



New Myrnam School

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MYRNAM OUTREACH & HOMESCHOOL CENTRE

PROMOTING CHOICE IN EDUCATION

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May

Important Dates

May

- 1-3 - Alberta Envirothon
- 2 - Kevin Brooks in Two Hills Grade 9-12
- 7 - Grade 10 Orientation
- 8 - PARTY Program (Grade 9's)
- 8 - Hats On for Mental Health
- 9 - Himmelfahrt (Ascension Day)
- 16 - PLC Day (No School)
- 17-20 - No School
- 19-21 - Pfingsten (Pentecost)


25 - 2023/2024 Grad Ceremony


June

- 9 - Community Father's Day Event
- 13 - Colour Night
- 13 - Last Day of Classes Gr 7 -12
- 14 - PLC Day (No School)
- 21 - National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 26 - Report Cards Go Home
- 26 - Elementary Awards Ceremony @ 1:30
- 26 - Last Day of School Gr 1 - 6
- 27 - PLC Day (No School)

Stay up to date
with information:

Website:
www.newmyrnamschool.ca

 Facebook:
New Myrnam School SPERD

 Instagram:
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Principal's Message

May. How can it be so close to the end of the year already? Our students are going to be writing PATs, diploma exams, final exams and working on final projects for their courses soon. Field trips, track and field events, and elementary awards are right around the corner. There are a lot of important items coming up. Please stay tuned to our school's Facebook page including the Week a Glance and our website blogs for event dates.

May 7 the school will be hosting a grade 10 orientation night at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be in person but a virtual option is available. You can find the Google Meet information on our website under Menu, Parents, Entering Grade 10. On the website, you will also find a link to our grade 10 handbook. This document is meant to be paired with discussion that evening and not be a stand alone document. Please come to the night either in person or virtually with your child.

Grade 9's are headed to participate in the annual PARTY program in Two Hills on May 9. The bus will leave at 8:35 a.m. and return before buses leave in the afternoon. This program is paired with the presentation by Kevin Brooks on May 2. Thank you to St. Paul Education, Two Hills Victim Services, and Together We're Better MHCB for providing the funding for the presentation.

The Horticulture Greenhouse Sale is Friday, May 10. Come out and support our kiddos as they work towards their Greenhouse Technician Green Certificate.

May 25 is the date of the 2024 graduation ceremony. We are so proud of our NMS graduates. They are a hard working group of students ready to take on the world! The ceremony is at 2:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

The Frog Lake Pow Wow has returned. NMS and MOHC students will be attending on May 30. Stay tuned for permission forms coming soon.

Summer school registration is open. Summer school could be used to upgrade a mark or take courses for additional credit towards a high school diploma. A course students from grade 10-12 might be interested in is the Google Productivity Pro course. It is worth 6 credits and upon the successful completion of the course by the end of July, students will earn a free Chromebook! Contact the school office for registration forms or more information.

Through all of these busy events, it is important to remember to take care of our physical and mental selves. May 6 - 10 is mental health awareness week. This is an opportunity for us to think about how we are taking care of our bodies and our minds day to day. As a part of St. Paul Division's Comprehensive School Health Plan, a survey will be given to all students from grade 3-12 and staff. This survey is completely anonymous. A letter was sent at the end of April from the division to families to explain the purpose of the survey. Please check your email.



Concession Menu

Grilled Cheese (with Vegetables or Pickle) \$2.50
Crackers, Cheese, Sausage and Pickle Plate \$3.00

Mini Sub (Pizza or Hoagie) \$3.50

Pizza Pop \$1.00

Taco in a Bag \$6.00

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

Italian Ice \$2.00

Veggie Straws \$1.00

White Cheddar Popcorn \$2.00

Assorted Trail Mix \$2.00

Almonds \$2.00

Breadsticks & Nutella \$2.00

Ritz \$1.00

Made Good Cookies \$0.75

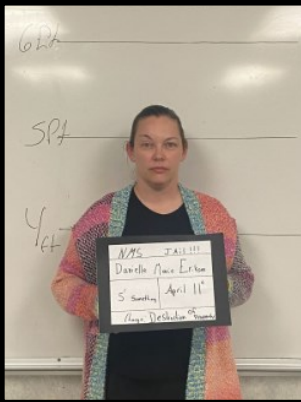
Twizzlers \$3.00

Corn Nuts \$2.00

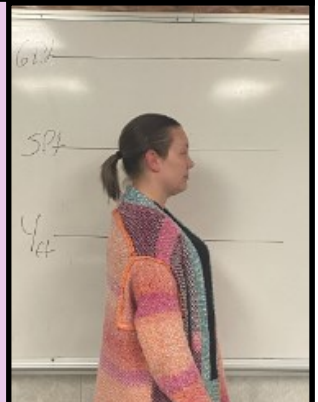
Gum \$1.00

LOCAL PRINCIPAL CHARGES WITH MAKING A MESS!

