



New Myrnam School

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MYRNAM OUTREACH & HOMESCHOOL CENTRE

PROMOTING CHOICE IN EDUCATION

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September

Important Dates

September

- 2- Labour Day (No School)
- 3- First Day of School
- 5- First Day of Kindergarten
- 16- Golf Zones (Sr) @ St. Paul
- 17- SPAA Golf (Jr) @ Two Hills
- 20- JR Robson Cross Country Meet
- 23-24- Golf Provincials (Sr) @ Grand Prairie
- 26- SPAA Cross Country @ Ross Lake
- 27- Terry Fox Run
- 27- Jr Girls Volleyball @ Marwayne
- 30- Orange Shirt Day


October


- 2- Custodians Day
- 5- Dress Like a Teacher Day (World Teacher Day)
- 5-11- Fire Prevention Week

- 8- Jr Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Myrnam
- 8- Post Secondary Night @ Regional High School 7:00-8:30 pm
- 9- Picture Day
- 9- Cross Country Zone competition
- 11- PLC Day (No School)
- 11- Community Movie Night in the Gym
- 14- Thanksgiving (No School)
- 15 - Jr Boys Volleyball Tournament @ Myrnam
- 17 - St.Paul Regional Job Fair
- 19 - Cross Country Provincials
- 22 - Jr Girls Volleyball @ Myrnam
- 21-25 - School Bus Safety Week
- 21-24 - Media Awareness Week
- 27 - World Occupational Therapist Day
- 28 - Jr Boys Volleyball @ Myrnam
- 29 - Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 to 7:00 pm
- 31 - Fall Festival Activities

Stay up to date
with information:

Website:
www.newmyrnamschool.ca

 Facebook:
New Myrnam School SPERD

 Instagram:
newmyrnam



Principal's Message



Welcome back! The school year is off and running. Students have learned their locker combinations, welcomed new faces, and are gearing up for the year ahead. The staff of New Myrnam School and Myrnam Outreach and Homeschool Centre are excited for the year ahead. I hope you are too!

The new year has brought a new face to our teaching staff. We are happy to introduce Mr. Lleyton Bates who will be teaching grade 7-12 ELA at NMS, 7-9 Social/ELA and 10-12 ELA with MOHC.

Students and staff are quickly adjusting to the new mobile device policy. I know this will be a big shift for many. Thank you for your support as we implement new expectations around personal mobile devices in instructional areas. If you need to get in touch with your student during the school day, please call the school directly. If students are being picked up early for appointments, please call the school and let Mrs. T. know. If you know your student will be absent in advance, you can use the new SafeArrival program. See information later in this newsletter about how to set up and use that program.

The staff would like parents to know we are open and eager to accept volunteers. If you would like to contribute to the successful functioning of the school, please keep an eye on our website. We will be posting a list of ways parents and family members can volunteer in the building. You can also reach out to your classroom teacher, Mr. Riley with the athletics program, or Mrs. Evans with the library and breakfast program to see how you can engage in the school day as a volunteer. All volunteers require a volunteer form to be completed and approved by admin at the beginning of each school year.

The staff at NMS and MOHC are continually striving to find more effective ways to engage students and improve academic outcomes. To foster collaboration among staff and to have a set direction for the school, the staff has been working together on the school's 2024/2025 Education Plan. This document will be available on our website in October and will be discussed at the first parent council meeting after September 30. The staff have recognized 5 goals where improvements are required:

Goal 1: Fostering Healthy Learning Environments

Goal 2: Literacy

Goal 3: Numeracy

Goal 4: Cultural Awareness

Goal 5: 21st Century Learning/Workforce Preparation

We are in the process of creating strategies to achieve aspects of these goals. I am excited to share them with the school community later this fall.

