



Newsletter June 2026

Christensen's Corner

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Ecclesiastes reminds us that "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." As this school year draws to a close and the cool, rainy days of spring turn into the hot days of summer, a very personal season of change is arriving for me as well. This will be my final newsletter to you, as I will be moving on to a new school at the end of this school year. It has been an absolute honor and a blessing to serve the St. Joseph School community. I am incredibly proud of our students, deeply grateful for our dedicated staff, and thankful for the unwavering support of our parents and guardians. SJS will always hold a special place in my heart.

Please review the important updates below as we wrap up the year strong.

Celebrating our Grade 9 Class

We are getting ready to bid a fond farewell to our current class of Grade 9 students. We know they have a firm foundation, rooted in the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, and we are confident they will reach their full potential. They will always be a part of our SJS family and are welcome back anytime!

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mass: 5:30 PM at St. Ambrose Church

Program: To follow immediately after at St. Joseph School Gymnasium

Staying Focused in June

As the weather heats up, it can be easy for students to start thinking about summer vacation! However, the next few weeks (just 20 school days!) are jam-packed with essential learning, reviews, quizzes, tests, and assignments.

We ask for your help in ensuring students dress appropriately for the weather and school environment, maintain excellent attendance, and stay focused on their academics. Alongside the hard work, we have planned some fun activities to give students a chance to socialize and connect with their peers—an important skill they need to learn and practice!

Exam Schedules & Important Dates

Our final exam schedule has been sent out via email and posted on our social media channels. Please take note of the following guidelines:

Grades 7–9 Dismissal: Students may leave the school after they have finished writing their exams. Alternatively, they are welcome to stay and study in a supervised study hall.

Grades 7 & 8 Exemptions: Students who have achieved a grade of 85% or higher may be exempt from writing final exams.

Note: Parents/guardians may still choose to have their student write the exam. Please indicate your preference on the exemption letter sent home and return it to the school.

Grades 6 & 9 PATs: Students will write Provincial Achievement Tests, which are worth 20% of their final grade.

Key Dates to Remember:

June 18: Last day of regular classes for Grades 7–9 (Exams follow the next week).

June 25: Last day of classes for Grades 1–6.

September 1, 2026: First day of classes for the 2026–2027 school year (Grades 1–9).

Questions? If you have any questions regarding the exam schedule or year-end procedures, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you all once again for a wonderful year and for the beautiful memories I will carry with me. On behalf of the entire staff of SJS, I wish you all a safe, happy, and blessed summer!

Warmly,

Brent Christensen

Principal, St. Joseph School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Youth Mass 4:00pm	1 	2 Zone Track & Field Lethbridge JH	3 11:30am <i>Idea to Income Market</i>	4 Year End Mass 8:45am <i>ELA Grade 6</i> <i>Part B PAT</i> <i>Grade 8</i> <i>Parent Meeting</i> <i>@ 4pm Waterton Trip</i>	5 School Assembly Wear Team Colours Athletic Awards 11:00am	6
7 <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	8 NO Kindergarten	9 <i>ELA Grade 9</i> <i>Part B PAT</i> <i>Kindergarten Fire Hall Field Trip</i> 9:00am	10 Kindergarten Graduation 10:00am in Gym 11:30am <i>Idea to Income Market</i>	11 CANTEEN CLOSED Last Day for ELP & Kindergarten KONA ICE 12:30pm Grade 9 Farewell Mass <i>@ 5:30pm</i>	12 Hat Day Event <i>Science Grade 6</i> <i>PAT @ 9:00am</i> Special Event Masked Reader @ 11am	13
14 <i>11th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	15 CANTEEN CLOSED for the Season <i>Math Grade 6</i> <i>Part A PAT</i>	16 <i>Math Grade 9</i> <i>Part A PAT</i>	17 Grade 9 Field Trip CALAWAY PARK Grade 4-8 RAYMOND POOL Field Trip	18 <i>Grade 1-3 Field Trip</i> SHIFT Centre <i>Math Grade 6</i> <i>Part B PAT</i>	19 LAST DAY for BREAKFAST CLUB <i>Math Grade 9</i> <i>Part B PAT</i> <i>Reader's Theatre</i> Grade 2 10:30am	20
21 <i>12th Sunday Ordinary Time</i> 	22 <i>Social Studies</i> <i>Grade 9 PAT</i> <i>Social Exam</i> <i>Grade 7 & 8</i> <i>Junior High Exam Week</i>	23 <i>Science</i> <i>Grade 9 PAT</i> <i>ELA Grade 7 Exam</i> <i>Math Grade 8 Exam</i>	24 MOVIE MILL Field Trip <i>Math Grade 7 Exam</i>	25 Last Day of School for Students <i>Science Grade 7 Exam</i> <i>ELA Grade 8 Exam</i>	26 SJS PD Day Last Day of School For staff	27
28 <i>13th Sunday Ordinary Time</i>	29	30	July 1 Canada Day 	<i>First Day of</i> <i>School for Students</i> Tuesday, September 1		

