



Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026-2027

Welcome

to our new Principal

KATHY JONES

St. Joseph School



Kathy Jones has lived in Lethbridge for **almost 30 years** after growing up in Regina, Saskatchewan and attending the University of Regina for post-secondary school.



She attended the **University of Lethbridge** for graduate school.



She has been an active member of **All Saints Parish** for her years in Lethbridge, most recently serving regularly as a reader and Eucharistic minister.



Her entire teaching career has been with **Holy Spirit Catholic**, serving as a teacher and/or administrator at Catholic Central, St. Francis Jr. High and St. Patrick Fine Arts School.



This year, she proudly celebrated **her daughter's (Layla)** high school graduation from CCH!

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I am very excited about what is possible for my time in the Coaldale community and look forward to meeting our parish and school family members.

Thank you for the warm welcome! ♥

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH:

September 1

First Day for Students

September 2-4

Grade 9 Trip to Waterton

September 7

Labour Day

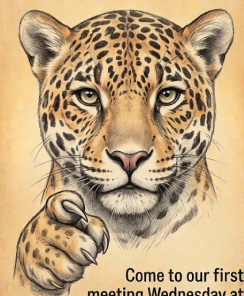
September 23

Division Board Meeting

September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

YOU SHOULD SIGN UP FOR JAG CHOIR



Come to our first meeting Wednesday at 11:30. Bring your lunch. Sign up in the music room.



**ST. JOSEPH
SCHOOL**
COALDALE

TOGETHER IN

*Faith, Learning
and Service.* ♥

**Welcome
Back to
School**



Welcome to St. Joseph School!

Hello everyone!

I am very excited to be joining the **St. Joseph family!** Please know that your little school comes so highly recommended within our division. Everyone I have talked to who is familiar with the school has said, *"You're going to love it there!"* High praise, indeed — and well deserved.

As we get to know one another better, I am confident that you will find me to be **open, curious, respectful, and very dedicated** to doing everything I can to support students where they are and, importantly, who they are.

I have been teaching since 1997 and have taught high school, junior high, and elementary school — all within Holy Spirit Catholic School Division. I also spent a year teaching abroad in Singapore. I am a parent myself to a pretty impressive 17-year-old who will begin Nursing at Lethbridge Polytechnic next week.

As a little one, she attended Spanish Montessori daycare for five years and then French Immersion from Grades 1–9. I feel like I have had diverse exposure to many different facets of learning and family dynamics, and that experience has helped prepare me well for this role. That said, **my experience may not be yours**, so I am also here to listen and learn from you and your children.

Please Welcome Our New Staff!

Please help me welcome the newest members of our St. Joseph team!

Saturna Beuckert will teach Grade 6 homeroom, Grades 6–9 ELA and Learning, as well as Visual Art in our option blocks. Saturna is a professional artist who also teaches at CASA in Lethbridge.

Olena Kuchar will work as a Learning Support Teacher, primarily with our elementary students.

Dayna Vucuverich is one of our Kindergarten teachers. Most recently, she served as an Early Learning Lead Teacher across the division's ELP programs.

Cherry Park joins us as a University of Lethbridge intern working with Zac Coupland, primarily in junior high Science.

I know you will make each of them feel most welcome!

So Much Happening at St. Joseph!

This year, our Grades 7–9 students and their teachers will embark on new curriculum in **Mathematics, Social Studies, Physical Education and Wellness, and Career Education and Financial Literacy**.

This will come with lots of *"Let's try this!"* thinking and opportunities to explore new areas of interest.

Our Grades 3–5 students will expand how they use **SpacesEDU** for self-reflection and portfolio building. Across the entire division, we will also be developing a stronger understanding of how to respond to **AI in education** — for teaching, learning, and navigating the world around us thoughtfully and responsibly.

And, of course, **sports kick off right away!** Grades 6–9 volleyball and Grades 7–9 cross country are getting underway, and choir auditions are right around the corner, too.

So much is going on!

Faith & Community

Our division's faith plan invites everyone to **"Love God"** this year and, by extension, to share that love with those around us.

Student projects and liturgies will celebrate this teaching throughout the year.

Families are also invited to join the **Youth Mass**, held monthly at St. Ambrose on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Sign-up letters for children interested in joining the Youth Mass Choir will be coming out soon.

