

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2026–2027 School Year!

As we launch into Year Two of the Holy Spirit Faith Plan, we are called to deepen our relationship with Christ, living out our faith through love, kindness, and community. Our liturgical life remains at the heart of everything we do. Through school-wide liturgies and masses enriched by our outstanding music ministry, our school family comes together to worship, give thanks, and grow spiritually. Our opening mass will take place at St. Basil's Church on September 24th and our Back to School liturgy and blessing will take place that evening at the school in the gym. I look forward to seeing everyone there. After the service there will be time for parents and teachers to connect.

We take great pride in offering a dynamic range of academic and co-curricular opportunities that nurture the whole child. Our grade 5 and 6 students can look forward to engaging STEM classes alongside exciting new course offerings in drama, movement, and dance. Beyond the classroom, our vibrant school culture shines in our award-winning choirs, and competitive athletic teams. Grade 2-6 students can get involved with the school choir right away this month. Singing practices will take place Fridays. Grade 6 students will have volleyball team opportunities to look forward to- once the district schedule is complete we will communicate specifics of practices and tournaments. Before that happens, all students will run in our annual Terry Fox run on September 18th. Wear red and white and get some school spirit points for your team. Mark your calendars- on March 22nd and 23rd our highly anticipated school-wide spring musical will be happening at the Yates Theatre.

None of these opportunities to learn, play and connect with the community would be possible without our deeply dedicated teachers and staff, who work tirelessly to inspire, guide, and support every student in a caring, faith-filled environment.

We look forward to a fantastic year filled with faith, learning, and celebration!

Keep up to date with school happenings through our school website stc.holyspirit.ab.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

Personal mobile device use (including smart watches) is not permitted during the entirety of the school day. This includes instructional time and non-instructional time. Use of social media platforms on division networks is restricted to educational use only.

September 1

First Day Back

September 4

Wear STC Swag or Blue

September 7

Labour Day - No School

September 9

Picture Day

September 17

Team Color Day

September 18

Terry Fox-Wear Red and White

September 24

Opening Mass 9:30

School Blessing 5:30

September 29

Orange Shirt Day

September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School





HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION

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2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER '26						
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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

OCTOBER '26						
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Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day
 Oct 13 PD Day
 Oct 14 PD Day
 Oct 28 Div. Board Meeting

NOVEMBER '26						
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Nov 11 Remembrance Day
 Nov 12 PD Day
 Nov 13 PD Day
 Nov 25 Div. Board Meeting

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

JANUARY '27						
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Jan 1 New Year's Day
 Jan 4 First day after break
 Jan 25 PD Day
 Jan 27 Div. Board Meeting

FEBRUARY '27						
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Feb 15 Family Day
 Feb 16-19 No School
 Feb 24 Div. Board Meeting

MARCH '27						
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Mar 22 & 23 STC Musical
 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

APRIL '27						
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Apr 1-2 Easter break
 Apr 5 First day after break
 Apr 26 PD Day
 Apr 28 Div. Board Meeting

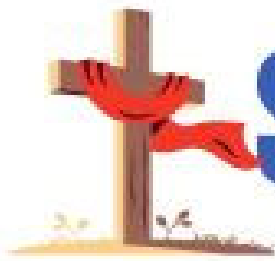
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May 24 Victoria Day
 May 25 Spiritual Dev. Day
 May 26 Div. Board Meeting

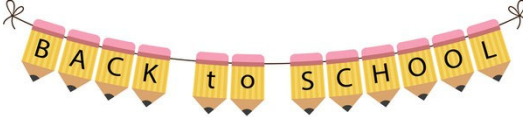
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Jun 23 Div. Board Meeting
 Jun 24 Last day for students

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September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 First Day 	2	3	4 Wear STC Swag or Blue for St. Teresa Assembly	5 St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day
6 Matthew 18: 15-20	7 Labour Day No School	8 Kindergarten and ELP start	9 Picture Day	10	11	12
13 Matthew 18: 21-35	14	15	16	17 Team Color Day	18 Terry Fox Run Wear Red & White	19
20 Matthew 20: 1-16a	21	22 Grade 6 Retreat	23	24 Opening Mass 9:30 St. Basil's All Welcome Back to School Blessing 5:30	25	26
27 Matthew 21: 28-32	28	29 Orange Shirt Day Assembly	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation No School			

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” — Matthew 18:20

When we discover someone is doing something wrong, how do we respond? Do we go to him and try to help him improve? Do we talk about him behind his back? Do we just ignore what he’s doing and let him get into deeper trouble?