2025-2026 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

JUNE 25TH

2026-2027 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 1ST





Join us for the Grade 9 Farewell

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6.

THURSDAY

11

JUNE

5:30PM-8:00PM

ST. AMBROSE CHURCH
1513 23RD AVENUE
COALDALE, AB

Program and refreshments to follow at St. Joseph School
ALL are WELCOME to attend!

June 5, 2026
Wear Team Colors

FAITH IN ACTION

10:15am: Faith in Action Awards
11:00am: Athletic Awards
Assembly held in Gymnasium

June Athletic Report

The month of May was largely dedicated to Track and Field. Our school track meets were held on May 11th (Junior High) and May 19th (Grades 4-6). The Junior High students also participated in the County Track Meet on May 19th. I would like to commend all athletes on their effort! Regardless of how they placed in the events, I saw many of our athletes giving a determined effort with a positive attitude. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who made our track meets possible. Both parents and staff helped to ensure that the track meets operated smoothly and that our athletes had the opportunity to compete. Below is a list of students who set new school records and those who achieved highly at the County Track Meet. Some of these records have existed for more than 20 years, so congratulations to our new record holders.

U16 Category:

Nova Mulder (100m, 400m, high jump) U16 Boys
Finn Abrey McKeown (1500m) U16 Boys

U13 Category:

Iyah Mulder (shotput) U13 Girls

Grade 6

Ada Ogbogu (Long Jump) grade 6 Girls

Zone Track and Field:

Finn Abrey-McKeown 2nd in 1500
Nova Mulder- Won overall aggregate
Iyah Mulder- Tied for overall aggregate
Mackenzie Sipko- 1st in Shot Put

Congratulations to the new record holders and good luck to our athletes who will be participating in the Zone track and field in June!

Sincerely,
Bruce Gal



"Share the Mission" Award CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Recognizing Those Who Inspire – Nominate Someone Today!

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our school community? The **Share the Mission Award** is your opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond to serve, lead, and inspire!

This prestigious award honors community members, parents, students, and school staff who:

- **Go the Extra Mile:** Provide outstanding service for our students, schools, and community.
- **Lead the Way:** Rise to challenges and set new standards for others to follow.
- **Strengthen our Faith:** Enhance the Catholic atmosphere of our schools and parishes.
- **Serve the Community:** Show exceptional leadership in community/parish organizations.
- **Embody our Mission:** Reflect the heart of the division in everything they do.

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 5, 2026**. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized, submit your nomination today! The recipient will be honored at the division's Opening Mass.

Nominate now! Use the [online nomination form](#) or if you have any questions, contact Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca for more details.

Let's celebrate those who truly make a difference!



Join us in raising \$20,000 for Life Recovery at

Ride for Refuge

October 3th, 2026

at Henderson Lake Park



HOLY SPIRIT SJ 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Aug 25 First day for staff
Aug 28 Opening Mass

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Sept 1 First day for students
Sept 7 Labour Day
Sept 23 Div. Board Meeting
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

O – 20 (25)
I – 20

Oct 9 School PD Day
Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 13 PD Day
Oct 23 School PD Day
Oct 28 Div. Board Meeting

O – 21 (46)
I – 18 (38)

OCTOBER '26						
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Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 12 Div. PD Day
Nov 13 PD Day
Nov 20 School PD Day
Nov 25 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (66)
I – 17 (55)

Dec 16 Div. Board Meeting
Dec 18 Last day before break
Dec 21-31 Christmas break
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 26 Boxing Day

O – 14 (80)
I – 14 (69)

DECEMBER '26						
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Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 4 First day after break
Jan 27 Div. Board Meeting
Jan 29 School PD Day

O – 20 (100)
I – 19 (88)

