



## New Myrnam School and Myrnam Outreach & Homeschool Centre



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### Upcoming Events

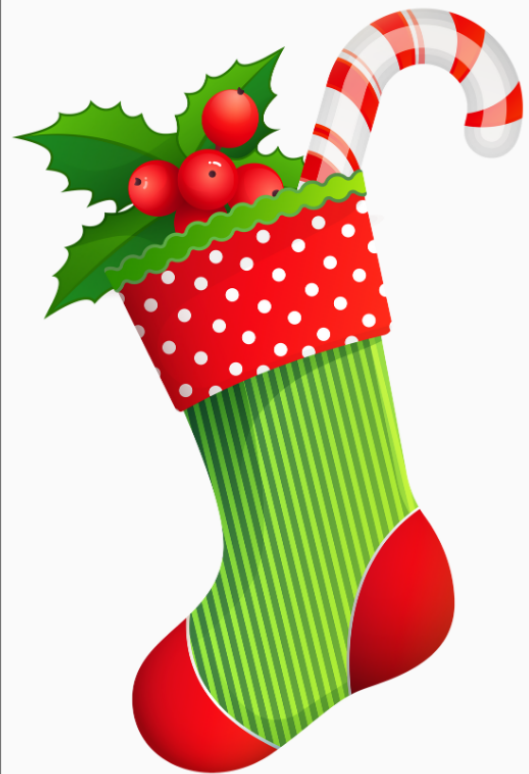
#### December

3 - Open Gym Night 6-8 pm  
10 - Open Gym Night 6-8 pm  
17 - Christmas Concert 7 pm  
19 - German Christmas  
Concert 7 pm  
20 - Early Dismissal 2 pm  
25-27 - Weihnachten  
Dec 23rd to Jan 6 -  
Winter Break

#### January

6 - First Day after winter break  
15 - Social 30 Diploma Part A  
17 - Ukrainian New Years  
21 - Social 30 Diploma Part B  
22 - Biology 30 Diploma  
28 - First Day of Semester 2  
29 - 30 - Sr/Jr High SPAA  
curling @ St. Paul  
30 - Report cards go home  
31 - PLC Day (No School)

### December



Stay up to date  
with information:

Website:

[www.newmyrnamschool.ca](http://www.newmyrnamschool.ca)

 Facebook:

New Myrnam School SPERD

 Instagram:

[newmyrnam](https://www.instagram.com/newmyrnam)



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The NMS Education Plan Goal 3 is tied to student improvement in numeracy. Goal 3 is titled **Improving Numeracy Capacity in Students** and has been split into two outcomes:

- **Enhance numeracy skills through engaging and interactive activities.**
  - **Foster a love for math by incorporating collaborative and enjoyable learning experiences.**
- Many students reach a point in their education where the phrase "I hate math" becomes a part of their regular vernacular. The NMS staff wants to flip the script on that. We are working to build capacity in our students so they see math as accessible through interactive and engaging lessons. Students should also be comfortable doing basic math skills in their day to day lives. This may mean working in the concession and counting change without the use of a calculator or playing games requiring quick math skills like crib. Logic puzzles and games where students practice spatial awareness like Blokus practice math skills like finding patterns.

As a new initiative, St. Paul Education schools are using an assessment called Star Math. This program is similar to the Star Reading test students have done for years. The program provides teachers with an indication of where the student is at with their math skills. The program is one assessment giving one snapshot of a student at a specific time in the year. It does not tell the whole story about a student and what they know and can do. The real benefit of using the test is that the teacher can then implement targeted strategies to ensure each student improves their math skills.

Courses like Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) and Career and Technology Studies (CTS) programs from grade 5-12 are a natural avenue for students to practice numeracy skills. For example, teachers in these programs work with students to convert imperial units of measurement to metric units regularly. Teachers are showing students how to do these conversions using mental math strategies and with a calculator. The benefit of CTF and CTS goes well beyond unit conversions to team work, collaboration, problem solving, and customer service. Problem solving open ended questions in CTF/CTS builds the foundations of skills required to answer word problems in their regular math classes.

So what can you do at home to support your student's engagement in math? Try playing some of the kinds of games listed above at home. Take the time to have your student do the mental math themselves. When you are out in the community purchasing products, show your student how to estimate adding up the cost of groceries; speak to them about GST being 5% and work through some strategies for estimating that cost on top of the cost of the item itself. For students in grade 5 and up, the Alberta curriculum requires them to memorize their multiplication table to 10 x 10. Take time while you are going about your day with your student to ask them 5-10 multiplication questions every day. Then discuss ways you as an adult need to use multiplication in your day to day life.