You will also see registration forms for **sacramental preparation**. If you are even curious about what might be involved, please connect with **Roisin at the parish office**. Perhaps your child has not yet been baptized in the Catholic Church — she can help with that, too.

A Little Support for Parents

Parenting is no easy feat!

I hope you'll let me share some resources I come across that may help, whether you're looking for ways to support your child's social well-being, develop study skills, or simply navigate some of the challenges that come with raising children today.

There is absolutely no pressure to check them out, but I like to think that I don't recommend things lightly. I truly believe there is a **nugget of inspiration or help** in there for some of us.

This month, I'd like to recommend one podcast episode from the **Good Life Project**, featuring the wisdom of 10-year-olds on how we might address the loneliness epidemic among young people.

Please check out the QR code to see if it might be a fit for you. **Please note that this podcast episode is intended for adult audiences.**

And if you have recommendations you'd like to share with our parent community, please send them my way and we'll share them out!

We Are in This Together

Finally, please know that I fully support our staff and am ready to work alongside them to guide your children in all things *"school."*

In our family, **you are not alone**. My mom always taught me that *everyone does the best they can, when they can*.

We have God in our corner, and a whole lot of faith for what is possible when we believe in **BELIEVE**.

If you're a *Ted Lasso* fan, you know that one. 😊

I can't wait to meet you all soon — and even more importantly, to learn **with and from your kids**.

Go Jaguars! 🐾🐾

Happy New Year!

Ms. Jones (Kathy)

Principal, St. Joseph School

September Athletic Report

I am happy to welcome all our students and families to another school year and another exciting year of Jaguar athletics!

As always, we will be starting the year with **Cross Country running and volleyball**.

I would like to encourage any student in **Grades 7–9** to sign up for the Cross Country team and enjoy running outdoors throughout September and October. If you are interested, please connect with **Mr. Coupland or myself**.

For Cross Country practice, all you will need is a good pair of outdoor running shoes and athletic clothing suitable for changing weather conditions.

The first Cross Country practice will be Wednesday, September 9.

I would also like to encourage any student in **Grades 6–9** to attend volleyball tryouts. Tryouts will take place during the first week back to school:

- **Wednesday, September 2**
- **Thursday, September 3**

Practices will begin on **Tuesday, September 8** for all students who successfully make a team.

For practice and game times, please refer to the **school athletic calendar** on our [website](#) under the banner heading **“Co-Curricular Programs.”**

A big thank you to all of our coaches who have stepped up to support our St. Joseph athletes!

- **Mr. Coupland** – Cross Country
- **Dylon DeLeeuw and Averie Frache** – JV Girls Volleyball
- **TBD** – JV Boys Volleyball
- **Ms. Park** – SV Girls Volleyball

For students who may not want to participate as athletes but would still like to be part of our athletic program, please connect with me about opportunities such as **scorekeeping and other volunteer positions**.

The **Parent Volleyball Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, September 9, at 4:15 p.m. in the Foods Lab**. Please plan on attending, as there will be important information regarding the upcoming season.

Finally, our **Jagwear Online Store** is up and running! To access the store, click on the following link:

[Jagwear Store](#)

All information regarding the store can be found on the website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Bruce Gal

Associate Principal

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 Volleyball Tryouts Grade 6-9/ 3:30pm	3 Volleyball Tryouts Grade 6-9/ 3:30pm	4 Corn Maze Field Trip Grade 6-8 8:30am-11:30am	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 Kindergarten and ELP 	9 Cross Country Practice 3:40pm Volleyball Parent Meeting 4:15pm	10 Junior High Career Ed Financial Literacy 9:00am SV Girls /Boys - 3:30pm JV Girls/Boys - 5:00pm Volleyball Practice	11 Staff Prayer 8:00am	12
13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14	15 Cross Country Practice 3:35pm	16 Cross Country Practice 3:35pm	17 Opening Mass ALL are welcome! 9:00am-9:45am SJS Welcome Back BBQ	18 Staff Prayer 8:00am	19
20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21	22 Cross Country Practice 3:35pm	23 Cross Country Practice 3:35pm Board Meeting	24 Grades 1-3 / 3-4 Mass 9:00am-9:45am	25 Staff Prayer 8:00am	26
27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	28	29 Orange Shirt Day (Wear Orange) Cross Country Practice 3:35pm Feast of St. Michael	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	October 1 Grades 1-5 Mass 9:00am-9:45am	October 2  @ 11:00am	

Grade 9 Camping Trip

Location: Waterton National Park

Leaving: September 2 @ 8:30am
Returning: September 4 @ 12:00pm

Remember ALL your gear and food.
Dress for the weather.