Concession Prices

Mini Pizza Sub \$3.50

Pizza Pop \$1.00

Mr. Noodle (Chicken/Beef/Spicy) \$2.00

Hot and Spicy Noodle Bowl \$3.00

Boiled Egg \$0.50

Water \$2.00

Juice Box \$1.00

Gatorade/Powerade \$2.50

Iced Tea \$2.50

Sparkling Ice Drink \$2.50

Veggie Straws \$1.00

White Cheddar Popcorn \$2.00

PopCorners \$1.00

Trail Mix \$2.00

Breadsticks & Nutella \$2.00

Ritz \$1.00

Made Good Cookies \$0.75

Twizzlers/Nibs \$3.00

Corn Nuts \$2.00

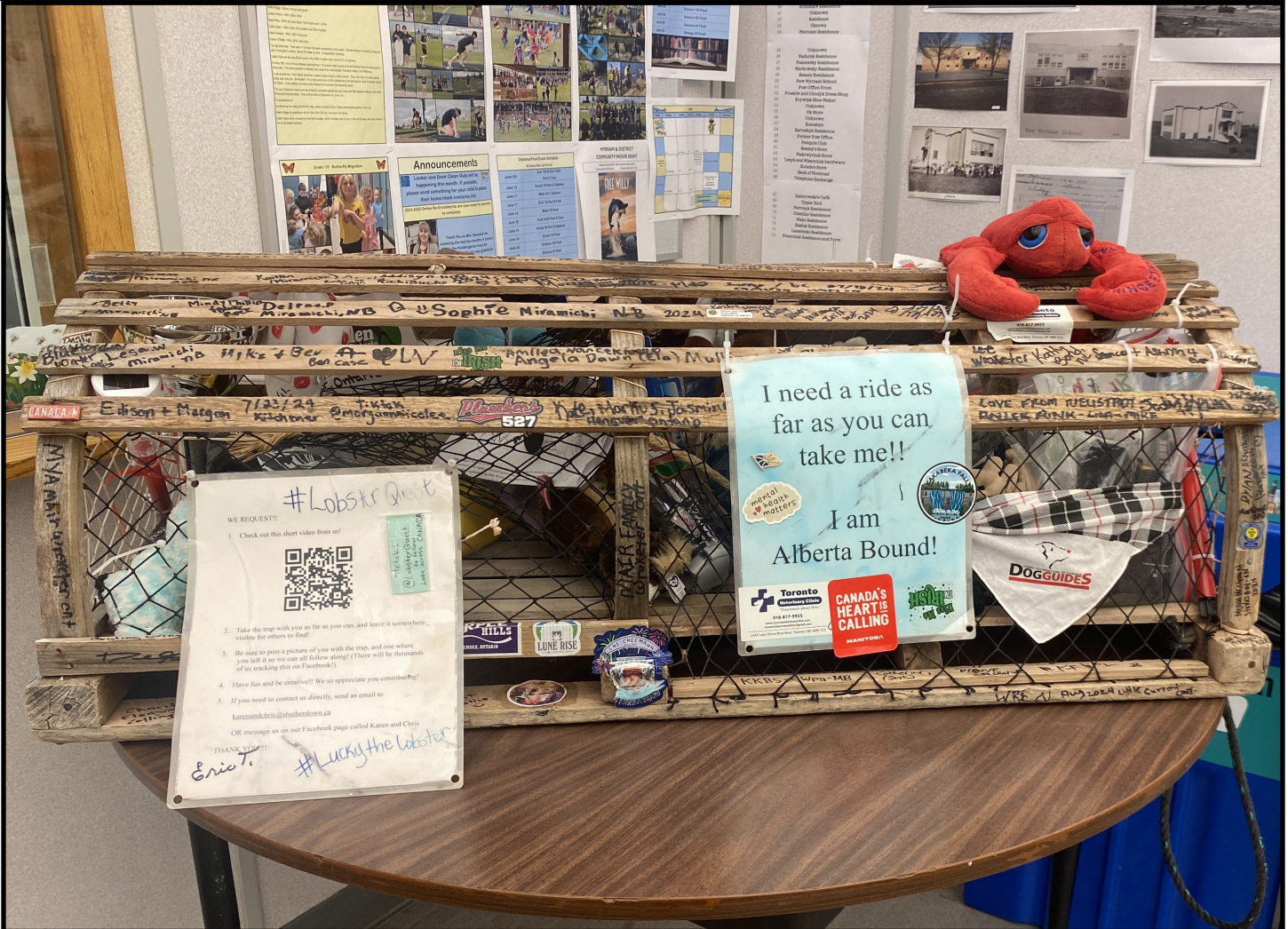
Gum \$1.00

Frozen Fruit Bars \$1.00

On Tuesdays, the Concession will be offering Loaded Tater Tots. They will include tots, cheese, sour cream, salsa, and ground beef. All orders of Tater Tots are to be ordered by the end of the first break.