Feb 15 Family Day
Feb 16 & 17 Non-operational days
Feb 18 & 19 SWATCA Teachers
Feb 18 & 19 CUPE – with the exclusion of EAs
Feb 24 Div. Board Meeting

O – 17 (117)
I – 15 (103)

FEBRUARY '27						
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Mar 12 School PD Day
Mar 24 Div. Board Meeting
Mar 25 Last day before Easter break
Mar 26 Good Friday
Mar 29 Easter Monday
Mar 26-31 Easter break

O – 19 (136)
I – 18 (121)

Apr 1-2 Easter break
Apr 5 First day after break
Apr 26 PD Day
Apr 28 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (156)
I – 19 (140)

APRIL '27						
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May 21 School PD Day
May 24 Victoria Day
May 25 Spiritual Dev. Day
May 26 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (176)
I – 18 (158)

Jun 23 Div. Board Meeting
Jun 24 Last day for students
Jun 25 Last day for teachers

O – 19 (195)
I – 18 (176)

JUNE '27						
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JULY '27						
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No students
Stat Holidays
School PD/Div. PD/Spiritual Dev./Collab. Days
Div. Board Meetings
First and last days for students
First and last days for teachers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 First Day of School for students <i>welcome BACK</i>	2  Grade 9 Trip to Waterton: Knights of Columbus Camp	3	4	5 Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta
6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 Labor Day NO SCHOOL Staff and Students	8 First Day of School for Kindersamen and ELP 	9	10	11	12
13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14	15	16	17 Opening Mass ALL are welcome! 9:00am-9:45am	18	19
20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21	22	23 Board Meeting	24	25	26
27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	28	29 Lifetouch School Photos Feast of St. Michael	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation NO SCHOOL Staff and Students			

JUNIOR IGNITE

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP

FF FACETO FACE MINISTRIES



AUGUST 5-7 | GRADES 6-8
ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY



REGISTER HERE



the ride for schools

Want to use the powers of your local school, college, or university to activate and improve your community? **Step up and get involved in the Ride for Refuge**, a family-friendly fundraising bike + walk in support of local charities serving people seeking hope, safety, and freedom. Here's what you can do...

1 pick a leader

You'll need a leader, commander, captain: someone who can steer the RIDE ship and has a natural talent for bringing people together. This can be a teacher, principal, staff member, or administrator - **anyone with a big heart who can get students excited about the RIDE.**

2 connect with your local charity

Reach out to Streets Alive Mission - they are hosting a RIDE in Lethbridge. The funds from RIDE support their Life Recovery Programs, bringing hope to those healing from addictions.

Talk to them about supporting their work through your own school RIDE - they'll be overjoyed! The charity is your main RIDE contact point; they'll supply you with resources to help make your walk fun.

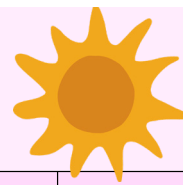
3 pick a route, date, and time

Create a route for your school walk that is easy for your students to access - **in most cases, this should be on your school's campus.** Outdoors is best (around a soccer field for example), but in a pinch you can even walk the halls or around your school's gymnasium.

Then, select a date and time that fits in well with your school's schedule. **We highly recommend walking between September 28 and October 2** - this is the week preceding the RIDE's official event date. Closer to the event is better.

JULY ACTIVITIES

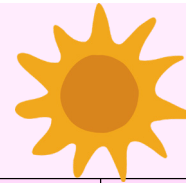
MHCB SUMMER PROGRAMMING



2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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<p>***MOVE YOUR MOOD*** EXPECT A MODERATE WORKOUT. YOGA MAT PROVIDED. BRING LIGHT WEIGHTS IF DESIRED</p>					REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR MICHAELS, MOVIE MILL AND COULEE CLIMBING EMAIL: MANGONET@HOLYSPIRIT.AB.CA OR AT OUR TABLE IN THE PARK	
6	7 FAMILY OUTDOOR PLAY HEDERSON PARK 10AM-1PM	8 PRIVATE EVENT	9 MOVE YOUR MOOD SURGE FIT OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION 10AM-11* MICHAELS 1-3 CRAFT (TIE DYE)	10 MINDFUL FRIDAY	11	12
13	14 FAMILY OUTDOOR PLAY GALBRAITH SCHOOL 10AM-1PM	15 PRIVATE EVENT	16 MOVE YOUR MOOD SURGE FIT OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION 10AM-11* COULEE CLIMBING 1-3	17 MINDFUL FRIDAY	18	19
20	21 FAMILY OUTDOOR PLAY ST. MARTHA SCHOOL 10AM-1PM	22 PRIVATE EVENT	23 MOVE YOUR MOOD SURGE FIT OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION 10AM-11* MICHAELS 1-3 CRAFT (BEADS)	24 MINDFUL FRIDAY	25	26
27	28 FAMILY OUTDOOR PLAY LAKEVIEW SCHOOL 10AM-1PM	29 PRIVATE EVENT	30 MOVE YOUR MOOD SURGE FIT OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION 10AM-11* ENCHANTED GOLF MOVIE MILL 9:30-11	31 MINDFUL FRIDAY		