# **Concession Menu**

**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**

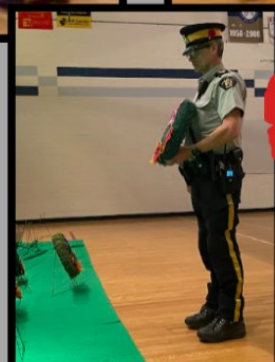
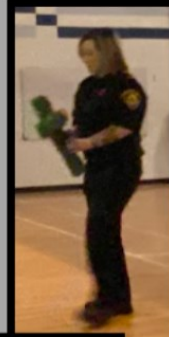
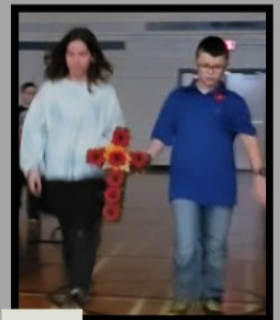
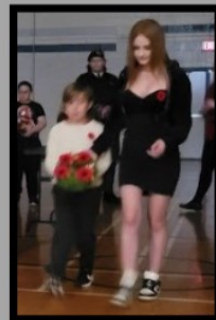
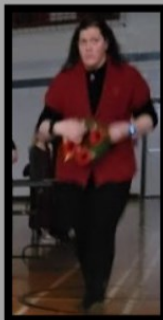
**Twizzlers/Nibs \$3.00**

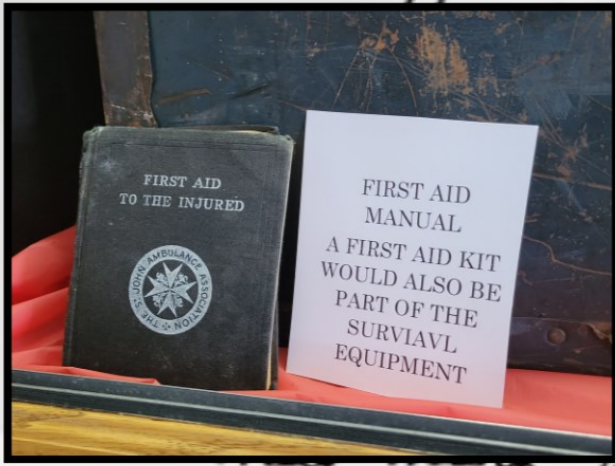
**Corn Nuts \$2.00**

**Gum \$1.00**

**Frozen Fruit Bars \$1.00**

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

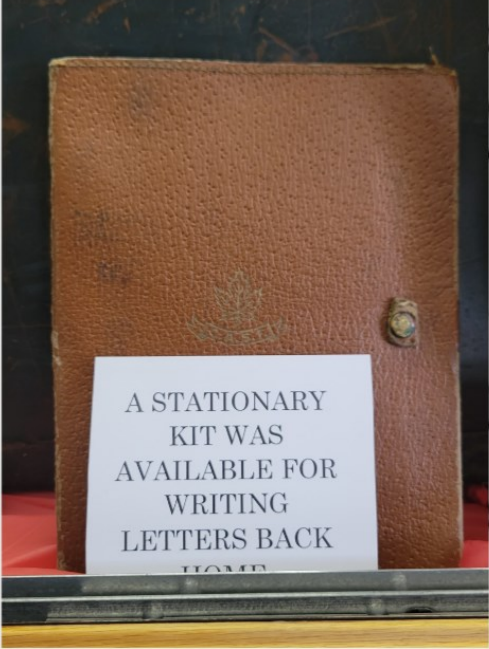




FIRST AID MANUAL  
A FIRST AID KIT  
WOULD ALSO BE  
PART OF THE  
SURVIVAL  
EQUIPMENT



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sometimes called  
"dog tags"  
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A STATIONARY  
KIT WAS  
AVAILABLE FOR  
WRITING  
LETTERS BACK  
HOME



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Dec 8-1917



*Thank you to the Two Hills and Area Victim Services Society. They generously donated \$2000 to go towards student learning and innovation.*

# Announcements

## CJ's Hot Lunch Days

December 4 - Pizza (pepperoni/cheese)