Gr. 5-6 Class



On April 25th, Showcase Day, something had happened in the Grade 5-6 classroom between 1:45 and 2:00 while students were outside for recess. When students walked in they found a mess with coke spilled, muddy footprints on the floor and a desk laying on its side with some items from it scattered around.



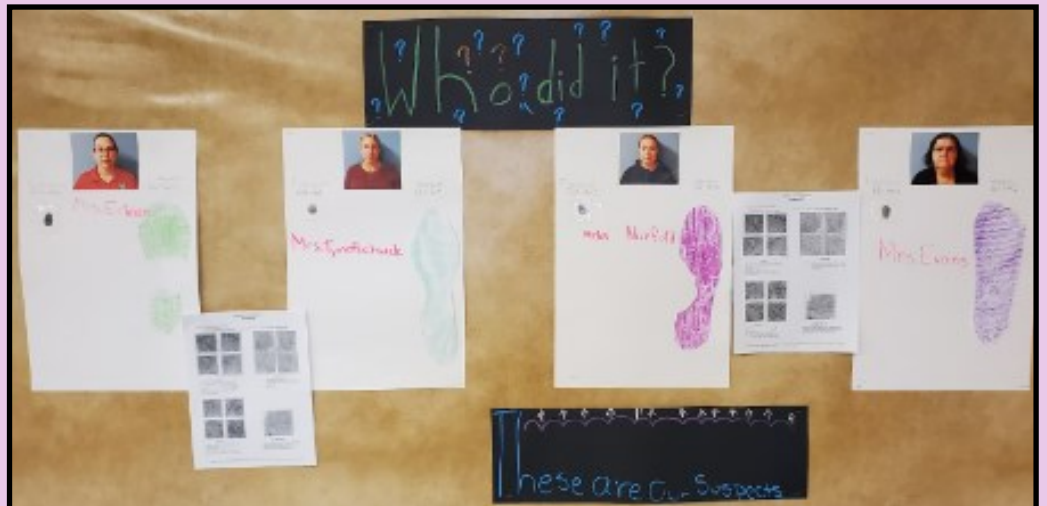
There were four suspects students had in mind who could have committed the crime: Miss. Neufeld, Mrs. Tymofichuk, Mrs. Eriksen, and Mrs. Evans. With the evidence at the crime scene, students had help from

different guests that visited their classroom, during showcase later that evening, with analyzing fingerprints and footprints. Three visitors said the evidence indicated Miss Neufeld was guilty, two visitors thought Mrs. Tymofichuk and forty visitors said the evidence led to Mrs. Eriksen.

Luke and Carson confronted Mrs. Eriksen with the overwhelming evidence piled against her: the mud tracks which matched her shoes, her fingerprints found on the desk, the window, the spilled glass of coke and lanyard.

She responded with a sly grin on her face, "I don't know what you are talking about." The interrogists, Carson and Luke, also got her to place herself at the scene of the crime when she talked about how she loved seeing their new artwork. She had no idea that that artwork had just been hung an hour prior to the crime.

Well after all of the investigations, it was unexpected to find out that our very own principal was the one responsible for making this mess. In conclusion, for one more time, yes it was Mrs. Eriksen. Next time she needs to remember to put her keys on her lanyard so she doesn't have to crawl through the window. Remember that if you see a real crime, call 911 to report it so people stay safe.



