

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

“Showing the Face of Christ to All”

**St. Louis
Elementary
School
2024-2025**



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**Mr. Ron Blackmer
Principal**

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL



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To Be Determined Music	

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School Liaison Counsellor

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To be determined.



Spiritual Partners



Parishes

Holy Family Parish

1451 Strachan Road SE
Medicine Hat, AB T1B 4V3

Rev. Fr. Iqbal Khurshid
Rev. Rev. Naveed Arif, Associate Pastor

Website: www.holyfamilymh.ca
Email: contact@holyfamilymh.ca

Tel: 403-527-6933
Fax: 403-526-2482

Mass Times: Saturday – 5:00 pm
Sunday – 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

St. Patrick's Parish

238 – 2nd Avenue NE
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 6A1

Rev. Fr. Roque Pereira

Website: www.stpatscatholicchurch.com
Email: stpatsch@shaw.ca

Tel: 403-526-2265
Fax: 403-504-0980

Mass Times: Saturday – 5:00 pm
Sunday – 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Schedules & Activities

Regular School Day

8:20 a.m.	Supervision Begins
8:35 a.m.	Opening Bell/Breakfast Program
8:45 a.m.	Classes Begin (including ELP/Kindergarten)

10:30 a.m.	Recess (Gr. K-6)
10:45 a.m.	Classes Resume
11:25 a.m.	ELP AM Ends
11:30 a.m.	Kindergarten Ends
12:00 p.m.	Recess (Gr. 1-6)
12:25 p.m.	Lunch (All students eat)
12:25 p.m.	ELP PM Begins
12:50 p.m.	Class Resumes (Gr. 1-6)
3:10 p.m.	Dismissal



Ten Important Things to Keep Your Child Safe and Happy

1. Outside supervision begins at 8:20 am. To ensure students are safe we ask that you do not send them to school before that time.
2. Please drop off and pick up your child in a safe location – students should not be entering the schoolyard through the parking lot and if you are picking up your child please come to the front door of the school.
3. If your child must arrive late or leave early from school, please contact the office to let us know. A message can also be left at any time. If we do not hear from you we will phone you to check on the absence.
4. Please help to teach your child safe pedestrian crossing by using the crosswalks on the corner. Patrollers from grades five and six have been trained through the AMA. They look forward to helping you and your child cross safely.
5. To ensure safety we practice Lockdown, Evacuation and Fire Drills throughout the year.
6. If your child has any severe allergies or a medical condition that requires attention/medication, please contact the office so we can create a plan of action to ensure your child is safe. Please ensure that your child has the medications required to support their medical needs.
7. Head vs. ground = ground wins. Please wear a helmet when riding your bike or scooter to school. Lock up your bike or it may go for a ride without you.
8. No one can steal, break, or damage your expensive electronics if they are at home. If you can't afford to lose it, please don't bring it to school. Cell phones are not allowed for use during school hours or on the school playground.

9. Please label your child's boots and shoes with their names or initials so they do not get lost.
10. Our school is a place that follows the actions and teaching of our Catholic faith. We expect students to show respect and care towards everyone. If you have a concern with someone, tell them. If they don't listen tell one of our adults and we will help you solve it.



Great Events That You Do Not Want to Miss

1. Breakfast program! (White milk with either fruit, toast, other breakfast items - no cost to students).
2. Weekly Assemblies – Come celebrate our monthly faith themes and help us recognize our great students. We also celebrate our Terrific Kids with the Gas City Kiwanis Club once a month. Assemblies are Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM.
3. Meet the Staff Night (late September) – a great way to meet our wonderful staff and our great families.
4. How we celebrate our Faith – Masses, celebrations, concerts, and service projects.
5. Spartan Race!
6. Our crazy “Dress Up” days.
7. Parent Teacher Conferences – a great way to share your child's successes and challenges (November and March).
8. School Council meetings (meet once monthly) - find out how you can get involved in helping to support your child's educational experience at St. Louis.