December 11 - Perogies with sausage



## Career Councilor Dates

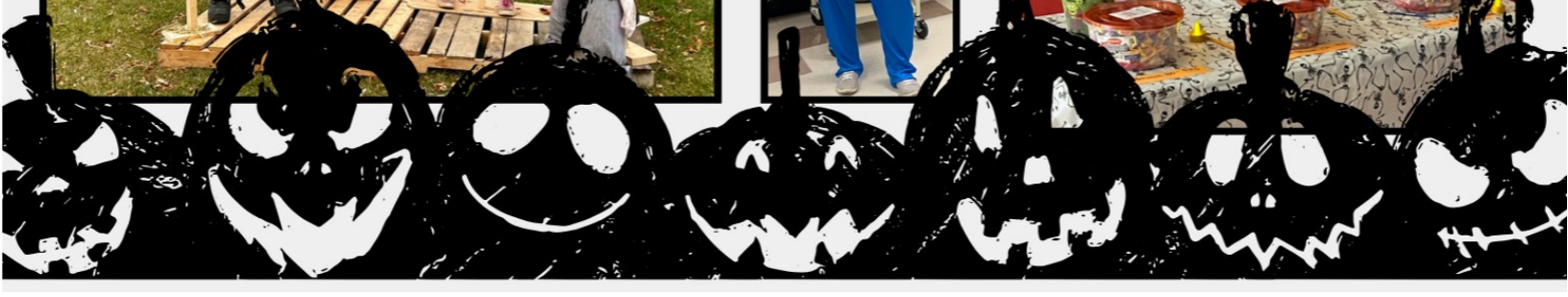
**December - 6, 13, 20**

**Reminder that December 20th is an  
early dismissal day.  
Students finish at 2:00.**

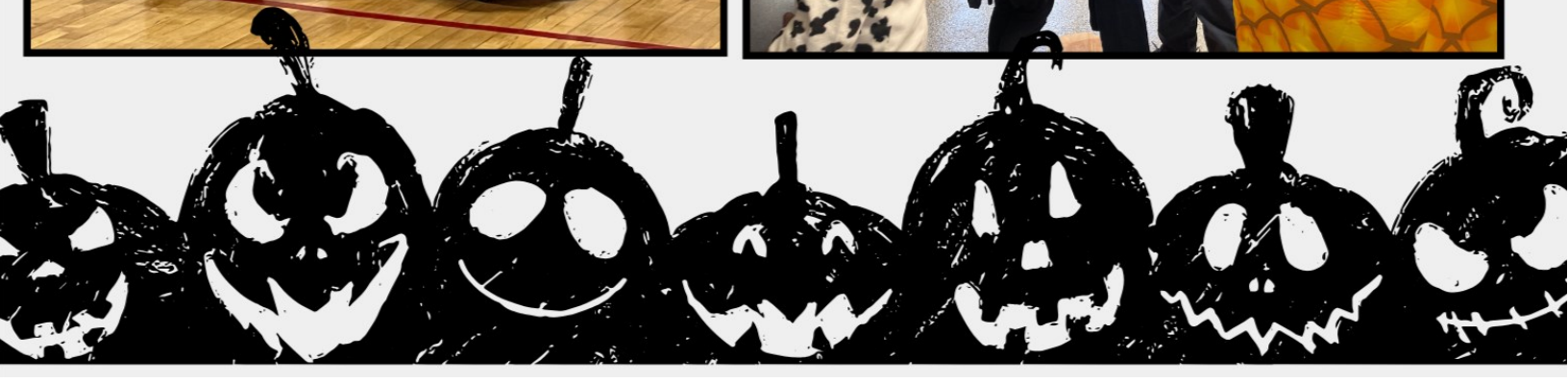


**Now that the winter weather is upon us,  
it's time to remember to dress warmly  
for recess and for the ride into school on  
the bus. Dress in a jacket, snow pants, a  
toque, gloves or mittens, and boots to  
stay nice and warm.**

# FALL FESTIVAL









# LICA PRESENTATION

# Christmas Volunteers

NMS is looking for volunteers to help prepare our Christmas meal

**Friday, December 20, 2024**

**Help is needed for food preparation, serving, and clean up from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. Come for any length of time. Contact Mr. Riley [rilecody@sperd.ca](mailto:rilecody@sperd.ca)**





## Christmas Activities

5 - Wordfind Challenge

6 - Jersey Day

9 - Hot Chocolate, Candy Gram Sales

10 - Cozy Slipper Day, Candy Gram Sales

11 - Guess the Song Challenge, Last Day Candy Gram Sales

12 - Comfy PJ Day, Christmas Coloring Contest Starts

16 - Fuzzy Day

17 - Candy Gram Delivery, 7 pm Christmas Concert

18 - Cookie Decorating

19 - Ugly Sweater Day, 7 pm German Christmas Concert

20 - Formal Day, Christmas Lunch & Trivia, Early Dismissal!

