



New Myrnam School

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MYRNAM OUTREACH & HOMESCHOOL CENTRE

PROMOTING CHOICE IN EDUCATION

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January

Important Dates

January

- 6 - Heilige Drei König (Epithany)
- 7 - First Day Back from Winter Break
- 12 - Community Movie Night @ 7:00
- 19 - Last Day of Classes for Senior High
- 31 - Semester 2 Begins!

February

- 2 - Groundhog Day
- 2 - PLC Day (No School)

12/13 - Senior high curling zones in Lloydminster (hosted by Kitscoty)

14 - Mukluk

14 - Early dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.

15 - 16 - Teachers' Convention

19 - Family Day (No School)

22 - Pink Shirt Day

23 - Kinosoo Ridge Ski Trip for Grade 4-12 students

Exam Schedule Inside

Stay up to date
with information:

Website:

www.newmyrnamschool.ca

 Facebook:

New Myrnam School SPERD

 Instagram:

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



Principal's Message

Happy New Year to all NMS and MOHC families. This time of year becomes a chance to refocus our intentions and revisit goals we set for ourselves when the school year started. As a principal, I think a lot about how we can bring new experiences to our students and families. What can we do as a school outside of the exceptional classroom instruction which will be of value to our students? The staff and admin team have lots of irons in the fire for the next few months with experiences that we are excited to share.

The grade 7/8 class registered for the Give it A Shot reading campaign with the Edmonton Oil Kings. They completed their reading logs and were drawn to receive free Oil Kings tickets for the January 19 home game at Roger's Place. Permission forms have gone home for those students. The school is providing the bus. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$20 and there is room on the bus! Contact Ms. Ladret for more information. Great work, grade 7 and 8's!

January 31 there will be a parent presentation with Ariel Haubrich about student mental health. It will be hosted in Two Hills. The Myrnam School Council is looking at having a bus available to transport parents interested in this evening session. Having worked personally with Ariel over the years, and having heard her speak at mental health conferences, she is well worth the time for an evening. More information will be forwarded to parents by email soon.

Mukluk is coming up on February 14. This is the day before Teacher's Convention. Parents interested in helping organize and serve a meal are greatly appreciated. Please give me a call or shoot me an email if you would like to help and can come out on that day. The high school involvement on this day has been dwindling in recent years. Last year, when we had student input on the events we had the best turnout for attendance that I have seen for a long time. We're excited to start that planning with students at the beginning of semester 2.

April 15 Myrnam School will be hosting our own version of the Post Secondary Night hosted in St. Paul in the fall. Post secondary institutions will be on hand in our New Myrnam School gym on that Monday from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Students from grade 7-12 will have time to tour the booths and speak to representatives from several universities and colleges in Alberta. We will post the list of institutions attending on the newmyrnamschool.ca website when we have the final list. Parents are welcome to come in and walk around with their student. We have invited other schools in our area to take advantage of this opportunity as well.

Try-a-Trade in Lloydminster is April 30. We have plans to take students from grade 9-12. The advantage of the small school is that we can logistically take them all! Stay tuned for more information as we approach the event.

Students have come to me with ideas of events to attend surrounding themes of climate change. I will be working with the admin team to put together a plan to figure out how to get interested students to those events. Also in the works are Inside Education student conferences and Energy Innovation events, LICA classroom presentations including X-Stream Science where our students will field test a water body around Myrnam, and post secondary field trips beyond the trip to Lakeland College's open house last fall. The school is always buzzing with a new opportunity to open up an experience students may not have otherwise had access to. We will do our best to keep parents informed of these events through the website, newsletter, and emails home.

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



Christmas Fun at New Myrnam!



Kindergarten and Grade 5 working together on Cards for the Lodge!



Christmas Concert





Thank You to Our Christmas Raffle Contributors

- Myrnam Agency
- Myrnam Convenience Store
(Samantha & Kurt Ewanec)
- Cars With Curves
(Mark & Molly Kulczycki Family)
- Bush Baboon Slashing
(Blayne Trachuk)
- Hairitage Salon
(Shelley Neumann)
- Derwent Pizza & Derwent Hotel
(Mike Davies)
- St. Paul Home Hardware
(Rep: Isabelle Pomerleau)
- CNC Custom Designs
(Robert & Shelley Tymofichuk)
- CJ's Café
(Colleen & Jessica Mackenzie)
- Myrnam Municipal Seed Cleaning
Plant (Kurt Ewanec)
- Candace & Raymond Phillips
- Grant Miller Motors
(Ted Godziuk)
- Village of Myrnam
(CAO, Elsie Kiziak)
- Myrnam Community Library
(NNLS Rep: D'Arcy Evans)
- Shear Stylin' (Leith Matthews)
- RONA Cal's Hardware Ltd.
(Curtis & Jaime Porcina)
- Ann Godziuk
- Judy & Leo Ewaniuk
- Kayleigh Zacharuk
- County of Two Hills
(Reeve: Murray Phillips)
- Murray & Kaila Phillips Family
- Danielle & Doug Eriksen Family
- Anonymous Christmas Elf
(Ostropolski Family)
- Willow Inspirations (Michelle Varga)
- Rosa-Lea & Willard Dack Family

Save the Date

Date, Time

Monday, April 15

9 - 10:30 am



Announcements



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.

Mom's Pantry Fundraiser will start January 22nd to February 5th. Delivery should be end of February.



