library - Main Branch

Featuring Authors

Linda Bailey | Crave Bakery | Maggie Helwig
Ryan North | Jessica Waite | Kevin Van Tighem |
and more!

Live Music | Food Trucks | Workshops | Author Signings | Marketplace

Celebrating Reading. Advocating Literacy.

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2025 *LCBC IGNITE!*

Lethbridge Cougars Basketball Club FALL PROGRAM SIGNUP

- IF YOU ARE IN GRADE 4-7, ENROLLED AT A HOLY SPIRIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A PART OF *"LCBC Ignite!"*
- *LCBC'S FALL DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM*
- **Program Includes:** Skill Development & Exhibition Games
- **LOCATION:** **Ecole St. Mary's: 422-20th Street South**

Grade 4-5 CO-ED (6 sessions) WEEKLY ON MONDAYS scheduled at 5:00-6:15 OR 6:15-7:30 (will change week to week)	PROGRAM RUNS: September 8-October 27, 2025 (not including September 29 & October 13)
Grade 6-7 BOYS (6 sessions) WEEKLY ON TUESDAYS scheduled at 5:30-6:45 OR 6:45-8:00 (will change week to week)	PROGRAM RUNS: September 9-October 28, 2025 (not including September 30 & October 14)
Grade 6-7 GIRLS (7 sessions) WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS scheduled at 6:30-8:00pm	PROGRAM RUNS: September 10-October 29, 2025 (not including October 15)

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR *"LCBC Ignite!"* PROGRAM:

- PLEASE ARRIVE **5 MINUTES** EARLY
- BRING PROPER COURT SHOES, SHORTS, & WATER BOTTLE.
- *"LCBC Ignite!"* T-shirt (included in \$100 program fee)
- EVERYONE IN GRADE 4 -7 FROM HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOLS ARE WELCOME
- **ONLY 40 SPOTS/PROGRAM AVAILABLE ! REGISTER FAST**→ lethbridgecougars.ca or Scan Qr Code. Deadline to Register: Friday, September 5th or until spots are filled
- CONTACT lethhbridgecougarsbasketball@gmail.com for more information
- **TeamLinkt App will be used for schedule.**





FIND YOUR **GROOVE** AT THE LIBRARY

Sign up for a free library card (or renew your existing one) during the month of September and you might just score a funky sweatshirt or nifty tote bag



lethlib.ca/join

Pay for school fees online!



holyspirit.schoolcashonline.com



Free, secure, and easy to use



24/7 Convenience: Manage all of your children's fees from a single account, from elementary through secondary



Receive emails about new fees and deadlines, even if you pay in cash



View and print receipts at any time



If you pay online, your child doesn't need to carry cash to school

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2025-2026 INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION LYS LEAGUE

www.lethbridgesoccer.com // 403-320-5425 (KICK)



ONLINE ONLY:

August 1 - September 8, 2025

INDOOR SOCCER SEASON STARTS: October 2025 - March 2026 ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE SERVUS SPORTS CENTRE **INDOOR LEAGUE IS BASED ON TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS FOR THE SEASON**

Register your player in their BIRTH YEAR (all age groups are from birth dates January 1 - December 31 of specified year)

Players will remain playing in their age groups no movement up or down an age group

Player Request Fee \$40.00 - 2 PLAYERS ONLY!

If there are not enough registrants per gender in U12 age group - Will be combined CoEd

Age Group	Birthyear	Fee	# of games	Days Playing	**ESTIMATED START TIMES**
U5 CoEd	2021	\$275.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Monday	5:00pm
U6 CoEd	2020	\$275.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Wednesday	5:00pm
U8 Boys	2018 & 2019	\$275.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 5:00pm and Sat 9:00am
U8 Girls	2018 & 2019	\$275.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 5:00pm and Sat 9:00am
U10 Boys	2016 & 2017	\$325.00	21 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 6:00pm* - Sat 12:00pm*
U10 Girls	2016 & 2017	\$325.00	21 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 6:00pm* - Sat 12:00pm*
U12 Boys	2014 & 2015	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays	Wed 6:00pm* - Fri 5:30pm* - Sat 3:00pm*
U12 Girls	2014 & 2015	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays	Wed 6:00pm* - Fri 5:30pm* - Sat 3:00pm*
U14 CoEd	2012 & 2013	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesdays and Saturdays	Wed 6:00pm* - Sat 5:00pm*
U16 CoEd	2010 & 2011	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Evenings
U18 CoEd	2008 & 2009	\$400.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Evenings

****Start times are subject to change due to registration numbers and are provided as a guideline only****

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

U5 & U6, Timbits Jersey, shorts & socks will be provided for each player to keep.
U8 - U18, Full Kit Jersey, Shorts & Socks will be provided for each player to keep.

Soccer Shoes or Soccer Cleats are acceptable, Shin Guards are MANDATORY - Not included in player fees

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:



U5 & U6 TIMBITS: This is our introductory level, where all sessions are run by our CSA Certified Coaches who will help your child build a love for the ball.

U8 - U12 FUNDAMENTAL: At this stage, individual player development is paramount. Developing soccer creativity skills in a fun environment.

U14 & U16 LEARN TO TRAIN: Golden Age of Learning, that learnt technical skills are introduced to the beginning of the tactical environment.

U18 LEARN THE GAME Combining previously developed technical and tactical skills, into a more mature game setting.