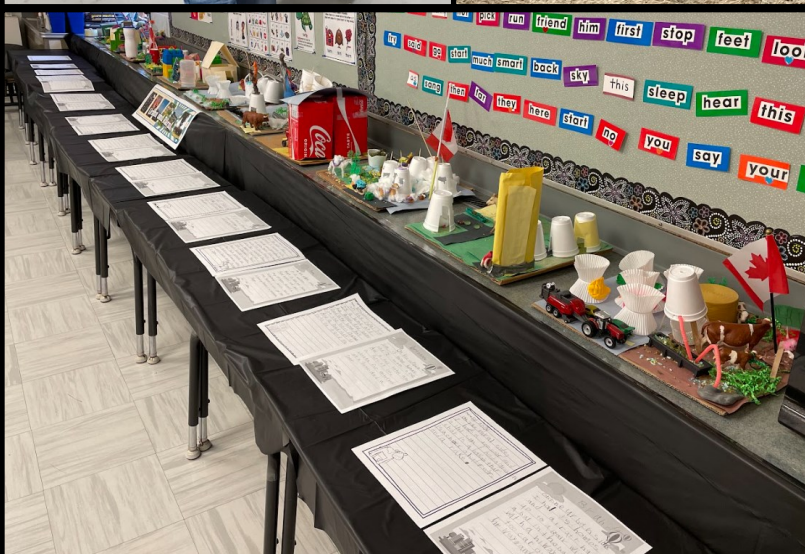
Spring Showcase



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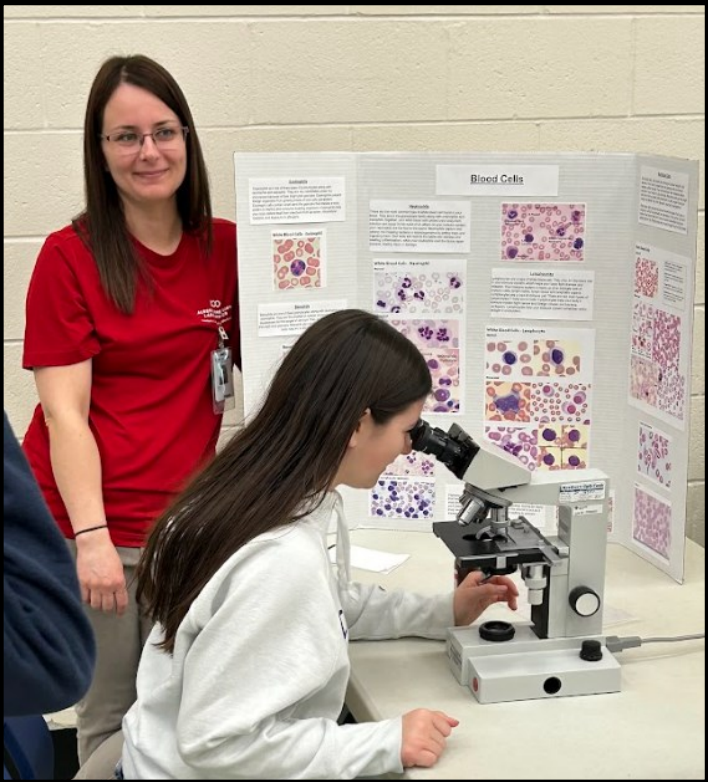


Barons Athletics - Badminton

It was a fun filled badminton season! The students played at the Racette Invitational to get us warmed up and ready for SPAA. Eli Sheppard played in the quarter final matches. All of the athletes that participated did an amazing job. Harper Matthews and Eddie Balash-Dack won a gold in mixed doubles. Ella Axley and Mason Phillips played for a bronze medal. Easton Sheppard and Larysa Myshanyk played in quarter final matches. There was a lot of perseverance and not giving up! Thank you to all the parents for helping out during badminton season! A special thanks to Murray Phillips and Cody Machney for helping out as parent coaches, working on various skill sets with the students. Great job to all our Barons athletes!



Rural Health Day



Try a Trade

On April 30th, grade 9s, and 10s, some 11s and 12s attended Try-A-Trade at the Lloydminster Exhibition grounds. While there students were busy exploring different trades. They welded their names on a piece of metal, drove a semi truck in a simulation, they operated mini excavators trying to put a basketball into a garbage can, or they had their hair done up with hair tinsel. Many businesses were there talking about all the trades that work in their companies. Students were also treated to free swag including many many pens, hats, frisbees, bags, cooler bags, mini flashlights, reusable straws and utensils, cups and more!





Thursday,
May 30
2024

2024 TRADITIONAL SCHOOL DIVISION POW WOW

Host Location: Frog Lake First Nation

Pow Wow Arbor - Frog Lake, AB 10 am - 2:30 pm

Featuring the talented dancers from St. Paul Education schools. Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch. A concession will also be available on site.

