



NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Principal's Newsletter Message October 2026

Welcome to Fall, everyone! Time is absolutely flying and there are still many things for me to learn as we walk through this together for your kids. I have definitely learned that you care for your kids deeply and are very passionate about them having a great school experience - all good things. If you haven't been able to connect with your child's teacher(s) yet, have no fear. More formal time for connection is coming! Remember that you can ask the kids questions other than "How was your day?". Try these on for size:

- Who did you spend your down time with today? What did you do?
- What is something you know today that you didn't know before?
- Teach me something you learned today at school...

Without a bit more probing, it can be a lot for a child to pick what they might talk about related to a school day, and so mixing it up might help out.

This month, we celebrate Catholic Education Week, with the Sunday masses on Oct. 18 being the pinnacle of that time. All second collection funds for Catholic education will be doubled by the diocese and then returned to Holy Spirit Catholic School division. This could go a long way in creating more faith opportunities for our students so that we can continue to affirm the value of Catholic education. Please consider attending mass that weekend to be part of it all. There is a difference when you enter a Catholic school, and that comes from all of the people there offering up kindness, selflessness and a willingness to see Jesus in each other. That is very present at St. Joseph School!

On Tuesday, we will celebrate the hard work of our partners, Friends of St. Joseph, as they hold a ribbon cutting ceremony with division delegates and business partners AND YOU, who all supported this amazing fundraising venture to provide activity spaces for our older students. Please join us from 5-8 with food trucks, demos on the play spaces, and the ceremony at 5:30. Make sure you have your sporty shoes on so you can have some fun with the kids, and thank you to everyone who played a part in making this happen - it is a true gift to the school and Coaldale communities.

Finally, if you don't yet have a commitment, I encourage you to attend the division's powwow on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 5 pm at Children of St. Martha School in Lethbridge. It should be about 2 hours in length, and as it is outside, you will want to bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather. There, dancers from all over the division will share their talents in a spirit of unity and friendship. The beat of the drum is good for the soul, and if you've never been to a powwow, it will be memorable indeed.

Have a wonderful month praying, cheering the kids on, and having great conversations about learning with our teachers!

Ms. Kathy Jones
Principal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Grade 5 Mass St. Ambrose Church 9:00am-9:30am JV and SV Girls @ HOME JV Boys @ St. Mary's Taber	2 SV Boys/Girls VBall Tournament @ SMS Taber  TERRY FOX RUN @ 11:00am Wear Family Colors	3 @ SMS Taber
4 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time YOUTH LED CHOIR 4:00pm St. Ambrose Church	5 World's Teachers Day PICTURE DAY! 8:30AM-11:30AM	6 JV Boys Away Game @ Coalhurst JV and SV Girls @ HOME SJS Recreation Space Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ 5:30pm	7 CANTEEN CLOSED HOT LUNCH Buster's Pizza 9:30 am Cross Country Zones	8 SJS Thanksgiving Liturgy @ 10:15am POW WOW FIELD TRIP Gr. 4 and 7	9 School PD Day NO SCHOOL for Students	10
11 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12  Happy Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL for Staff and Students	13 Spiritual Development Day NO SCHOOL for Students	14 CRAZY HAIR DAY Leadership Activity SJS Friends of St. Joseph ALL WELCOME Meeting 6:30pm	15 JV and SV Girls @ HOME	16 JV Boys Tournament @ St. Catherine's (Picture Butte)	17 JV Girls Tournament @ St. Catherine's (Picture Butte)
18 Catholic Education Sunday	19 JV Boys and JV Girls @ Prairie Winds	20 CANTEEN CLOSED HOT LUNCH Booster Juice	21 Wear Blue for Catholic Education	22 Wear Team Colors School Wide Assembly JV and SV Girls @ HOME SJS School Council Meeting 6:30pm ALL WELCOME	23 PD Day NO SCHOOL for Students SV Girls Tournament @	24 St. Mary's (Taber)
25 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	26 Scholastic Book Fair JV Boys Volleyball Tournament @ home	27 Scholastic Book Fair JV Boys Volleyball Tournament @ home	28 School Photo Retakes Parent Teacher Interviews Gr 1-5: 3:50-6:30pm Scholastic Book Fair	29 Grade 1-3 & 3/4 Mass St. Ambrose Church 9:00am-9:30am Parent Teacher Interviews Gr 1-5: 3:50-6:30pm Office Hours Gr 6-9: 3:30-5:00pm	30 Happy Halloween Parade @10:45am 	31 Happy Halloween



October Athletic Report

We have had a fantastic start to our Jagwear athletic program! Cross Country running is in full swing as is our volleyball program. We had an overwhelming turnout for our girls volleyball program being able to field two full teams. We also have a JV boys team with a mix of grade 6-8 athletes.

I would like to thank several people who ensure that our sport's programs are off to a great start. To all of our coaches, referees, scorekeepers and staff supervisors, thank you for putting in your time and energy to helping our SJS athletes.

Games, practices and tournaments are occurring throughout September and October. I would like to wish all of our teams and athletes the best of luck as they represent our school and grow as a person and as athletes.

A few key dates to keep in mind as our seasons progress. The Zone Cross Country event will take place in Lethbridge on October 7th. League Championship Volleyball Tournaments will be held the week of October 26th. Depending on the results of our League Championship Tournaments the SV Girls team will potentially have the opportunity to compete in the Zone Championship on November 7.

Finally, we are still looking for Basketball coaches for our upcoming season starting in mid November. If you are interested in coaching or know someone who is, please let me know.

Go Jaguars!