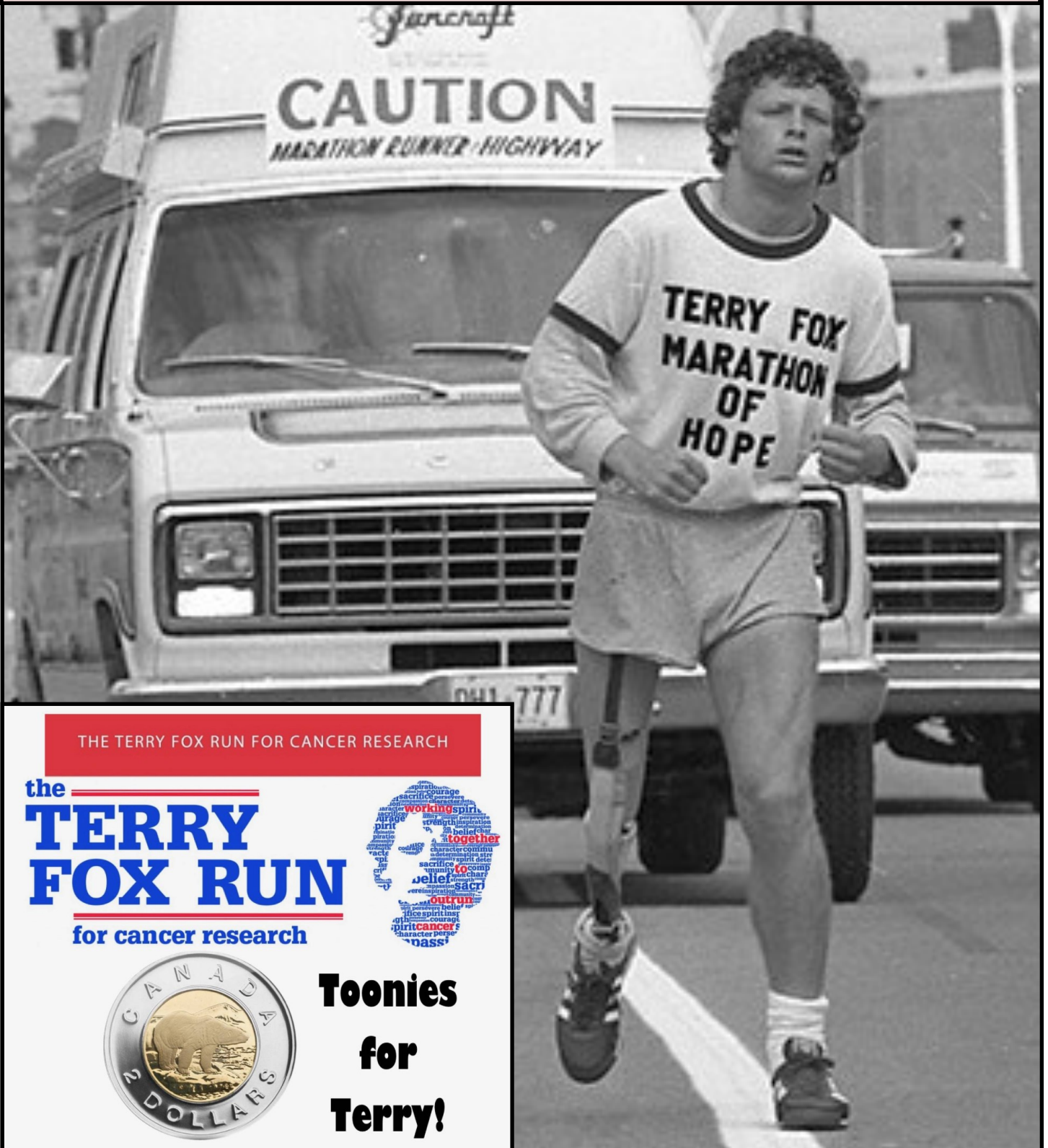
Lucky The Lobster Visits New Myrnam School



On his way to Vegreville, Lucky the Lobster made a surprise visit to our little school. His ultimate destination is Okotoks. You can follow Lucky's Journey across Canada on TikTok and YouTube.