AUGUST ACTIVITIES



2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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<p>***MOVE YOUR MOOD*** EXPECT A MODERATE WORKOUT. YOGA MAT PROVIDED. BRING LIGHT WEIGHTS IF DESIRED</p>		REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR MICHAELS, MOVIE MILL AND COULEE CLIMBING EMAIL: MANGONET@HOLYSPIRIT.AB.CA OR AT OUR TABLE IN THE PARK				
3	4 FAMILY OUTDOOR PLAY LEGACY PARK 10AM-1	5 PRIVATE EVENT	6 MOVE YOUR MOOD SURGE FIT OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION 10AM-11* MICHAELS 1-3 CRAFT (PAINT)	7 MINDFUL FRIDAY	8	9
10	11 FAMILY OUTDOOR PLAY NICHOLAS SHERAN PARK 10AM-1	12 PRIVATE EVENT	13 MOVE YOUR MOOD SURGE FIT OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION 10AM-11* OPEN SWIM STAN SIWIK 1-3	14 MINDFUL FRIDAY	15	16
17	18	19 READY SET GO YMCA 2-6	20 READY SET GO MY CITY CARE 2-6	21	22	23
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STREETS ALIVE
MISSION

**FUN!
GAMES!**

**HOT DOGS!
SNOWCONES!**



**FACE
PAINTING!**

**BOUNCY
COURSE!**

**WING
DING**

**LOCAL VENDORS
MARKET!**

SATURDAY JUNE 27
NOON TO 5 PM
NICHOLAS SHERAN PARK
PICNIC SHELTER
WEST LETHBRIDGE

**DUNK
TANK!**

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**COMMUNITY
CRUISER!**



save on foods

**WING DING WING EATING
CHALLENGE!**

**COTTON
CANDY!**



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information go to
streetsalive.ca
or call
403-942-8295





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Free!
Online workshop
for parents and
caregivers of
children
age 6–12

Mealtime Struggles in School-Aged Children: Building Trust, Confidence, and Feeding Skills

Join AHS dietitians via Zoom

- Explore the benefits of positive mealtimes and what gets in the way.
- Learn some practical ideas to build your child's trust, comfort, and confidence with more foods.
- Share ideas and learn about resources to build more positive mealtimes with your child.

Scan the QR code to register,
or click the link: <https://redcap.link/wciygxt8>



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Questions?

Publichealthnutrition.centralzone@albertahealthservices.ca

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parents-ways-to-support-your-childs-relationship-with-food-and-their-body-tickets-1976947125069>



Ways to support your child's relationship with food and their body

Join AHS registered dietitians to:

- Discuss how diet culture affects how we think and talk about bodies.
- Find out how children learn about food.
- Identify how the words we use to talk about food and bodies can impact children.
- Learn tips and strategies to support the development of a healthy relationship with food and body.

For parents and caregivers of children ages 2 to 12 years old.

For information on upcoming dates or to register, visit bit.ly/3NA0mix or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME



A Wise Choice

Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP)

Shaping the Future of Downtown Coaldale



**What do you want
the future of your
downtown to be?**

**Take the
survey!**

For more information about the project please visit

Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP)

Shaping the Future of Coaldale

What do you want
the future of your
downtown to be?

*survey will be open until
June 19th



*Take the
survey!*

Study Area



Why now?

Downtown Coaldale is the heart of our community. It's where we bump into friends while grabbing coffee, run errands on the weekend, and gather for events that bring us together. As Coaldale grows, so will the role and size of our downtown. That's why we're creating an Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), to set a clear vision for the future, support existing businesses and new investment, and make sure our public spaces and places are welcoming, functional and inclusive.

For more information about the project please visit
<https://www.letsconnectcoaldale.ca/projects/downtown-area-redevelopment-plan>

