



Newsletter May 2026

May Flowers and . . .

May is the month of Mary, it is considered the season of the beginning of new life. The weather turns warmer, birds are singing, the grass is greening, farmers are planting their fields, baby animals are born and track and field takes over the SJS athletics landscape. The colourless days of Lent are behind us and ahead of us are forty days of school before summer vacation begins. This means eight weeks of hard work, good attendance, review, practice exams, Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT's) for students in grade 6 and 9, and final exams for others.

Students in grades 6 - 9 complete regular classes on Wednesday, June 19 and exams begin on Monday, June 22 concluding on Thursday, June 25th. Please check the google calendar for more details regarding the junior high exam schedule. All students will be out for summer holidays beginning on June 26th while SJS staff will be wrapping things up that day before their summer begins on June 27th. The Early Learning Program and Kindergarten program will finish on Thursday June 11th. Our grade 9 farewell celebration will be June 11th starting with mass at St. Ambrose at 5:50pm followed by a program at St. Joseph School.

Students in grades 7 and 8 who attain an average of 85% or higher by June 15th, in their yearly work, will be exempted from school final exams. Students may choose to write final exams, this is left to the discretion of students and parents or guardians. Students in grades 6 through 9 are permitted to depart the school after their exams have been completed, however they are welcome to stay and attend study hall or get extra help from staff. Research shows that students will succeed academically if they study for short amounts of time over a long period of time instead of cramming at the last moment. If you have questions concerning final exams please contact the office.

We will also be celebrating the life of St. Mary during the month of May. Mrs. Baron, Ms. Cindy and the grade 4 students are putting together a liturgy for this. Please join us for this liturgy if you are able on May 8th at 9am in the gym. Patience, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, isn't easy to practice as it involves the pursuit of peace. In practicing patience we must resolve conflicts peacefully, without resorting to violence. Another aspect of patience is forgiving others. Probably the most difficult aspect of patience is waiting without becoming upset or annoyed and continuing on in the face of difficulty. May, the month of Mary, a woman of grace and love, but most of all patience lived a life full of difficulties and uncertainty but she bore them with patience and faith in God's will.



God Bless,

Brent Christensen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	4 Grade 1-3 Dental Hygienist Visit	5 Field Trip Kindergarten Shrek the Play 	6 Field Trip Grade 1-5 Shrek the Play 	7	8 Mary Celebration @ 9:00am Dress like your Favorite Movie Character	9
10 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	11 CANTEEN CLOSED <i>Junior High Hamburger Sale</i> Hot Lunch SJS Track & Field Junior High	12 CANTEEN CLOSED <i>Pizza by the Slice</i> Hot Lunch	13 Field Trip SFJH Cinderella	14 Field Trip SFJH Cinderella World Catholic Education Day	15 SJS PD Day NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS	16
17 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	18 VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL for STAFF & STUDENTS	19 CANTEEN CLOSED <i>Elementary Hamburger Sale</i> Hot Lunch NO Kindergarten JH County Track and Field Meet	20 Grade 8 Lethbridge Field Trip	21 Grades 1-5 Mass 8:45am-9:45am ELA Grade 9 Part A PAT Family Engagement Night 5pm	22 <i>ELA Grade 6 Part A PAT</i>	23
24 Pentecost Sunday 31 <i>The Most Holy Trinity Sunday</i>	25	26	27 Grade 6 ELA Part A Field Trip Grade 2/3 Devil's Coulee CANTEEN CLOSED Booster Juice Hot Lunch	28 SJS Spring Music Concert	29	30

May Athletic Report

The month of April was once again a busy month primarily dedicated to badminton. On April 20th our junior high athletes competed in the County of Lethbridge Tournaments. The U13's competed at Prairie Winds School, the U14's travelled to RI Baker (St. Joseph hosted) and the U16's were at Coaldale Christian. I would like to commend all of our athletes who competed and were dedicated in showing up for practices and putting in their best effort. From the U13 division, Kaiden and Rostyslav finished second in boys doubles and Iyah finished second in girls singles. With the U14 division, Travis finished first for boys singles, Nixon and Bennett finished second for boys doubles and Cassidy and Kaiden finished fourth for mixed doubles. In the U16 category, Nova and Carlos finished third in boys doubles. Good job to all of our competitors and good luck to those athletes who will compete at the Zone Championship in Medicine Hat. I would also like to thank Ms. Schafer for coaching and all of the extra time she has dedicated to our badminton program. In May, we are looking forward to a busy Track and Field season with our grade 7-9 meet on May 11th followed by the County Meet on May 19th. May 19th will also be the grade 4-6 School Track Meet. Again, good luck to all of our athletes!

Go Jags Go!

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!