Have an Awesome Holiday Season!





New Myrnam School

# Christmas Hamper

Donate to people in need  
this Christmas

Monday

9 December, 2024



Every item collected will provide students  
with an opportunity to cast their votes for an  
activity after the Christmas Dinner

List of activities to vote on TBD





# Links Page



## **School Cash Online**

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

## **Our Project Videos/Articles**

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

## **Power School**

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

## **New Myrnam School Facebook Page**

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





Village of Mymam  
Education  
Opportunity

The Village of Mymam is offering free online training through the EDA Institute for two young adults (ages 17 to 27 as of January 1, 2025) who either reside in Mymam or attend New Mymam School. If you have a passion for economic development, we'd love to hear from you!

#### CORE COURSES

- Establishing the Foundation (ETF)
- Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E)
- Business Investment & Attraction (BI&A)
- Community Economic Resilience (CER)

FUEL YOUR  
PASSION:  
LEARN,  
LEAD, AND  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!

#### WHY CHOOSE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS A CAREER?

- IT IS COLLABORATIVE, FAST-PACED AND CREATIVE
- GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A CATALYST FOR CHANGE BY WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BUILD HEALTHY SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
- YOU HAVE A HAND IN CREATING LOCAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WHILE IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

#### FOR MORE INFO:

For more information on courses and economic development as a career visit Economic Developers Alberta at [edaalberta.ca](http://edaalberta.ca)



#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

Email your one-page expression of interest to [cao@mymam.ca](mailto:cao@mymam.ca) by December 31, 2024



# Fall Loyalty Program

Active date: 2024-10-27 - 2024-11-10



## Dear Parents & Guardians,

New Myrnam School has partnered with Castle Rock Research to offer students special discount on study guides for grades 3-12 in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies.

These print and digital resources are aligned with the Alberta curriculum and have been updated to reflect the 2024-25 curriculum. They are an excellent support for all students, including those preparing for finals and diploma exams.

### SOLARO, \$25.00 (~~\$200 retail~~)

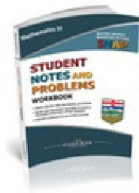


- 1-year access to up to 10 courses across grades 3-12 in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, available on any desktop, laptop or mobile browser.
- Offers more courses than are available in print, 10x the practice questions compared to print, plus tests and additional study tools



### The KEY Study Guides, \$25.00 (~~\$34.99 retail~~)

- Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies editions have been updated for the 2024-2025 school year
- New Pre-Test/Post-Test sections (Pre-Tests assess skills from the previous grade, Post-Tests reflect course content in which students must demonstrate proficiency)



### SNAP Workbooks, \$25.00 (~~\$34.99 retail~~)

- Student Notes and Problems (SNAP) Instructional content, practice exercises and unit assessments covering the breadth and depth of select Science and Mathematics courses.



### Problem Solved and Class Notes, \$17.00 (~~\$24.95 retail~~)

- All of the questions from the respective SNAP workbooks are presented along with the detailed solutions. Included are excerpts that focus students on the explanatory notes for each topic.

For more information, click the button below, or copy the link to place your order between 2024-10-27 and 2024-11-10. Orders will be individually packaged and shipped to the school for pickup by your student.

Place Order

<https://schoolorders.solaro.com/3703>



# 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 [stpaueducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival](https://stpaueducation.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/](https://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 [stpaueducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival](https://stpaueducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival).

## Online

Go to [home.schoolmessenger.ca](https://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 [stpaueducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival](https://stpaueducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival) or scan the QR code.



# HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



## SEND TO SCHOOL

- A runny nose or just a little cough but no other symptoms.
- Sore throat but no other symptoms.
- No fever in the past 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
- No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.



## KEEP AT HOME

- Fever higher than 100.4 degrees F (38 degrees C).
- Sore throat, with other symptoms such as a persistent cough.
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Eyes are pink and crusty.
- Has been exposed to an illness where isolation is recommended.