Host Drum - Kihew Asiniy

For more information
contact Keith Gamblin:

 780-645-3323

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St. Paul Education

Learning Together, Growing Together

Announcements



New Myrnam School would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the recently disbanded Myrnam Elks. The group made a sizable donation to the school's CTS/CTF program. Paired with a donation from the Myrnam Royal Purple the school was able to purchase the laser engraver revealed at the Spring Showcase on April 25.

Athletics or School Fees can be paid through our Main Office. Thank You! If you would like to apply



for the KidsSport Fund Grant, scan this QR Code for the online application. Paper copies of the application form available at our Main Office

SAVE

**GRADE 10
ORIENTATION**

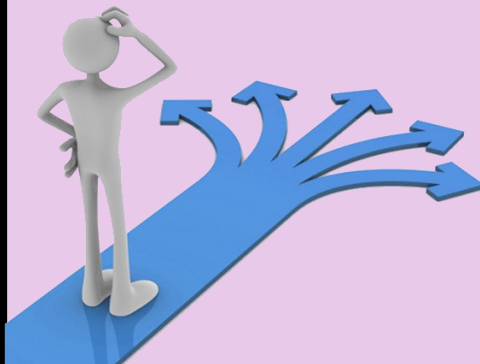
FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

MAY 7

2024

THE

DATE



**Career
Counsellor
Dates**

**May - 2, 10, 15,
27**

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule

Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT's) are scheduled for May and June 2024. PAT's are required to be written by grade 6 and 9 students and are written in person at the school. There is more information from Alberta Education about the grade 6 and grade 9 PAT's in the QR Codes. Exam dates are provided for each grade below.



Grade 6
QR Code

Grade 9
QR Code



<u>Grade 6</u>	
June 19	Social Studies
<u>Grade 9</u>	
June 12	ELA & Literature Part B
June 13	Math Part A
June 18	Math Part B
June 19	Social Studies
June 20	Science



Links Page

St Paul Education Charitable Donations

<https://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca/about-us/charitable-donations>