Hail Mary

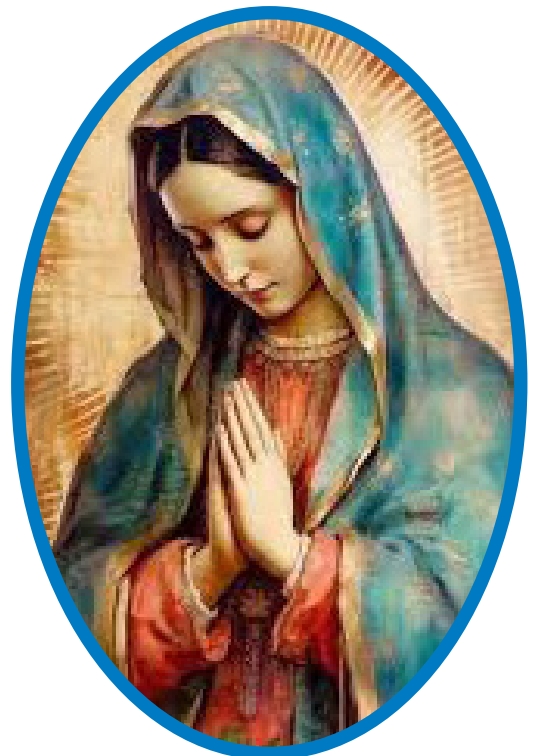
Hail Mary, full of grace.

The Lord is with thee.

**Blessed are thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Amen



SCHOOL COUNCIL

CORNER

MAY 2026

Who we are

Positions

Chair - Amanda Webster
Vice Chair - Amanda Bohner
Secretary - Lacie Terpstra

What we do

We are a group of dedicated individuals that work along the school to enhance a healthy parent/school relationship. Everyone is welcome to attend our bi-monthly meetings and share feedback and ideas. Your input matters and we would love to see you at our next meeting.

More Information

- Family Fun Night - May 21st

School Council along with School staff are hosting a Family Fun Night. This is a great opportunity to get out as a family for a night of games, activities, and snacks. For more information, come to our next School Council meeting to hear all about it.

- Jaguar Key Rings -

We are still running the key ring fundraiser till the end of the schoolyear. Support our school while rocking some swag on back packs and sports bags. For more information check out the QR code.



Upcoming Events

Hot Lunch - Volunteer Opportunity

May 12th - Pizza
May 27th - Booster Juice

We are looking for volunteers to help with preparation and distribution to the classes. If you are interested in helping please contact us or the School Administrative Staff.

Our Next Meeting

MAY 7th

6:00 pm

@ St. Joseph School in the gathering space

Contact Info

Email: sjsc.parentcouncil@gmail.com

Phone: (403)345-3373
(Office will relay the message to us)

Youth Led Mass – Sunday, May 31, 2026



St. Joseph School will be coordinating the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ambrose Church for Sunday, May 31, 2026!



We need readers, greeters, gift bearers, ushers, altar servers, singers, and musicians!

If YOU would like to participate, please complete the attached volunteer form, or pick one up at the school office, then email it to Mrs. Pat Mastel, mastelp5657@gmail.com or snap a picture and text it to her at 403-892-4207, or drop it off at the school office by Thursday, May 14, 2026.

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

We will only have 2 practices in preparation for this special Mass. Both will be at St. Ambrose Church from 12:20 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. on Friday, May 22, and Friday, May 29, 2026

We will meet in the Gathering Space after school & walk to the church together.



MAY 31, 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:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Member |



Student's Signature: _____ **Parent's Signature:** _____

Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

STAY SAFE

AROUND THE SCHOOL BUS

WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE – THEN CROSS SAFELY.

DON'T CROSS

**IN FRONT OF
THE BUS.**



The driver may not see you.
It's not safe.



**OTHER DRIVERS
CAN'T SEE YOU
IF THE BUS
IS STILL THERE!**



DO WAIT

**FOR THE BUS
TO LEAVE.**

When the bus leaves and you can see the road in both directions, then cross safely.



MAKE SURE THE ROAD IS CLEAR.



**LOOK
LEFT**



**LOOK
RIGHT**



**THEN
CROSS**



BE PATIENT. BE ALERT. BE SAFE.