Living Through God's Words

Our assemblies this year will focus on God's word from Sunday's Mass as well as the liturgical year. Our students will continue to serve our community through various service and mission projects.



Key Things You Should Know About Our School

1. Southland Bussing is our bus line that transports our children K – 6 (Kindergarten one way) who are 1.2 km or more from the school. All students who ride the bus will be expected to treat the bus, driver, and all other passengers with respect. Parents/Guardians will need to fill out an on-line form for bussing every year.
For bus routes, pick up points and times: Please check the division website.
2. We have a fabulous Literacy program that provides students with books suited for their reading level that they can take home each night to progress in their reading. Thanks to our generous donators and the Chapters Indigo Love of Reading Fund.
3. We have one of the most beautiful libraries in our city. Come by to check it out!
4. Our parent volunteers are fantastic. They are instrumental in helping our students through reading programs, field trip assistance and School Council. God bless our parent helpers!
5. Our newsletter is full of great info. Please sign up online to receive your copy right to your home computer. As well, our website has many helpful links and information to help you and your child this year. www.stlouisschool.ca . We also have Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages for you to access.
6. Great Learning Starts Young – we have an excellent preschool program available both morning and afternoon to support the needs of our parents. Contact the office for details and costs.
7. School Supply Ordering – You can click on the School Start link or check our supply lists on our website or come to the office for a list.
8. Student cell phone use is not permitted at school. If needed, parents and students can communicate through our school phone line during the day to ensure that learning is not interrupted. All cell phones should be placed in backpacks for safe keeping.

9. We are blessed to have various partners of St. Louis School that enhance our programming such as: The Root Cellar Food and Wellness Hub, Kinsmen Club of Medicine Hat, Gas City Kiwanis, Papa John's Pizza, Foodland IGA and our School Council.
10. Before and After OSC Program will be offered for the 2024-2025 school year.



Ten Things You Can Do to Help Your Child Be Successful

1. **Miss school and you will miss out.** Please do your best to have your child at school and on time every day, unless ill. One of the greatest factors affecting school success is attendance. Teachers are not obligated to reteach work missed due to family holidays taken during scheduled school time.
2. Use this agenda to communicate with your child's teacher and the office.
3. Get involved with School Council. You will have a positive effect on your child's school life.
4. Communicate daily with your child about their day at school. Support them in their work and be sure forward any questions or concerns to their teacher or the principal that you may have.
5. Communication is the key to success. Agendas, phone calls, report cards, emails, and meetings are just are methods of keeping in touch with your child's teacher. We invite you to use them often. We want to hear from you.
6. Help us slow down class interruptions. Please try to communicate important information to your child before they leave for school so we don't interrupt the learning taking place in the classroom. If it is necessary, please call before 3pm for after school messages.
7. Extra help is what we are about. If your child is struggling in their learning please talk to the teacher and we will work together to provide the best programming for their learning. All you have to do is ask.
8. Provide a quiet location at home for your child to read or do homework. Having that space available to your child shows them that you value their education. Take time to read with your child each night or talk to them about what they are reading.
9. Having proper rest and food helps our children's minds to grow and be at their best. Please try to stress the importance of both to your child.

10. We are blessed to have a School Liaison Counsellor at St. Louis School. This may be a support your child's teacher or principal may recommend for your child. Parents/guardians are encouraged to inquire about this service as well.





Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education 2024-2025 Calendar

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Statutory Holiday
Division Wide PD (no school)
First/Last Day of School Grades 1-12
First/Last Day of School Kindergarten/ELP
Non-Operational Day (no school)
PD Day: ELP-Grade 9 only
PD Day: Grade 10-12 only

- Notes:**
- *Faith Days (All Staff): August 30, March 21
 - Kindergarten/ELP Orientation Days:
September 3, 4, 5
 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day:
September 30 (instructional day)
 - PD Day (ELP-Grade 9 only): January 24
 - PD Day (Grade 10-12 only): January 29
 - S - Start of second semester (Monsignor McCoy High School): January 30

