



Newsletter April 2026

Christensen's Corner April 2026

On March 19 we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph. The patron Saint of our School. Here is the message that was shared with those in attendance for our mass led by our grade 5C class.

St. Joseph, a man who speaks very little in Scripture, yet shows us so much about what it means to truly know God.

St. Joseph reminds us that we don't always need many words to have a strong faith. He listened. He paid attention. And in the quiet, often in his sleep, he received answers to his prayers and guidance from God. That takes trust. That takes humility. That takes courage.

As a school division we are focusing on the action of knowing God during this first year of our three year faith plan. St. Joseph shows us how: by creating space for God in our lives, by listening in the quiet, and by trusting that God is guiding us, even when we don't have all the answers.

Joseph also lived out what it means to say, "We are Family." He cared for Mary and Jesus with deep love and responsibility. He showed kindness in how he protected them, courage in facing the unknown, respect in how he listened to God, and humility in putting others before himself.

Today, we are invited to be like St. Joseph:

- To be still enough to listen,
- To trust God's voice in our lives,
- And to live as a family, where kindness, courage, respect, and humility guide everything we do.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

God Bless,

Brent Christensen
Principal

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| | | | 1 CANTEEN CLOSED <i>Booster Juice</i> Hot Lunch Badminton Tournament Prairie Wind @ 4:00pm | 2 Holy Thursday Liturgy @ 1:10pm Mass @ 7:00pm St. Ambrose Church | 3 Good Friday Mass @ 12:00pm St. Ambrose Church Easter Break BEGINS | 4 Holy Saturday Mass @ 8:00pm St. Ambrose Church | |
| 5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Mass @ 9:00am St. Ambrose Church | 6 | 7 | 8 NO SCHOOL for Staff and Students – April 6 th to April 12 th , 2026 | | | | 11 |
| 12 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> Divine Mercy Sunday | 13 Practice Mon., Wed., & Friday The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring <i>First Day Back from Easter Break</i> Quarter 4 BEGINS | 14 CANTEEN CLOSED <i>Wiebe's Delicatessen</i> Hot Lunch | 15 CANTEEN CLOSED <i>Fine Arts Soda Shoppe</i> Fundraiser | 16 Grades 1-3 Mass 8:45am-9:45am | 17 | 18 | |
| 19 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> Mass @ 9:00am St. Ambrose Church | 20 COLJHAA Badminton Tournament 1:30pm to 7:00pm | 21 CANTEEN CLOSED <i>Ice Cream in a Cup</i> Fundraiser Tech Rehearsal 1:00pm | 22 EARTH DAY WEAR BLUE Grade 9 EPIC Day Dress Rehearsal 1:00pm | 23 Grades 4-5 Mass 8:45am-9:45am Helen Schvler Field Trip 2R and 2/3B | 24 SJS Youth Led Mass Practice @ 12:20pm <i>The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring</i> Performance @ 7PM St. Joseph Gymnasium | 25 <i>The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring</i> Performance @ 2PM and 7PM St. Joseph Gymnasium | |
| 26 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> Youth Led Mass @ 4:00pm | 27 | 28 | 29 CANTEEN CLOSED <i>Taco in a Bag</i> Lunch Office Hours 3:30pm-5:00pm | 30 Grades 6-9 Mass 8:45am-9:45am | | | |



Easter Liturgies at St. Ambrose Church

- Palm Sunday...March 28th @ 5PM
- March 29th @ 9AM
- Holy Thursday...April 2nd @ 12PM
- Good Friday...April 3rd @ 7PM
- Holy Saturday...April 4th @ 8:00PM
- Easter Sunday...April 5th @ 9AM

April Athletic Report

As we enter the month of April, the gym has been busy with tryouts and practices for the badminton season. I am happy to report that we had several students trying out for badminton teams and we were able to fill a full roster for both the grade 7 and 8 teams and almost have a full roster for the grade 9 team. I want to commend all the students who came out for badminton tryouts and their continued efforts to show up for practices and put forth their best effort. The first mini tournament will be held at Prairie Winds on April 1st for the grade 7 and 8 teams. After that, the COLJHAA league tournaments will take place on April 20th. The grade 7's will be playing at Prairie Winds, the grade 8's at St. Joseph School and the grade 9's at Coaldale Christian. Start time on that day will be 2:00pm, so the students will need to be at their venues by 1:30pm. After that, any athlete(s) who qualify for the Zone Championship will travel to Medicine Hat on Saturday, April 25th. Thanks to Ms. Schafer for all of the time and effort that she has put into running our badminton program and allowing the students to have this opportunity. We wish all of our badminton players a great season of fun, learning and sportsmanship. Go Jags Go!