WE ALL GET HOME SAFELY. ❤️



**LOOK OUT
FOR EACH
OTHER**



**RESPECT
THE DRIVER**



**BUCKLE UP
EVERY TIME**



**SAFE CHOICES
EVERY DAY**

Parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32



FREE

COALDALE SPARTANS FOOTBALL PRESENTS

FOOTBALL

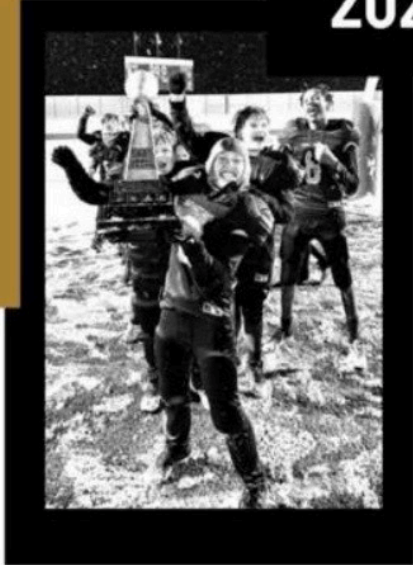
SPRING TRAINING

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





TEAM
**LETHBRIDGE
COUNTY**

JOIN OUR TEAM AT THE 53RD

SOUTHERN ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 11



July 8-11, 2026

www.SouthernAlbertaSummerGames.ca





MYCITYCARE

**SPRING
FREE CLOTHING
POP-UP EVENT**

SATURDAY, MAY 30

11AM - 1PM

COALDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE



SPARTANS

FOOTBALL



ALL IN, ALL THE TIME.

ATOM:

Born 2016, 2017 or 2018

\$285

PEEWEE:

Born 2014 or 2015

\$305

BANTAM:

Born 2011, 2012 or 2013

\$305

PRACTICES BEGIN

mid-August at Kate Andrew's Field

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

If you require help with fees, please message us. We have a 100% acceptance rate regardless of financial ability. let us tell you more!!

\$135

TEAM FEE

\$90 refundable if requirements met; includes rental of game-day jersey, practice jersey and pants; year-end wind-up party

ATOM

PRACTICES TUES/THURS 5:30-7:00
GAMES WED @ 6:00

PEEWEE

PRACTICES TUES/WED 5:30-7:00
GAMES THURS @ 6:00

BANTAM

PRACTICES TUES/WED/THURS 5:30-7:00
GAMES SAT @ TBD

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Cleats
water bottle
mouth guard

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- **FREE OPEN SWIM!** from 1:00pm-5:00pm
Wednesday, July 8th - Bow Island Swimming Pool
Friday, July 10th - Foremost Pool
- **Grand Opening Ceremonies!**
Wednesday, July 8th 5:30pm-8pm
Centennial Park & Campground
 Market in the Park
 DJ Fode
 Free BBQ
 13 Region Athlete March at 5:30pm
 Face Paint and Glitter Tattoos
 Family Games
 & MORE!
- **Free Pancake Breakfast!**
Thursday, July 9th from 9:30am-11am
 Senator Gershaw School Parking Lot
- **Free YOGA in the Park!**
Thursday, July 9th
 Centennial Park Bow Island - South End
 2:00pm-3:00pm
 Must bring your own Mat and Water!
- **Friday Market!**
Friday, July 10th
 Golden Age Club, Bow Island
 2:00pm-4:00pm
- **Closing Ceremonies!**
Saturday, July 11th at 5:00pm
 Centennial Park & Campground
 Speeches
 Reveal of Next Years Game
- **After Party for Athletes!**
Saturday, July 11 at Bow Island Legion
- **Kale Porteous Memorial Splash Park!**
9am - 9pm everyday!
 Centennial Park & Campground

It has been 30 years since the Bow Island last hosted the Southern Alberta Summer Games, and we anticipate welcoming approximately 2,000 athletes from all 13 regions!

Registration for the Games opens on May 11th 2026 until June 11th 2026!!!

Anyone from the ages of 6 years old to 90+ years old can register and compete!

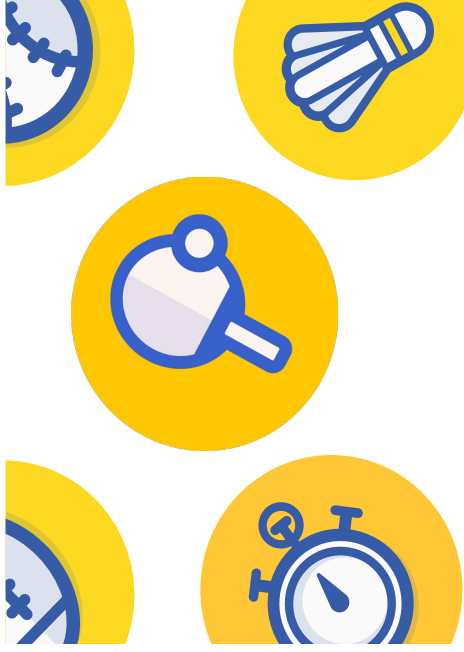
Scan to view the official Southern Alberta Summer Games Website



Official Map for the summer games



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



SOUTHERN ALBERTA



JULY 8-11 2026

To learn more or become a volunteer email Kaylee Hurt, Games Coordinator at recreation@bowisland.com or call 403-545-2522 EXT 2!

June 2026

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