NMS is participating in the annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 27. We're excited to support the Terry Fox Foundation and would love your help. If you can, please consider making a small donation of \$2 to this great cause. Think of it as a "Toonie for Terry!"



THE TERRY FOX RUN FOR CANCER RESEARCH

the **TERRY FOX RUN**
for cancer research



**Toonies
for
Terry!**

Myrnam Play Development

Child Care Centre



Hiring Positions ASAP

Program Director

level 3 certification

Full time staff

Go to: www.myrnamplaydevelopment.com/careers
to apply



Announcements

School Fees are due! Please, submit your payments ASAP. Contact our head office for payment details.

**Welcome Back to our 2024 - 2025
School Year!**

If you haven't already, please send in your re-enrollment/registration forms.

Career Counsellor Dates

September– 6, 13, 20, 27



Barons Athletics Calendar - September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 -Cross Country Practice	5 -Jr Girls and Boys Volleyball Practice -Cross Country Practice	6 -Golf team forms and money due -Sr Boys Volleyball HIIT Camp at Two Hills	7 -Sr Boys volleyball HIIT Camp at Two Hills
8	9 -Sr Girls Volleyball Practice -Cross Country Practice	10 -Cross Country Practice -Jr Girls and Boys Volleyball Practice	11 -Cross Country Practice -Sr Girls Volleyball Practice	12 -Cross Country Practice -Jr Girls and Boys Volleyball Practice	13 -JR Robson forms and fees are due -Sr Boys Volleyball at St Mary's	14 -Sr Boys Volleyball at St. Mary's
15	16 -Zone Golf at St Paul - Sr High -Cross Country Practice -Sr Girls Volleyball Practice	17 -SPAA Golf at Two Hills - Jr High -Jr Girls and Boys Volleyball Practice -Cross country practice	18 -Cross country team forms and fees due -Cross country practice -Sr Girls Volleyball Practice	19 -Cross country practice -Jr Girls and Boys Volleyball Practice	20 -JR Robson Cross Country Meet Gr 5-12 -Sr Boys volleyball at St. Paul -Jr High Volleyball forms and fees due	21 Sr Boys Volleyball at St. Paul
22	23 -ASAA Provincial Golf at Grande Prairie -Cross Country Practice -Sr Girls Volleyball Practice	24 -ASAA Provincial Golf at Grande Prairie -Cross Country Practice -Jr Girls and Boys Volleyball Practice	25 -Cross Country Practice -Sr Girls Volleyball Practice	26 -SPAA Cross Country Meet @ Ross Lake Gr 7-12 -Jr Girls and Boys Volleyball Practice	27 -Jr High Girls Volleyball Tournament at Marwayne -Terry Fox Run	28
29	30 -Cross Country Practice -Sr Girls Volleyball Practice	Oct 1 -Cross Country Practice	2 -Cross Country Practice	3 -Cross Country Practice	4 -Cross Country Practice -Sr Boys Volleyball at Two Hills	5 -Sr Boys Volleyball at Two Hills

Links Page

Carrying Our Legacy Forward Video

The 2024 graduates collaborated on a unique Social 30 project culminating in a video posted to our Project Based Learning link on the school website.

<https://youtu.be/QT7mgBPud6o?si=cJnER2RtT-xmBpoN>

New Myrnam School Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/newmyrnamschoolsperd?fref=nf>

Power School

<https://powerschool.sperd.ca/public/home.html>

Our Project Videos/Articles

<https://www.newmyrnamschool.ca/project-s-videos>

School Cash Online

<https://sperd.schoolcashionline.com/>





Please Note

Morning supervision begins at 8:15 a.m. Mr. T and Ms. Hildebrandt welcome students into the building and supervise them as they are dropped off by the bus and parents in the morning.

Before this, there is no outside supervision. If young students are walking to school or being dropped off before 8:15 a.m., please consider the safety of your student as they are walking across the road before supervision begins.





Week of Welcome

Elementary classes celebrated the first week of school with a board game afternoon. Stay tuned to our social media for pictures of the fun!

***STAY TUNED FOR A LIST OF
ACTIVITIES HAPPENING
FROM SEPTEMBER 9 - 13***

Check the Week at a Glance posted to our Facebook page for information on the Week of Welcome spirit days and activities. Some will be targeted for elementary students, some for grade 7-12, some for the whole school.