New Myrnam School Facebook Page

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

Power School

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

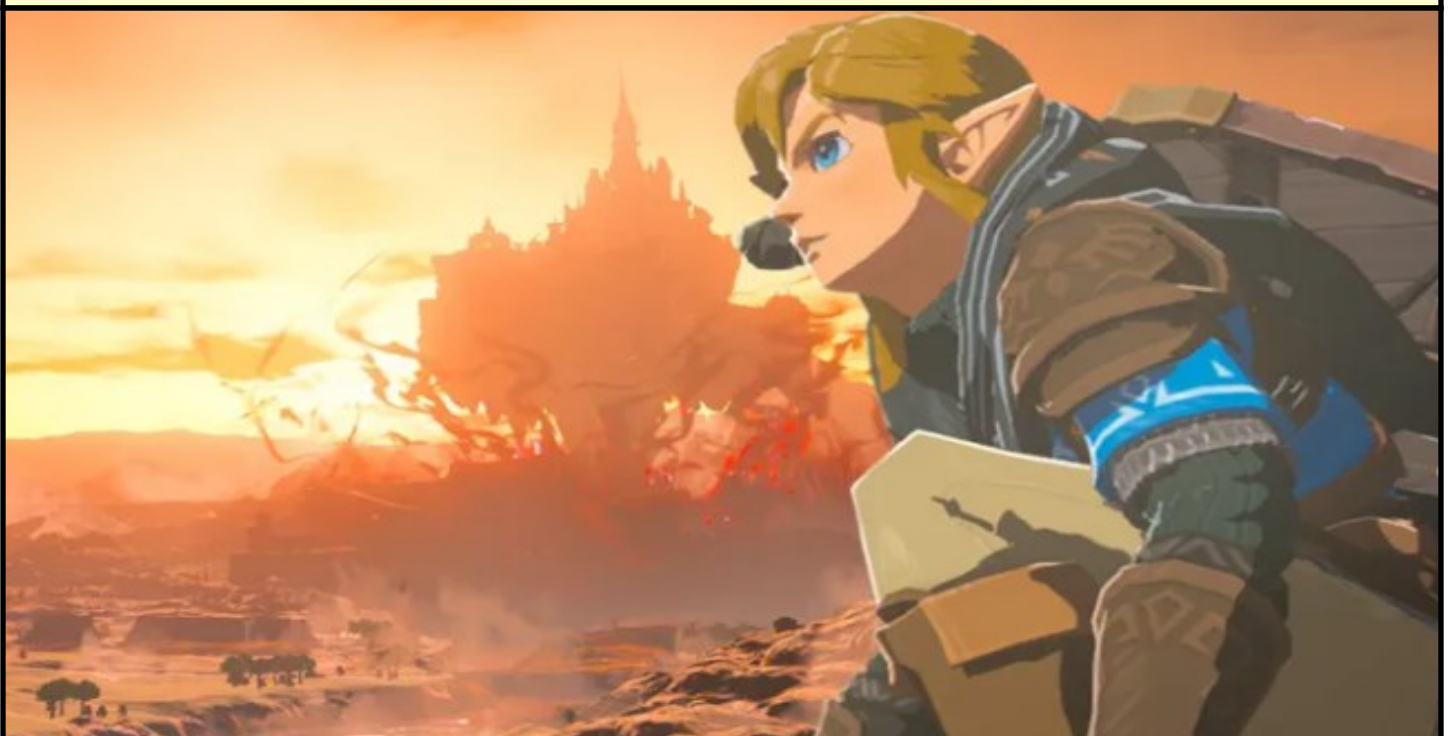


Our Project Videos/Articles

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

School Cash Online

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





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.

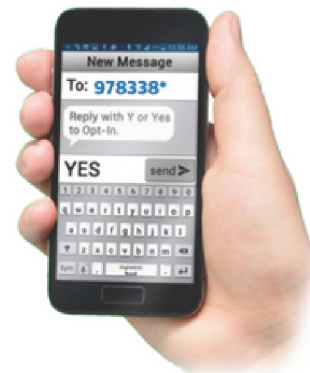
Text Messages



- 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'.

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.



- 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**'.

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.





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.



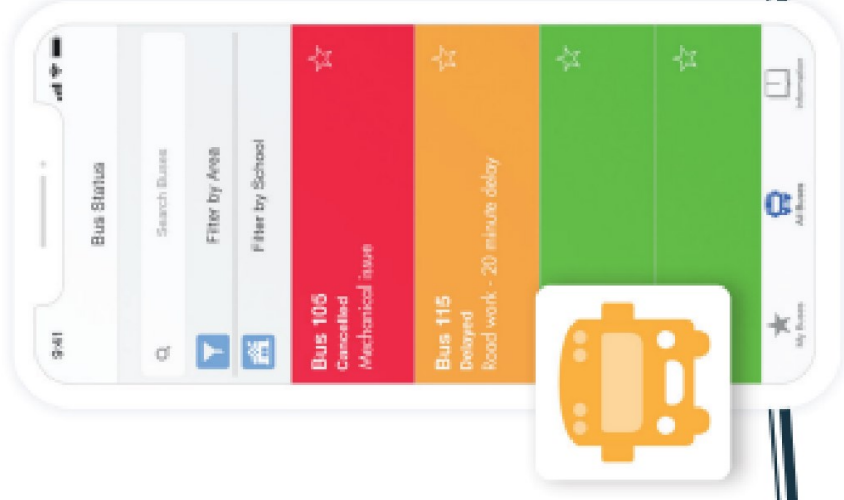
ios (Apple)



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 2023-2024

August 2023							September 2023							October 2023							November 2023						
M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F		
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7	8	9	10	11			4	5	6	7	8			9	10	11	12	13			13	14	15	16	17		
14	15	16	17	18			11	12	13	14	15			16	17	18	19	20			20	21	22	23	24		
21	22	23	24	25			18	19	20	21	22			23	24	25	26	27			27	28	29	30			
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29			30	31												

December 2023							January 2024							February 2024							March 2024						
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April 2024							May 2024							June 2024						
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15	16	17	18	19			13	14	15	16	17			17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26			20	21	22	23	24			24	25	26	27	28		
29	30						27	28	29	30	31									

LEGEND						
Instructional Day						
PLC Day						
Schools Closed						
Early Dismissal 2 pm						

Days of School Operation			
Month	Instructional	Staff Only	
August	0	3	
September	19	1	
October	20	1	
November	19	1	
December	15	1	
January	17	0	
Semester 1	90	7	
January	1	0	
February	17	3	
March	15	1	
April	20	1	
May	20	1	
June	17	2	
Semester 2	90	8	

Total Instructional Days	180
Total Non-Instructional Days	15
Total Operational Days	195