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[stpauleducation.ab.ca](http://stpauleducation.ab.ca)



# SchoolMessenger Mass Notifications System

## Information for Parents

### What is SchoolMessenger?

SchoolMessenger is a mass notification system used to deliver information to families. These mass notifications are referred to as 'Broadcasts' due to SchoolMessenger's capability to simultaneously send messages to a vast number of destinations. Available broadcast destinations include phone, email, and SMS text.

Message recipients' contact data for parents comes from the PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS) database. This data is updated every evening so that any changes to phone numbers, emails and contact preferences will be current on every broadcast.

During phase one of implementation, the Division will begin using SchoolMessenger to communicate information to parents and guardians about safety alerts and school closures. Schools may also use this tool to share newsletters and information about special events and activities. Phase two, which includes activating the attendance reporting feature 'Safe Arrival', is expected to begin in early 2024.

### Phone Messages



- Phone calls will be reserved for emergencies such as safety alerts or early dismissal due to inclement weather.
- Phone calls will be sent as an automated message (computerized or human voice) and will come from the school phone number.
- In addition to a phone call, text and email messages will also be sent in emergency situations.

### Email Messages



- School newsletters and information about fundraising, hot lunch programs and other school activities will be shared via email.

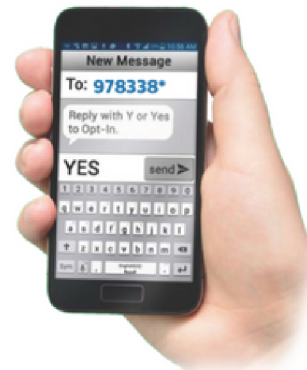
### Additional Information

- Existing school-to-home communication tools currently used by classroom teachers (e.g. Seesaw, ClassDojo) may still be utilized.
- Schools will have flexibility in how they use SchoolMessenger. Stay tuned to your schools website and social media to learn more about how this new tool will be used at your child's school.
- All messages can also be viewed on the SchoolMessenger app. Parents are not required to download the app at this time, however, the Division will be asking all families to download the app when we move forward with the SchoolMessenger attendance reporting feature 'Safe Arrival'.
- Parents have the option to request that additional contacts, such as a child care provider, receive text and email messages from their child's school. Please call the school to make this request or if you have any questions about SchoolMessenger.

### Text Messages



- In addition to being used for emergencies, your school may also use text messages to communicate important information regarding sports and other after-school activities, field trip delays, etc.
- Under federal law originally designed to protect consumers from telemarketers, we have to get your permission to send messages to a mobile phone by SMS text. It is also just a good idea so that we're sure that message is going to the right phone number for the right person. Therefore, to receive texts you will need to opt-in.
- On **October 18, 2023** an opt-in invitation text to participate in this free service\* will be sent to mobile phone numbers of all primary contacts uploaded from our Student Information System (SIS). Recipients have to reply 'Y' or 'Yes' to the invitation text message to 'opt-in'.



- If you did not receive the invitation text message or want to ensure you are registered, you can simply send a text message as follows:

**To Opt-In: Text 'Y' or 'Yes' to our short code number (978338)**

*\*Standard Message and Data rates apply*

- You can also opt out of these messages any time by simply replying to one of our messages with '**Stop**'.



# EXTREME WEATHER

## Is my child's bus running? Coming home early?

Throughout the winter, weather and road conditions are constantly monitored with the safety of students and staff at the center of all of our decisions. We strive to inform parents of any delays or cancellations as quickly as possible. Here's how you may be notified:

- Bus driver contact
- Call/text from your school
- Local radio stations
- Bus Status app
- Division social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Division website  
<https://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca/transportation/bus-status>



### How we decide:

When temperatures and/or wind chill is -40 or colder, buses are CANCELLED. Notice may be given the night before or in the morning.

-40°C

Buses may run in the afternoon during extreme cold weather under certain circumstances.

Weather checks start very early with The Weather Network and phone calls to designated staff living in each local area.

Even if buses are cancelled schools remain **OPEN**.

- If your child attends: meaningful learning still occurs
- If your child is absent: efforts will be made to ensure they do not fall behind



Decision is based on:

- Local road conditions
- RCMP travel advisories
- Weather and wind warnings
- Local municipality

Your bus driver also has complete discretion to cancel a route should they feel travel is unsafe.