On the second Friday of each month the Village of Myrnam will host a community movie night in the school gymnasium. Doors will open at 6:00 and the movie will start at 7:00. Concession provided by different groups each month

Career Counsellor Dates

January - 8, 18, 26



Diploma/Exam Schedule

Grade 12 diploma exams are scheduled for NMS students in January 2024. Diploma exams are required to be written by grade 12 students and are written in person at the school. More information can be found in the following QR Codes



Jan. 10	ELA 30-1 & ELA 30-2 Part A @ 9:00 am
Jan. 11	Social 30-1 & 30-2 Part A (MOHC Students)
Jan. 19	Social 10/20 Part A
Jan. 22	Math 30-1 & Math 30-2 @ 9:00 am Social 10/20 Part B
Jan. 23	ELA 30-1 & ELA 30-2 Part B @ 9:00 am
Jan. 24	Math 10C, 10-3, 20-1, 20-2 Social 30-1 & 30-2 Part B (MOHC Students)
Jan. 25	Science 10
Jan. 26	Chemistry 30 @ 9:00 am

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>	
May 15	ELA & Literature Part A
June 12	ELA & Literature Part B
June 13	Math Part A
June 19	Social Studies
June 20	Math Part B
<u>Grade 9</u>	
May 13	ELA & Literature Part A
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

Watch here for great links to our projects!

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.schoolcashonline.com/>



**Everyone in and around our community is welcome to
our monthly community free movie night!**

JANUARY 12, 2024 at New Myrnam School Gym

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7:00 p.m.



**Bring your own chairs, pillows, blankets and stuffies
and get comfortable watching the movie **ICE AGE**.**

Concession items available.

Hosting Organization: Myrnam & District Dove Historical and Beautification Society

Movie: Sponsored by ATCO

What Am I Missing?

Tuesday
January 30

6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

Two Hills
Curling Rink
(upstairs)

5303-45 Ave.

Wednesday
January 31

6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

St. Paul
Regional High School
Fine Arts Theatre

4701-44 St.



All those who attend will be entered for a door prize!

A session designed for parents to learn about:

- ✓ Impact of social media & the internet (anxiety & conflict)
- ✓ What's happening in kids brains? (typical development & behaviour)
- ✓ The continuum of mental health challenges through to mental illness (What's the difference?)

*Please note this session is intended for an adult audience.

Registration is not required, however we do want to know if you will be joining us for pizza?



Please let us know by going to this link:

<https://bit.ly/48IqvAN>



Ariel Haubrich, M.Ed Psych



St. Paul Education



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.

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.





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.

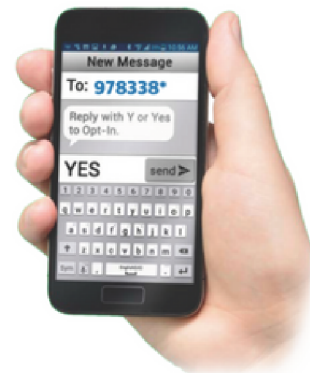
Text Messages



- 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**'.



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.



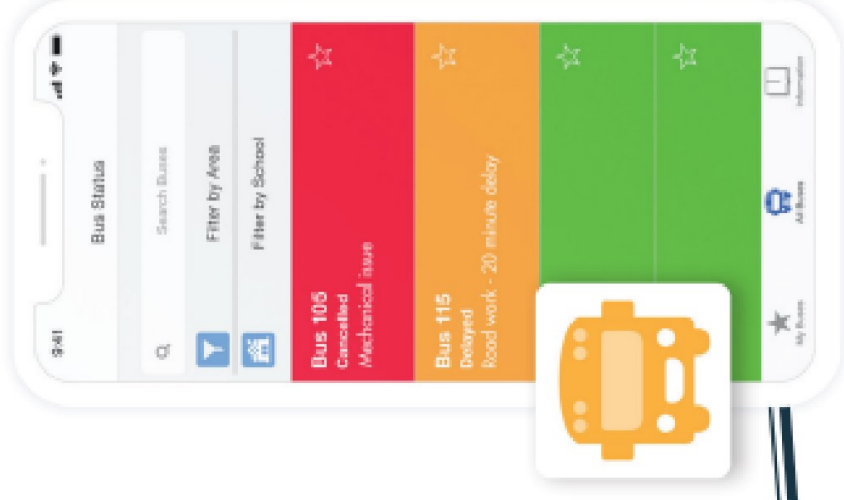
ios (Apple)



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

April 2024							May 2024							June 2024						
M	T	W	T	F	F		M	T	W	T	F	F		M	T	W	T	F	F	
1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5			3	4	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11	12			6	7	8	9	10			10	11	12	13	14		
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

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Winter Break! See you January 8th!							
7	8 Day 2	9 Day 3 (K Day)	10 Day 4	11 Day 5 (K Day)	12 Community Movie Night @ 7:00 Day 6	13	
14	15 Day 1 (K Day)	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 (K Day)	18 Day 4	19 Day 5 (K Day)	20	
21	22 Day 6	23 Day 1 (K Day)	24 Day 2	25 Day 3 (K Day)	26 Day 4	27	
28	29 Day 5 (K Day)	30 Day 6	31 Semester 2 Begins Day 1 (K Day)				

Last Day of classes
for Sr High

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Day 2	2 PLC Day (No School)	3
4	5 Day 3 (K Day)	6 Day 4	7 Day 5 (K Day)	8 Day 6	9 Day 1 (K Day)	10
11	12 Day 2	13 Day 3 (K Day)	14 Valentine's Day Mukluk Early Dismissal 2 pm Day 4	15 Teachers' Convention (No School)	16 Teachers' Convention (No School)	17
18	19 Family Day (No School)	20	21	22 Pink Shirt Day Day 1 (K Day)	23 Kinosoo Ridge Ski Trip Day 2	24
25	26 Day 3 (K Day)	27 Day 4	28 Day 5 (K Day)	29 Day 6		