

FEBRUARY - Kindness Month - NEWSLETTER



February may be the shortest month of the year, but it's packed with opportunities to connect, celebrate, and spread kindness! This month, we focus on our **"Be Loving" Pillar**, reminding us to show compassion, kindness, and care in all that we do.

Students will have fun with **Match-O-Matics**, sharing laughs and connections with friends. We'll also recognize **Valentine's Day** and **Pink Shirt Day**, promoting love, inclusivity, empathy and standing up against bullying on February 26th.

Let's make February a month full of kindness and community! ❤️🐾

#BeLoving #WolvesAtWork #KindnessMatters

KUDOS - Celebrating

- **COMMUNICATION** Thank you for communicating respectfully and thoughtfully to staff- in emails, on the phone and in face-to-face communications. We love working collaboratively to support our students in achieving their learning goals.
- **SCHOOL FEES** Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have paid their school fees, **88%** have submitted payment! We greatly appreciate families paying fees; this is assisting us with school budget planning. Our teachers are excited about the upcoming field trips and these fees help cover the costs
- **STUDENT UPDATE FORMS** Thank you to all the families who have completed and submitted their student update forms, we are now at **99%** completion.
- **INTENTION FORMS** Thank you to our grade 6-8 parents for taking the time to share your intentions with us, we have now received **57%**.

2025-2026 School Year - Planning has begun

All grade 6-8 parents have received an intention form for you to confirm your child's placement at St. Francis of Assisi Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year. We must receive your form before March 1st. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted. The office will continue to send out a SchoolMessenger email each Monday to parents.

25-26 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATIONS - open March 3rd

New students living within our catchment will be able to register online at [Registrations](#) starting March 3rd.

WAY OF THE WOLF (WOTW) STUDENT RECOGNITION- Be Forgiving!!

In January, staff recognized students who demonstrated being Forgiving! All classes will come down to the gathering area on Tuesday, February 6th to celebrate the nominated students, these students have their chance at the spinning wheel and choosing a prize. In February, staff will be nominating students who demonstrated the pillar, Be Loving.

4 PILLARS - Be Loving

In February, we will continue our Faith Coach lessons focusing on our 4 Pillars (Be Joyful, Be Humble, Be Loving, Be Forgiving) with all classes. This month the focus of these faith lessons will be the pillar 'Be Loving'. This is a wonderful way for our students to learn how we show love towards one another by accepting differences and being respectful. We have seen a huge increase in the student's understanding of these important pillars of our school and look forward to these lessons.

FAITH FACT FRIDAY - Did you know?

Each Friday during our morning announcements we learn interesting facts about our patron saint St. Francis of Assisi and more about our Catholic faith. During January, all of the Faith Fact Fridays have focused on the learning of our Patron Saint, St. Francis of Assisi, the Peace Prayer in the spirit of St. Francis and the liturgical calendar.

COLLECTIVE CARING - Kindness, Inclusivity & Empathy

This month, our **Collective Caring** focus is all about **Kindness, Inclusivity, and Empathy**. Through discussions and activities, students will reflect on what it means to make **positive choices** for themselves—rather than simply following the crowd.

We'll be exploring the idea of **herd mentality**, encouraging students to think critically about their actions and stand up for what's right. By fostering empathy and inclusivity, we continue to build a school community where every student feels valued, respected, and empowered to be their authentic self.

#BeLoving #WolvesLeadWithKindness #CollectiveCaring

TERM 2 - comes to an end on March 20th

Thank you for continuing to check Schoology and taking the time to check your child's progress and celebrate successes. The month of February will go by fast for us and students must stay on top of their assignments. We appreciate your help in checking on Schoology that they do not accumulate NHIs. The last day for students to hand in their assignments this term will be March 17th to allow time for teachers to mark and enter marks by March 15. Any assignments handed in after this date will not be included in determining Honour Roll for term 2.

STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP - Bus Lanes Reminder

Reminder to all parents to keep our bus lane free at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Our bus drivers are experiencing an increase of cars parked which is delaying their routes. Please share this information with others who drop off and pick up.

COMMUNICATION - Teachers and school administration

Clear and open communication helps us create the best learning environment for our students. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to connect with your child's teachers or our school administration team. We truly appreciate your partnership and support in making this year a success for all our students!

Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture and Serve.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - Shrove Tuesday & Grade 9 Farewell Planning

- Shrove Tuesday this year is on March 4th - please watch for the sign-up document to volunteer.
- Our next meeting will be Monday, March 10 @ 7:00 PM; all are welcome to attend.