St. Paul Education Introduces SafeArrival

Launching Tuesday, September 3, 2024

SafeArrival is an absence reporting system. Beginning, Tuesday, September 3, families can report an absence in three different ways that is most convenient for you using SafeArrival. Visit stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival for complete information.



SchoolMessenger App (Free)

Using your mobile device, download and install the “SM Home” app (NOT ‘SchoolMessenger’ app) from the Apple or Google Play Stores: home.schoolmessenger.ca/. Sign in to create an account using your email address we have on file at your child’s school. Select attendance. For more information on the SchoolMessenger app, visit stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival.

Online

Go to home.schoolmessenger.ca. Sign in or create an account using your email address that we have on file at your child’s school and report your absence. Contact your school if you need to update your email address.



By Phone

Call the toll-free number 1-844-502-5088 to report an absence using the automated phone system and follow the prompts.

If your student is marked absent and the absence hasn’t been explained in advance, our new SafeArrival system will be able to rapidly contact you by automated phone call, text message, email, or mobile app push notification to ensure your child’s safety.



Visit stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival or scan the QR code.





BUS STATUS

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St. Paul Education is pleased to offer a new bus notification system commencing in the 2023-24 school year!

Download the Bus Status 4 App and choose your preferences to stay updated.



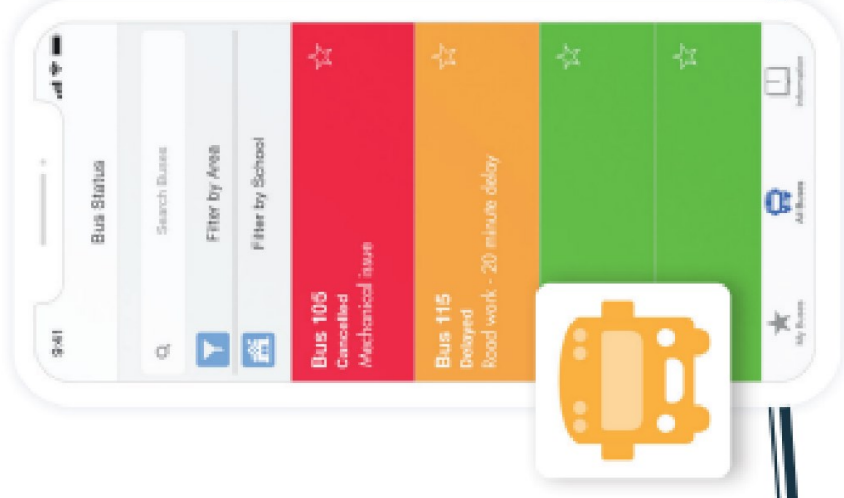
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Android

Access the full instructional document at <https://bit.ly/47Aakkg>.

Please note that the Bus Status App is replacing the Alertus App used in the past.



St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2024-2025

August 2024			September 2024			October 2024			November 2024		
M	T	F	M	T	F	M	T	F	M	T	F
5	6	7	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	5	6
12	13	14	9	10	11	8	9	10	11	12	13
19	20	21	16	17	18	14	15	16	18	19	20
26	27	28	23	24	25	21	22	23	25	26	27
		29	30			28	29	30			29
		30						31			

December 2024			January 2025			February 2025			March 2025		
M	T	F	M	T	F	M	T	F	M	T	F
2	3	4	1	2	3	3	4	5	3	4	5
9	10	11	8	9	10	10	11	12	10	11	12
16	17	18	13	14	15	17	18	19	17	18	19
23	24	25	20	21	22	24	25	26	24	25	26
30	31		27	28	29			30	31		

April 2025			May 2025			June 2025		
M	T	F	M	T	F	M	T	F
1	2	3	5	6	7	2	3	4
7	8	9	12	13	14	9	10	11
14	15	16	19	20	21	16	17	18
21	22	23	26	27	28	23	24	25
28	29	30			31	30		

LEGEND		
Instructional Day		
PLC Day		
Schools Closed		
Early Dismissal (2 pm)		
Catholic Formation (Mallaig, SPECS, Racette)		



Approved School Holidays		
Labour Day	Sept 2	Family Day
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 14	Spring Break
Remembrance Day	Nov 11	Good Friday
Fall Break	Nov 12-15	Easter Monday
Christmas Break	Dec 23-Jan 3	Victoria Day