Bruce Gal
Associate Principal





St. Ambrose Mass Times

Mass

Sunday — 9:00am

Monday and Thursday — 9:00am

Tuesday — 7:00pm

Saturday — 5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday — 3:30pm - 4:30pm



Mass at St. Ambrose Church starts at 9:00A.M.

All parents, grandparents are welcome to attend.

Please see mass times below:

Thursday, October 1 - Grade 5

Thursday, October 8 - Grades 6-9

Thursday, October 29 - Grades 1-4

Pastor—Fr. Iqbal Khurshid: pastor@stambroseparish.ca

Deacon—Peter Lilienthal: deacon@stambroseparish.ca

St. Ambrose Office Hours

Tuesday ... 9 am-4:30 pm

Thursday.. 9 am-4:30 pm

Friday..... 10 am-4:30 pm

Phone: 403-345-3400

After hours / emergency

Fr. Iqbal: 587-434-1937

St. Ambrose Parish

1513 - 23 Avenue, Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2

website—www.stambroseparish.ca

email—office@stambroseparish.ca

St. Ambrose CWL Presents "Mental Health in the Community", another in a series of talks on timely subjects that affect us all. This talk will be facilitated by the Rural Police And Crisis Team (RPACT) of Coaldale

When: Thursday October 8, 2026, at 2pm.

Where: St Ambrose Parish, 1513 23rd Ave, Coaldale

All are welcome to come and hear about accessing and navigating OUR mental health services.

Thank you to our CWL Council for providing us with these opportunities for learning and sharing!



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.

The protocol requires trained division staff and community partners to work together as a team to complete an Assessment of Risk to Others (ARTO) whenever a student threatens to harm others. The ARTO process leverages the team's knowledge, skills, and experience to assess the level of concern and identify appropriate interventions to protect individuals from harm and ensure a safe environment in both the school and the community. A multi-disciplinary approach is used to address these concerns. Please be advised that the school team will take positive and proactive measures to address all known threats or high-risk behaviors. If you are invited to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your child, please be assured that our protocol is being followed and that our primary goal is ensuring safety.

The Southwest Alberta Regional VTRA Protocol outlines how a school should respond immediately to threatening behavior. Principals may first assemble a School Threat Assessment Team, ideally comprising the principal or associate principal, a school-based counselor or jurisdictional lead, and local police. If the situation is serious, the principal may also consult the Superintendent of Schools and involve members of the Community Threat Assessment Team. This team may include representatives from local police, children's mental health organizations, or Child and Family Services, among other community agencies that collaborate with us to enhance school safety. Parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible during the Stage I - VTRA Process. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, but a safety concern persists, the threat assessment may proceed. Personal information shared during this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure everyone's safety.

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.

If you have any questions regarding the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's use of the Southwest Alberta Regional V-TRA Protocol, please contact the Director of Support Services at the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre. We appreciate your support in ensuring our schools are safe environments for our students, staff and community partners.

Sincerely,

Chantel Axani, Superintendent of Schools

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Notice to Parent or Guardian of Religious Permeation

Section 58.1 of the *Education Act* requires a school board to give notice to a parent or guardian when courses of study, education programs, institutional materials, instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion. All of the schools in this division 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 institutional materials, instruction and exercises will at all times include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.



PULL TOGETHER

We are collecting pop tabs to help purchase wheel chairs for those in need.

A community volunteer Diane Kerr will be collecting them from our school. If you have tabs to donated please drop them off at our SJS office.

We appreciate your support to this community project.

"Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person."

Order School Clothing

Hello Parents,

Our Jagwear Athletic Store is now open for business. If you would like to purchase some athletic wear for your child or yourself, please use the following link.

<https://st-josephfallstore2026.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

The store will close on October 11, 2026. All items will be delivered approximately 5 weeks from the store close date. This means the arrival should be well before Christmas, if you are thinking of purchasing athletic wear to give as a present(s).

The school office will contact you once the merchandise has been delivered.

Thanks for supporting our Jaguar Athletic Program!



Coaldale Clothing Fest

Clear Out Your Closet!



Coaldale Mennonite Church
is holding a Fall Clothing Fest ...

When? Sat. October 17, 2026 (10:00am - 1pm)

Where? Coaldale Mennonite Church Gym
(2316 – 17 Street)

Why? To help *support our community*



How? From the *generous donations and support of our community*

The clothing fest is a recycling program, which benefits many families in our community.

Pick out clothes at NO CHARGE.

Donations of clean clothing of all sizes in good condition are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the Coaldale Mennonite Church
weekdays from 9am-12pm, starting September 28th – Oct 14th.

Remaining items will be donated to local charities.

For more information or special arrangements or if you would like to help,
contact Jodi Reed at (403) 345-5956

TIME SOCIETY PRESENTS

2026 FATHER DAUGHTER *Ball*



A Golden Evening

October 24, 2026

5pm - 8pm

Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary School

For fathers and father figures with
daughters of all ages

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ALBERTA!



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Interested in joining?

Come learn about Guiding,
ask questions and have some fun!

Unit	Meeting Day	Time
Sparks Grade k/1	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm
Embers Grade 2/3	Tuesday	6-7:15 pm
Guides Grade 4/5/6	Wednesday	6-7:30 pm
Pathfinders Grade 7/8/9	Tuesday	7:15- 9 pm
Rangers Grade 10/11/12	Tuesday	7:15- 9 pm

WHERE: Coaldale SPORTSPLEX, basement

Sign up for a free try out meeting @

coaldalegirlguides@gmail.com