In our Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we have a responsibility to help each other improve. That’s hard to do because our good intentions might be seen as butting in when it’s not our business. But Jesus reminds us that he will be with us and wants us to care enough to make a difference in other people’s lives. If we ask for his help, he will give us the right words to use. We must always speak the truth in love.

Prayer:

Please, dear Jesus, increase in me your gifts of courage and humility so that I may give and take constructive criticism with an open and loving heart.

Reflection:

Discuss together what loving words you can use to help someone get back on the path to God. Consider times when you were corrected by someone and how you felt.



Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?” — Matthew 18:21

When someone hurts us, it's very common to want revenge. We often feel it's unfair if that person does not experience the same hurt inflicted on us.

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells us that his way is different. Instead of looking for ways to get back at someone, we should remember that Jesus forgave us even when we didn't deserve it. Just before Jesus died on the cross, he said to his Father “Forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.” What an example He gave us! Even in the midst of suffering like a criminal, even though he was completely innocent, he forgave not only those who inflicted the pain that day but all people throughout the ages—even us. So, are we to forgive only once in a while? Jesus said there is no limit to the amount of times we should forgive others. For surely he didn't limit his forgiveness of us!

Prayer:

Lord, it's hard to forgive when I experience injustice. Only with your help can I imitate your great love. Come to me when I need to forgive someone, dear Jesus.

Reflection:

Pray today for people in prison and those who have been hurt by their crimes.



Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” — Matthew 20:16

In the Gospel today, we hear a parable about a landowner who pays all his workers the same amount of money, even though they did not all work the same amount of time. We may wonder why Jesus seems to be okay with that—isn't it unfair?

I remember when my son made the basketball team in junior high. Every day after school he and his teammates practiced for two hours. One day, a new student came to his school. The coach wanted him to feel welcome so he made him the starter for the next game. Without doing all the work the rest of the team had done, he received the same reward. Do you think that was fair? The team DID NOT! The following year my son started high school and his art and music teachers gave him opportunities to shine. He had natural talent in these areas, but so did other students. Was it fair? Perhaps the Gospel message is that instead of measuring our blessings against what others get, we should appreciate the many ways we are blessed.

Prayer:

*Lord, please help me to appreciate your gifts, even if things seem unfair at times.
Give me the patience to wait and see what generous ways you love me.*

Reflection:

Have you ever been jealous of someone else's success? Remember, God loves us all... in different ways!



Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.” — Philippians 2:3-4

In my family it is not always easy to think of others before myself. There are many days that I just want to do my own thing, and maybe even be left alone. But today's scripture tells me not to be selfish—thinking only of myself—but to consider others as more important than what I want. Jesus taught us the same thing when he gave us the two great commandments. He told us to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength. He also taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves. This sounds easier than it is sometimes, but if we ask the Lord to help us, he always will.

Prayer:

Lord, please teach me how to love those around me in a self-sacrificing way. As I do, I know I will grow closer to you.

Reflection:

What are some ways I can put others in my family first?



Univeristy of Lethbridge
Conservatory of Music

Children's Choir

For Ages 6 – 10

Tuesday, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. | Location: Casa (230 8 St S)

The focus of this dynamic young choir is on giving children the chance to experience the fun and joy of singing while at the same time growing as musicians and learning to use their singing voices in a healthy way. This choir also seeks to celebrate and learn from the diverse cultures and musical traditions that shape our community, including indigenous songs, stories, and perspectives shared respectfully through collaboration and learning. Their weekly rehearsals, led by conductor Nicole Garlock, are fun, organic and valuable. Performances throughout the year are the icing on the cake.

Starts September 22, 2026!

<https://www.ulethbridge.ca/music-conservatory/programs>



Univeristy of Lethbridge
Conservatory of Music

Beginner Ukulele

For Ages 8 – 12

Friday, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. | Location: Casa (230 8 St S)

Come and explore the joyful sounds of the Ukulele in a fun and supportive small group environment. We can't wait to make music with you!

FALL 2026: Sep 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 27

<https://www.ulethbridge.ca/music-conservatory/programs>



2026-2027 INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION LYS LEAGUE

www.lethbridgesoccer.com // 403-320-5425 (KICK)



ONLINE ONLY:

August 1 - September 12, 2026

INDOOR SOCCER SEASON STARTS: October 2026 - March 2027 ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE SERVUS SPORTS CENTRE **INDOOR LEAGUE IS BASED ON TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS FOR THE SEASON**

Register your player in their BIRTH YEAR (all age groups are from birth dates January 1 - December 31 of specified year)

Players will remain playing in their age groups no movement up or down an age group

Player Request Fee \$40.00 - 2 PLAYERS ONLY!