2026-2027 BELL TIMES



ELEMENTARY BELL TIMES MONDAY TO THURSDAY

TIME	PERIOD
8:20AM	Warning Bell
8:20AM-8:25AM	HOMEROOM
8:25AM-9:10AM	Period 1
9:10AM-9:51AM	Period 2
9:51AM-10:06AM	RECESS
10:06AM-10:49AM	Period 3
10:49AM-11:30AM	Period 4
11:30AM-11:55AM	LUNCH #1
11:55AM-12:20PM	LUNCH #2
12:20PM-1:02PM	Period 5
1:02PM-1:43PM	Period 6
1:43PM-1:58PM	RECESS
1:58PM-2:41PM	Period 7
2:41PM-3:22PM	Period 8
3:22PM-3:28PM	HOMEROOM

JUNIOR HIGH BELL TIMES MONDAY TO THURSDAY

TIME	PERIOD
8:20AM	Warning Bell
8:20AM-8:25AM	HOMEROOM
8:25AM-9:10AM	Period 1
9:12AM-9:55AM	Period 2
10:02AM-10:45AM	Period 3
10:47AM-11:30AM	Period 4
11:30AM-12:20PM	LUNCH
12:20PM-1:05PM	Period 5
1:07PM-1:50PM	Period 6
1:59PM-2:42PM	Period 7
2:45PM-3:28PM	Period 8

ELEMENTARY BELL TIMES FRIDAY

TIME	PERIOD
8:20AM	Warning Bell
8:20AM-8:25AM	HOMEROOM
8:25AM-9:09AM	Period 1
9:09AM-9:48AM	Period 2
9:48AM-10:27AM	Period 3
10:27AM-10:42AM	RECESS
10:42AM-11:24AM	Period 4
11:24AM-12:03PM	Period 5
12:03PM-12:42PM	Period 6
12:42PM-12:47PM	HOMEROOM

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TIME	PERIOD
8:20AM	Warning Bell
8:20AM-8:25AM	HOMEROOM
8:25AM-9:11AM	Period 1
9:13AM-9:56AM	Period 2
9:58AM-10:36AM	Period 3
10:38AM-11:16AM	Period 4
11:19AM-12:02PM	Period 5
12:04AM-12:47PM	Period 6

The SACRAMENTS

— God's Gifts of Grace —



THE SACRAMENTS STRENGTHEN US IN FAITH
AND BRING US CLOSER TO CHRIST.



BAPTISM

The beginning of
new life in Christ.



CONFIRMATION

Strengthened by the
Holy Spirit to live
as disciples of Christ.



MARRIAGE

A sacred covenant
and lifelong
commitment of love.



EUCHARIST

The source and
summit of our
Catholic faith.



RECONCILIATION

God's mercy
and forgiveness
heal and renew us.



Dear Parents,

St. Ambrose parish would like to provide sessions for
sacraments in the fall of 2026-2027.



Are you interested to
register your children for
the sacraments?

OR



Are you civilly married and
are interested to get
married in the Church?

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE:



403-345-3400



office@stambroseparish.ca

St. Ambrose Parish

1513 - 23 Avenue, Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2

website—www.stambroseparish.ca

email—office@stambroseparish.ca

Phone: 403-345-3400

St. Ambrose Mass Times

Mass

Sunday 9:00 am

Mon & Thur.....9:00 am

Tuesday..... 6:00 pm

Saturday 5:00 pm

(starting Aug 30th)

Adoration

1st Friday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday3:30-4:30 pm



Sunny South Lodge

Mass—starting Sept.

1st & 3rd Thur at 2:30 pm

After hours / emergency

Fr. Iqbal: 587-434-1937

Fr. Iqbal Khurshid: pastor@stambroseparish.ca

Peter Lilienthal: deacon@stambroseparish.ca



**St. Joseph School coordinates a Youth led Mass
at St. Ambrose Church.**

**Our first one for this school year will be on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

We invite YOU to volunteer as a reader, greeter, gift bearer, altar server, usher, and singer!