FIELD TRIPS - Parent Volunteers will be needed

Field trips significantly contribute to students' educational experiences. As a grade team, teachers are diligently collaborating to curate enriching activities that align with the curriculum and amplify student learning. In adherence to safety protocols, it is mandated that there be a minimum of one adult per 20 students during these outings. Thus, the involvement of parent volunteers is indispensable for the success of our field trips. We kindly request that you arrange and complete your Criminal Record Check promptly, ensuring it is on record at the school. For assistance in acquiring the necessary documentation, please reach out to the school office to obtain a letter for submission to the RCMP. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

GENERAL INFORMATION - Division Calendar

School Division calendars for the 2024 - 2025 school year, please click [here](#).

PARENT QUICK LINKS -

- [PowerSchool/School Engage](#) - [LINK](#)
- [Schoology](#) - [LINK](#)
- [Rycor - school fees](#) [LINK](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION - School Hours / Student Entry

- [Office Hours](#) - open 8:00 - 4:00 pm on school days
- [Bell Schedule](#) -
 - First block starts @ 8:50 AM
 - Lunch 11:39 - 12:39 PM
 - Last block ends @ 3:15 PM

[Student Entry/Exit](#)- As in previous years, we will continue the practice of having students enter and exit from their respective grade doors. We found that this practice made for safe and smooth transitions for our students in the mornings and afternoons.

[Grade Level Entry/Exit Doors Link](#)

Student Doors - Open at 8:30 a.m.

RYCOR - School Fees DUE NOW

St. Francis of Assisi Middle Mandatory School Fees are now due.

- **CTF/Options Fee - \$25** This fee supports the delivery of Option Classes for all grade levels
- **PAC (Parent Council) Fee - \$35** This fee supports year-end field trips, chromebooks etc. for all grade levels
- **Grade 9 Farewell Fee - \$10** (Grade 9 students only) This fee supports the celebration of our graduating Grade 9 students

How do I use RYCOR Online Payments?

1. Visit our school's website
2. Click on the "Quick Links" tab to access PowerSchool.
3. Sign in using your PowerSchool Username and Password. If you have forgotten either/or, click the link "Forgot username password?" and follow the instructions or contact the school office for assistance.
4. Click on the link, 'School Fees and Forms', on the left side.
5. Please follow the instructions provided on the screen when you are taken to RYCOR.

If you have questions, please contact the school's financial secretary.

*RYCOR can only be accessed via PC/Tablet, the program does not work using the PowerSchool App

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POWERSCHOOL - Student Update Forms PAST DUE

Thank you to those parents who have completed and submitted their Student Update Forms.

- Student Update Forms are a requirement from Alberta Education and are mandatory to submit, even if you have no changes. Forms are now accessible in PowerSchool under the SchoolEngage tab.
- **These forms were DUE SEPTEMBER 30th.**
- Please log in to your account to update your records. Even if you have NO CHANGES a form must be submitted.
- Once you have set up your account, remember to save your username and password.
- Don't hesitate to contact the school if you have difficulty accessing the parent portal. The PowerSchool site is accessed at:
<https://www.stfrancisschool.ca/parents-students/powerschool>

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES - Mark your calendars: reminder to check the Athletics Calendar

- February 2 World Day of Consecrated Life
- February 2 Groundhog Day (Balzac Billy will make his big appearance)
- February 3-7 Children's Mental Health Week
- February 5 Winter Walk Day (all TAGs will be walking sometime throughout the week)
- February 7-8 St. Boys and Girls BBall tournament (HHHS)
- February 11 World Day of the Sick
- February 11 Youth Minister - Chapel Time with 9-5
- February 12 Flying Fathers Hockey Game - Servus Arena @ 7-3
- February 13 #InspiredToServe - Helping younger students read @ HFS (8-1,8-2,8-3,8-4)
- February 13 Youth Ministry: P.O.D. @ St. Mary's 7-9PM
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 14-15 Junior 1 Boys & Girls BBall tournament @ HHS (TBD)
- **February 17 Family Day -NO SCHOOL for students**
- February 19 Grade 6 Greek Day
- **February 20-21 Teacher Professional Development (no school for students)**
- February 26 **Pink Shirt** Day (wear your pink shirts)

We thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions on how to enhance our school community.

We wish you a February filled with kindness and love!

Yours in Christ,

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Mr. Kelly Jacobson
Vice-Principal

Mrs. Kathleen Robinson
Vice-Principal