Sincerely,

Bruce Gal

Location

Coaldale Civic Square Atrium (1801 20th Ave)

To learn more about the 2026 Coaldale Easter Event, visit: www.coaldale.ca/easterevent2026

Date

Saturday, April 4, 2026: 1:00- 3:30 pm

What is the Easter Event?

The Coaldale Easter Event is a free event that will consist of fun, family friendly activities.

Day-of Activities (1:00 pm - 3:30 pm)

- Photos with the Easter Bunny by Fused Elements Photography - Sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Coaldale
- Wagon Rides
- Petland Petting Zoo (Furry Little Animals) - Sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Coaldale
- Baby Chicks
- Mini Games
- PAWS for a Cause: Community Connection Booth - Hosted by the Coaldale & Regional Pet and Animal Wellness Society
- Birds of Prey Display - Hosted and Sponsored by the Alberta Birds of Prey Nature Centre



St. Joseph Fine Arts Presents

**The
Mysterious
Case of the
Missing
Ring**



Janie Downey Maxwell

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado

SHOWTIMES

**FRIDAY APRIL 24 @
7 PM**



**SATURDAY APRIL
25 @ 2 PM**



**SATURDAY APRIL
25 @ 7 PM**



TICKETS

**\$8
EACH**

**(USE QR CODE
TO PURCHASE)**

**50/50
TICKETS**



**(PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
THE SJS FINE ARTS
PROGRAM)**



"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!



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COULEE VIEW
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Kin Canada
Kinsmen Club
of Coaldale

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APRIL 18, 2026 10AM



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL

FAMILY FUN RUN COALDALE * 2026

PRESENTED BY COALDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



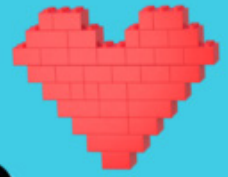
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YOUTH-\$11 ADULT-\$22

SHIRTS-\$15



LEGO club.



Children ages 5-12 are invited to join us to build, create, and play with Lego. Snack provided.

Tuesdays
3:45-4:30pm



Bird Talk & Trail Walk



Join us for a spring stroll as we chat about the birds in our backyard, how they nest, and how you can become a master birder! This walk is led by our new Program Coordinator—a bird expert and naturalist who knows her feathers from her fowl.

April 30th 6:00-7:00pm

Meet at the Kin Picnic Shelter front gates



FREE

COALDALE SPARTANS FOOTBALL PRESENTS

FOOTBALL

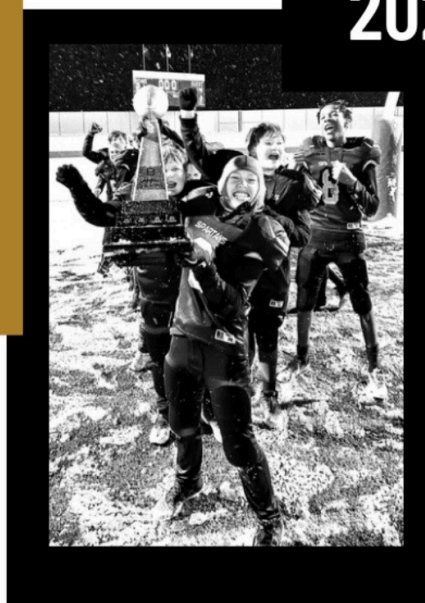
SPRING TRAINING

CAMP

FOR AGES 8-14



**23
MAY,
2026**



CAMP DAY DETAILS

Come on out and meet our coaches, practice with some great players and experience all the fun to be had and skills to be learned as a Coaldale Spartan!! Camp runs from **10:00-3:00** at Kate Andrew's field and will be flag format, no contact. Camp includes a FREE hotdog lunch! Water bottle, cleats (we have lots available to borrow) and mouth guard (available for purchase for \$5 if needed) required. Hope to see you all there!!

REGISTER NOW

SPARTANS@LETHBRIDGEMINORFOOTBALL.ORG



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March 17, 2026

Dear Parents & Guardians,

At St. Joseph School, we take great pride in celebrating the athletic awards of our Grade 6-9 students through our annual Athletic Program. Recognizing their hard work and dedication is a vital part of encouraging their continued success, and we couldn't do it without the support of generous sponsors like you. We are reaching out to invite you to become a sponsor for this year's Athletic Awards, which will take place on June 5, 2026, at 10:45 am in our school gymnasium.

We sincerely thank you for considering this opportunity to support our student athletes. Your sponsorship will not only recognize their achievements but also inspire them to continue striving for excellence in their academics and athletics. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Brent Christensen
Principal, St. Joseph School