Volunteer forms will be available at the SJS Office and emailed to all parents.

EVERYONE is encouraged to share their precious time and talents for this special celebration.

**Please email your completed volunteer form to Mrs. Mastel at mastelp5657@gmail.com or
text it to her at 403-892-4207, or drop it off at the school office on or before Monday, Sept. 21st.**

The choir will have two practices on Fridays, September 25, and October 2,

12:42 to 1:22 p.m. in the Choir Loft at St. Ambrose Church.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Mastel at 403-892-4207.

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we plan to have a Youth led Mass the first weekend of each month:**

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 - YOUTH LED MASS VOLUNTEER FORM

Student's Name: _____

Please PRINT First and Last Name

Grade & Teacher

Parent's Phone/Cell Numbers: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

I would like to share my talent as a:

_____ Reader

_____ Altar Server

_____ Greeter

_____ Usher

_____ Gift Bearer

_____ Choir Member



Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____



BACK To SCHOOL Bash!

GRADE 6-8



DATE: Friday,
September 4, 2026



LOCATION:
Lethbridge Corn Maze



COST: \$10/ student



TIME: 8:30am-11:30am

GET READY
FOR FUN,
FRIENDS &
ADVENTURE!



Please bring snacks and
appropriate clothing,
sunscreen, etc.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ST. JOSEPH

BACK TO SCHOOL BARBEQUE



MENU

BURGERS
CHIPS
JUICE
WATER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

5:00PM-7:00PM

FAMILY BLESSINGS AND MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

EVENT SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH

FREE & FUN
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



St. Ambrose Parish

Registration for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion
and Confirmation will take place in the gym.
Book fees are \$25 for each Sacrament



Palliser School Division

Palliser Centre

#101, 3305 - 18 Avenue North, Lethbridge, AB T1H 5S1

Phone: (403) 380-2612 Fax: (403) 328-2714

2026-2027 Bus Information for St. Joseph Families

Dear Parents and Holy Spirit Schools families:

With the changes made by Alberta Education that take effect in the 2026-27 school year, Palliser School Division is informing all Holy Spirit bus students and their families that are currently riding that live under 1.6 kms from St. Joseph School, that we will not be transporting your children after June 30, 2026. Moving forward, the Education department is only funding transportation for students in grades K-6 that live 1.6 kms or further away from the school they attend, which has dictated the change.

If you are a current bus family living under 1.6 kms from St. Joseph School that is affected by the change, you will need to make alternative arrangements for the 2026-27 school year and beyond. Should you have any questions, please call the transportation department at 403-380-2612 and we will be happy to explain the changes further.

We wanted to give you as much advance notice as possible because of the changes and trust you can understand that without the funding we are unable to continue to transport those students that no longer qualify for a school bus.

Regards

David Shaw

Transportation and Fleet Manager – Palliser School Division.



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

**WELCOMING
FAMILIES FROM
ACROSS
SOUTHERN
ALBERTA!**

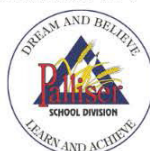


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**SCAN FOR EVENT
TICKETS AND DETAILS**

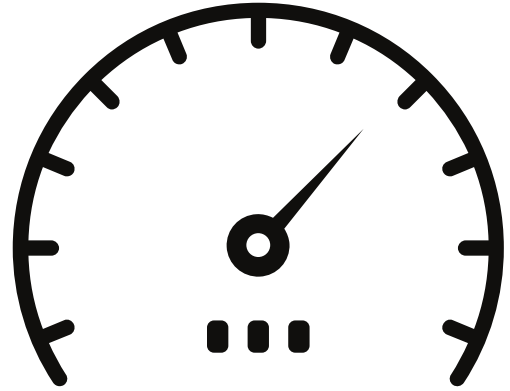
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UNPOSTED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION



Starting September 1, 2026, the Town of Coaldale's default, unposted speed limit will be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

This change applies only to roads where no speed limit is posted. Roads with posted speed limit signs will continue to follow the posted limit.



To learn more, scan the QR code or visit www.coaldale.ca/unposted-speed-limit-reduction.