



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD MEETING BRIEFS



*Christ-centered
learning communities
where students
are cherished
and achieve
their potential.*

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ACTION ITEMS

Edwin Parr Award Banquet

The Board approved the purchase of tickets to attend the ASBA Zone 6 Edwin Parr Nominee Banquet on May 20, 2026.

Board Evaluation

The Board approved contracting the services of Alberta School Boards Association's Brad Volkman to conduct the 2025/2026 Board evaluation.

PRESENTATIONS (AT SCHOOLS)

Edwin Parr Nominee

Ms. Jordan Flexhaug, a teacher from Children of St. Martha School, has been selected as Holy Spirit Catholic School Division nominee for the ASBA's "Edwin Parr Award", which recognizes excellence in first year teaching. The Board will formally congratulate Ms. Flexhaug on her nomination next week.

Excellence in Catholic Education Award

Last week the Board recognized Mrs. Dominique Plouffe-Chandler, teacher at St. Michael's School, Pincher Creek, who has been selected as the division's recipient for the CCSSA's "Excellence in Catholic Education" Award for 2025/2026. Ms. Plouffe-Chandler will be further honoured during the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association's SPICE/Blueprints Conference in Kananaskis, AB.

REPORTS

Board Reports:

- Board Chair
- ACSTA
- ASBA
- GrACE
- Economic Development

Administrative Reports:

- Superintendent
- Deputy Superintendent
- Secretary Treasurer
- Associate Superintendent
- Director of Technology
- Director of Facilities
- Director of Support Services

INFORMATION ITEMS

Catholic Education Sunday Collection

The Diocese of Calgary has provided \$14,000.12 to Holy Spirit from the Catholic Education Sunday collection held November 22/23, 2025.

Art's Alive and Well in Schools

The "Art's Alive and Well in Schools" is for Grades 9-12. This event will be held from May 9, 2026 to June 13, 2026. The division will again be donating \$100 to fund the Junior / Middle School Award of Merit as per *Policy 17: Awards*.

ASBA Spring General Meeting

The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) will be holding their Spring General Meeting May 31 - June 2, 2026 in Calgary, AB.

Retiree Mass

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division's annual Retiree Mass will be held April 29, 2026 at 5:00 pm at St. Basil Catholic Education Centre.

Correspondence from Minister

The Board received correspondence from the Minister of Education and Childcare responding to the proposed collaboration between Holy Spirit Catholic School Division, Lethbridge School Division, and the City of Lethbridge to address infrastructure and safety within the shared transportation corridor serving schools in both divisions.

Letter by Canadian Catholic Bishops

The Board received as information a letter penned by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops titled, "Reflection on the Holy Father's Call for Peace, Human Dignity, and Moral Responsibility in Public Life"

HOLY SPIRIT STARS

Congratulations to the following students and staff:

The following students from St. Francis Junior High School are the U15 AAA Provincial Champions for hockey:

Jude Klingenberg Tucker Tillsley Jaxon Kraemer Jack Edmonds
Hayden Eldridge Easton Mattersdorfer Zach Leffler Lincoln Deleeuw
Kane Corkle Wyatt Watson Jordan Neufeld Hayden Charlesworth
Taj Grover Cason McFadden Patrick Bohan Owen Bosnak
Brent Churchward Beckham Goetz

The following students from St. Francis Junior High School are the U13 AAA Provincial Champions for hockey:

Diesel Podrasky Derrick Dorren Duke Koliaska Acen Jensen
Boston Constant Milan Mauro Cruise Gerstenbuhler Jett Burki

Eleleta Berhane, Quinn Reinhart, Erin Watmough, and Cia Felicidadario (Our Lady of the Assumption) - Made beaded bracelets and sold them to raise funds to donate to the YMCA Harbour House / Hestia Homes. They raised \$128.45.

Kira Bomhof (St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School) - Placed 2nd in the U11 category in the Lethbridge Moonlight Run.

Zara Hurley (St. Francis Junior High School) - Earned a gold in Vault, a silver in Uneven Bars, and a silver for Overall at the Alberta Gymnastics Federation's Provincial Championships. She also qualified for the Super Finals and placed first, receiving the Level 6 Alberta Provincial Champion title and the gold in Vault.

Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Board Priorities

Strengthening Our Catholic Faith

- We foster a Catholic worldview of reflection, service and sacramentality.
- Our staff and students demonstrate knowledge of faith and commit to faith development.
- We create Communities of Accompaniment in our schools and school division.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Living Truth and Reconciliation

- Our First Nations, Métis and Inuit students will continue to see increasing success rates.
- We foster reconciliation through listening, accompaniment and recognition of the ongoing impacts of the past.
- We will deepen our understanding of our collective responsibilities as Treaty People.

"These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace." (Zechariah 8:16)

Belonging In Our Diverse Community

- We will assist students in navigating various pathways of support.
- We provide programming and support for student and staff well-being.
- We celebrate and respect all cultures and ethnicities in our schools.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Learning through Quality Teaching

- We prepare students for career pathways.
- All students demonstrate growth in literacy and numeracy.
- Schools reflect collaborative teaching and learning environments.

"May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth." (Deuteronomy 32:2)