First Day of Classes:	September 5
First Day of Second Semester:	January 31
Last Day of Classes:	June 26

Instructional Hours			
	Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year
Elem./Jr High	180	317	950
High School	180	333	1000

Important Dates		
August 29, 30, 31	PLC Days	
August 31 (a.m.)	Catholic Education Formation	
September 1	PLC Day/Division Day	
September 4	Labour Day	
September 5	First day of school	
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day	
October 6	PLC Day	
October 9	Thanksgiving	
November 9	PLC Day	
November 10	Schools Closed	
November 13	Remembrance Day (Nov 11)	
December 8	PLC Day	
Dec 25 - Jan 5	Christmas Break	
January 31	First day of second semester	
February 2	PLC Day	
February 2 (a.m.)	Catholic Education Formation	
February 14	Early dismissal - 2 pm	
February 15 & 16	Teachers' Convention	
February 19	Family Day	
March 1	PLC Day	
March 25 - 29	Spring Break	
March 29	Good Friday	
April 1	Easter Monday	
April 19	PLC Day	
May 16	PLC Day	
May 17	Schools Closed	
May 20	Victoria Day	
June 14	PLC Day	
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day	
June 26	Last day of classes	
June 27	PLC Day	

Calendar Approved: February 8, 2023

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) - August 31 and February 2, mornings

Diploma Exam Schedule 2023-24 - October 26, 27, 30, 31 November 2, 3, 6-8 January 10-12, 19, 22-26, 29, 30 April 4, 5, 8-12, 15, 16 June 11-14, 17-20, 24-26

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule 2023-2024 - In draft format as per Alberta Education

Approved School Holidays			
Labour Day	Sept 4	Family Day	Feb 19
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 9	Spring Break	March 25-29
Remembrance Day	Nov 13	Good Friday/Easter Monday	Mar 29 & Apr 1
Christmas Vacation	Dec 25-Jan 5	Victoria Day	May 20

St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2024-2025

August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024
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April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	LEGEND
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St. Paul Education

Approved School Holidays				
Labour Day	Sept 2	Family Day	Feb 17	
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 14	Spring Break	March 24-28	
Remembrance Day	Nov 11	Good Friday	April 18	
Fall Break	Nov 12-15	Easter Monday	April 21	
Christmas Break	Dec 23-Jan 3	Victoria Day	May 19	

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

Days of School Operation	Public Schools			Catholic Schools		
	Instructional	Staff Only	Instructional	Staff Only	Instructional	Staff Only
August	0	3	0	0	3	3
September	20	0	20	20	0	0
October	21	1	20	20	2	2
November	16	0	16	16	0	0
December	15	0	15	15	0	0
January	16	0	16	16	0	0
Semester 1	88	4	87	87	5	5
February	3	1	3	3	1	1
March	16	3	16	16	3	3
April	15	1	15	15	1	1
May	19	1	19	19	1	1
June	17	2	17	17	2	2
Semester 2	89	9	89	89	9	9
Total Instructional Days	177	13	177	177	14	14
Total Staff Only Days	13	190	13	190	14	14
Total Operational Days	190	190	190	190	190	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





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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

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	Day 3 (K Day) Day 2	7 Day 4	8 Day 5 (K Day) Day 4	9 Day 6	Day 1 (K Day) (No School)	11
12	13 Day 2	14 Day 3 (K Day)	15 Day 4	16 PLC Day (No School)	17 (No School)	18
19	20 Pfingsten (Pentacost) (No School)	21 Day 5 (K Day)	22 Day 6	23 Day 1 (K Day)	24 Day 2	25 Grade 12 Grad Ceremony
26	Day 3 (K Day)	28 Day 4	29 Day 5 (K Day)	30 Day 6	Day 1 (K Day) Day 2	

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Day 2	Day 3 (K Day)	Day 4	Day 5 (K Day)	Day 6	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Community Father's Day Event	Day 1 (K Day)	Day 2	Day 3 (K Day)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Colour Night Last Day of Classes Jr and Sr High </div> Day 4	PLC Day (No School)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day	Day 5 (K Day)	Day 6	Day 1 (K Day)	Day 2	National Indigenous Peoples' Day Last Day of Kindergarten Day 3 (K Day)	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Day 4	Day 5 (K Day)	Last Day of School, Report Cards Go Home, Elementary Awards Ceremony	<div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> See you next school year! Have a fantastic summer! </div> PLC Day (No School)		