St. Paul Education

Important Dates		Days of School Operation	
August 28-30	PLC Days	Public Schools	Catholic Schools
September 2	Labour Day	Instructional	Instructional
September 3	First day of school	Staff Only	Staff Only
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day	August	August
October 10	Catholic Education Formation (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig only)	September	September
October 11	PLC Day	October	October
October 14	Thanksgiving	November	November
November 11	Remembrance Day	December	December
November 12-15	Fall Break	January	January
December 20	Early Dismissal	Semester 1	Semester 1
Dec 23 - Jan 3	Christmas Break	January	January
January 28	First day of second semester	February	February
January 31	PLC Day	March	March
February 12	Early Dismissal	April	April
February 13-14	Teachers' Convention	May	May
February 17	Family Day	June	June
February 18	PLC Day	Semester 2	Semester 2
March 10	PLC Day	January	January
March 24 - 28	Spring Break	February	February
April 17	PLC Day	March	March
April 18	Good Friday	April	April
April 21	Easter Monday	May	May
May 15	PLC Day	June	June
May 16	Schools Closed	July	July
May 19	Victoria Day	August	August
June 9	PLC Day	September	September
June 21	National Indigenous People's Day	October	October
June 25	Last day of classes	November	November
June 26	PLC Day	December	December

Public Schools		Catholic Schools	
Total Instructional Days	177	Total Instructional Days	176
Total Staff Only Days	13	Total Staff Only Days	14
Total Operational Days	190	Total Operational Days	190
Instructional Hours - Public Schools			
Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year	
Elem./Jr High	177	322	950
High School	177	339	1000
Instructional Hours - Catholic Schools			
Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year	
Elem./Jr High	176	324	950
High School	176	341	1000

Calendar Approved: February 14, 2024

Professional Learning Community - PLC days provide opportunities for staff to work together on topics such as: school opening and closing, professional learning, sharing best practices, assessment, and supports for students.

Catholic Education Formation (CEF) - October 10, 2024

Diploma Exam Schedule 2024-25 - October 28 - 31 November 4-7 January 13-17, 20-24 & 27 April 1-4, 7-11 June 11-13, 16-20, 23-25

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule 2024-2025 - In draft format as per Alberta Education January 15-17, 20-24 May 26-29 June 3-6, 9-13, 17-19



September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day (No School)	3 First Day of School Day 1	4 Day 2	5 First Day of Kindergarten Day 3 (K Day)	6 Day 4	7
8	9 Day 5 (K Day)	10 Day 6	11 Day 1 (K Day)	12 Day 2	13 Day 3 (K Day)	14
15	16 Golf Zones (Sr High) St. Paul Day 4	17 SPAA Golf (Jr High) Two Hills Day 5 (K Day)	18 Day 6	19 Day 1 (K Day)	20 Cross Country Meet Vermillion Day 2	21
22	23 Golf Provincials (Sr High) Grand Prairie Day 3 (K Day)	24 Day 4	25 Day 5 (K Day)	26 SPAA Cross Country Ross Lake Day 6	27 Terry Fox Run Jr Girls Volleyball Marwayne Day 1 (K Day)	28
29	30 Orange Shirt Day Truth & Reconciliation Day Day 2					



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 Day 3 (K Day)	2 Custodians Day Day 4	3 Day 5 (K Day)	4 Day 6	5 World Teacher Day Dress Like a Teacher	
6	7	8	Fire Prevention Week				12
	Day 1 (K Day)	Jr Girls Volleyball Myrnam Post Secondary Night Day 2	Lifetouch School Pictures Cross Country Zones Day 3 (K Day)	Day 4	PLC Day (No School) Community Movie Night in the Gym		
13	14 Thanksgiving (No School) 	15	16	17 St. Paul Regional Job Fair	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	Day 3 (K Day)	Day 4	Day 5 (K Days)	Day 6	Day 1 (K Day)	Jr High Volleyball Tournament Kehevin or Vegreville	
27	28 Jr Boys Volleyball Myrnam	29 Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00 p.m.	30	31 Fall Festival Activities	Day 1 (K Day) 		
World Occupational Therapist Day	Day 2	Day 3 (K Day)	Day 4	Day 5 (K Day)	Day 6		