If a decision is required around temperature and/or road conditions, the Director of Transportation consults with:

- Local bus drivers
- School principals
- Superintendent of Schools



Parents always have the final say about their child's safety and well-being and can always choose whether or not to have their child take the bus.



*The Nations of Saddle Lake, Whitefish Lake and Frog Lake make independent decisions about their buses. Please contact them directly for any questions regarding their transportation policies.*



# BUS STATUS

A product of  rally



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.



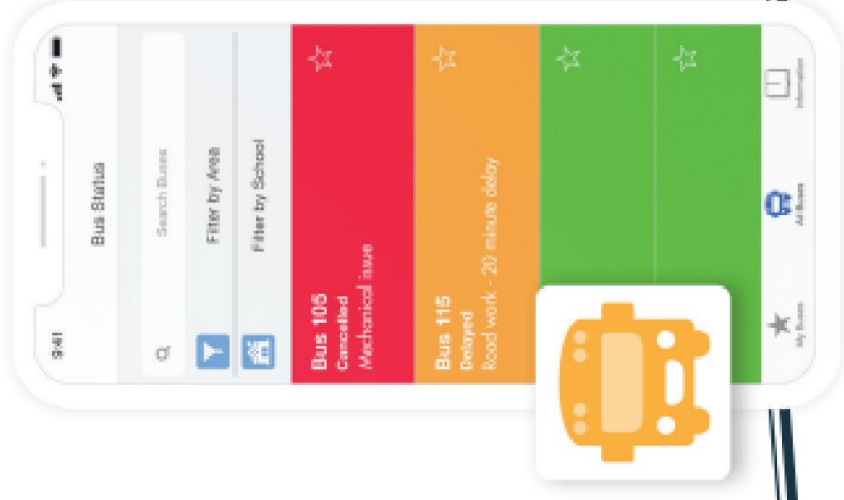
ios (Apple)



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						
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December 2024							January 2025							February 2025							March 2025						
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April 2025							May 2025							June 2025						
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28	29	30																		

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



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	0	3
October 10	Catholic Education Formation (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig only)	20	0
October 11	PLC Day	21	1
October 14	Thanksgiving	16	0
November 11	Remembrance Day	15	0
November 12-15	Fall Break	16	0
December 20	Early Dismissal	16	0
Dec 23 - Jan 3	Christmas Break	15	1
January 28	First day of second semester	19	1
January 31	PLC Day	19	1
February 12	Early Dismissal	17	2
February 13-14	Teachers' Convention	89	9
February 17	Family Day	Public Schools	Catholic Schools
February 18	PLC Day	Total Instructional Days	177
March 10	PLC Day	Total Staff Only Days	13
March 24 - 28	Spring Break	Total Operational Days	190
April 17	PLC Day	Instructional Hours - Public Schools	
April 18	Good Friday	Days	Min./Day
April 21	Easter Monday	Elem./Jr High	177
May 15	PLC Day	High School	177
May 16	Schools Closed	Instructional Hours - Catholic Schools	
May 19	Victoria Day	Days	Min./Day
June 9	PLC Day	Elem./Jr High	176
June 21	National Indigenous People's Day	High School	176
June 25	Last day of classes		
June 26	PLC Day		

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





# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Jr Boys/Girls Volleyball @ Glendon's Halloween Havoc	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ag Society Craft Show & Library Book Fair	Day 1 (K Day)	Open Gym 6-8 pm Day 2	Day 3 (K Day)	Day 4	Remembrance Day Ceremony Indigenous Veterans Day Day 5 (K Day)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Remembrance Day				Sr High Zones Volleyball	
<b>Fall Break</b>						
<b>Bullying Awareness Week, Family Violence Prevention Month, Metis Week</b>						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Day 6	Lifetouch Picture Retakes Open Gym 6-8 pm Day 1 (K Day)	Day 2	Provincial Volleyball Sr Boys @ Pincher Creek, Sr Girls @ Bonnyville Day 3 (K Day)	Day 4	Provincial Football Sr Boys @ Calgary
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Day 5 (K Day)	Open Gym 6-8 pm Day 6	Day 1 (K Day)	Day 2	Awards Night Faspa 4 - 5 pm Day 3 (K Day)	



# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Open Gym Night 6-8 pm Day 5 (K Day)	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Open Gym Night 6-8 pm Day 4	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Christmas Concert @ 7pm Day 3 (K Day)	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 German Christmas Concert @ 7pm Day 4	26	27	28
29						

Winter Break! See you January 6th!



New Years Eve