If there are not enough registrants per gender in U12 age group - Will be combined CoEd

Age Group	Birthyear	Fee	# of games	Days Playing	**ESTIMATED START TIMES**
U5 CoEd	2022	\$285.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Monday	5:00pm
U6 CoEd	2021	\$285.00	17 (40 min. sessions)	Wednesday	5:00pm
U8 Boys	2019 & 2020	\$285.00	17 (50 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 5:00pm and Sat 9:00am
U8 Girls	2019 & 2020	\$285.00	17 (50 min. sessions)	Wednesdays	Wed 6:00pm
U10 Boys	2017 & 2018	\$340.00	21 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 6:00pm* - Sat 11:00pm*
U10 Girls	2017 & 2018	\$340.00	21 (55 min. sessions)	Wednesdays	Wed 6:00pm
U12 Boys	2015 & 2016	\$420.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays and a few select Fridays	Mon 6:00pm* - Sat 2:00pm*
U12 Girls	2015 & 2016	\$420.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays and a few select Fridays	Mon 6:00pm* - Sat 2:00pm*
U14 CoEd	2013 & 2014	\$420.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 8:00pm* - Sat 3:00pm*
U16 CoEd	2011 & 2012	\$420.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays and a few select Fridays	Mon 9:00pm* - Sat 6:00pm*
U18 CoEd	2009 & 2010	\$420.00	27 (55 min. sessions)	Mondays and Saturdays	Mon 9:00pm* - Sat 7:00pm*

****Start times are subject to change due to registration numbers and are provided as a guideline only****

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

U5 & U6, Timbits Jersey, shorts & socks will be provided for each player to keep.
U8 - U18, Full Kit Jersey, Shorts & Socks will be provided for each player to keep.

Soccer Shoes or Soccer Cleats are acceptable, Shin Guards are MANDATORY - Not included in player fees

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:



U5 & U6 TIMBITS: This is our introductory level, where all sessions are run by our CSA Certified Coaches who will help your child build a love for the ball.

U8 - U12 FUNDAMENTAL: At this stage, individual player development is paramount. Developing soccer creativity skills in a fun environment.

U14 & U16 LEARN TO TRAIN: Golden Age of Learning, technical skills are introduced to the beginning of the tactical environment.

U18 LEARN THE GAME: Combining previously developed technical and tactical skills, into a more mature game setting.

SCAN TO REGISTER



We work hard to remove barriers to participation.

Families are asked to pay what they can, when they can, if they can.

Full cost is \$200/month.
Ask about full or partial fee assistance.

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ABOUT US



Since 2020, Branches has created a safe and enriching space where children can learn, create, build community, and express themselves. Through music, visual art, games, and mentorship, we help young people grow in confidence, creativity, and connection while having fun along the way.

OUR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Group Instrument Classes
- Visual Art
- Snack & Community Time
- Activities & Crafts
- Ensemble Performance Opportunities
- Transportation from select schools may be available
- For children ages 8–12
- Monday to Thursday, 3:00–5:30
- Fridays at Youth One



Instrument Options:
Guitar, Piano, Percussion
Voice may be offered based on interest.



2026/2027 PROGRAMS

Music, Art, Creativity & Community

Giving the gift of music, arts & community to the next generation.



Ages 8–12

Register Today!

WHAT WE OFFER AT BRANCHES



Transportation

Transportation from select schools may be available. Contact us to learn more about school pick-up options.



Snack & Community Time

Students begin their afternoon with a healthy snack and time to connect with friends, staff, and mentors in a welcoming community environment.



Music Instruction

Students learn in group instrument classes that build foundational skills, confidence, listening, rhythm, and musical expression.



Ensemble

Ensemble classes help students listen, collaborate, and perform together as a musical community.

MUSIC & VISUAL ART



Instrument Learning

We currently offer guitar, piano, and percussion. Voice may also be offered if there is enough interest.



Visual Art

Visual art is a meaningful part of our program. Students have opportunities to explore materials, learn creative skills, and make real artwork they can be proud of.



Activities & Crafts

Alongside visual art, students also enjoy fun hands-on crafts, games, and creative projects throughout the week.



Performances

Throughout the year, students have opportunities to share what they have learned through informal presentations and showcase events.

COMMUNITY & FRIDAYS



Individual Support

Although much of our program happens in groups, we value each child as an individual. Mentoring, encouragement, and relationship-building are central to what we do.



Fun Fridays at Youth One

On Fridays, we head to Youth One for an afternoon focused on fun, friendship, and recreation. Students can enjoy the climbing wall, ping pong, video games, and time to relax, play, and connect with friends.



A Place to Belong

Branches is more than an after-school program. It is a place where children can learn, create, play, and build community.