

École Mallaig School

Being the best we can be

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November 30, 2023 Newsletter



Once again our Mallaig Parent Council went over and above to provide snacks for our teachers during the night of Parent/Teacher Conferences. The thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

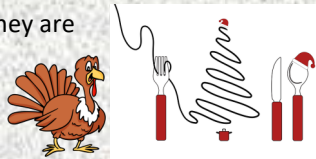
Can you help?

Parent Council are looking for donations toward the schools' Christmas meal. They are looking for:

2 20lb bags of potatoes

25 boxes of Stove Top Turkey Stuffing

If you are able to help please text or call Lisa @ 780-210-0584.



Christmas break

December 23-

January 7

School resumes

January 8

Student absences

Please call the school if your child will not be attending school. If we do not get a call, we will be contacting the parent to verify the students absence.

Call-780-635-3858

(messages can be left at this number) or text 1-587-600-8508.

SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE AND CAN BE PAID AT THE OFFICE OR ON SCHOOLCASHONLINE

BE Kind
BE Thoughtful
BE Thankful

Advent Mass and Interfaith Service will be held at the St. Jean de Brebeuf Parish and Mallaig Baptist Church



Thursday, December 7

@ 9:00am

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Christmas mass schedule for St. Jean de Brebeuf/St. Helen's

December 25-5:00pm Kehewin

7:00pm Mallaig

10:00pm St. Lina

December 25-10:00 am Mallaig

Christmas
CONCERT

Mallaig Elementary Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30pm

Please join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment!



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.stpaueducation.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.

MALLAIG CAREER CORNER

Mrs. Kotowich-Dubrulle

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kotosusa@sperd.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 1: USask deadline to apply for admission to be eligible for the Best & Brightest Scholarship

Dec 7: UAlberta's "Customize your STEM degree" webinar at 5-6pm

Dec 7: UAlberta Scholarships 101 webinar at 6-7pm

Dec 19: NAIT Health Program Interview Workshop - Part 3 (Live Practice) at 1pm (also on Jan 4 @ 5pm)

Jan 31: Deadline to apply for the UAlberta Getaway experience for Grade 11 students



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dec 1 : Deadline for the UCalgary Prestige Awards
- Dec 1: Deadline for the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award
- Dec 15: Deadline to apply for the USASK Best & Brightest Scholarship
- Jan 10: UAlberta entrance scholarships deadline (webinar Dec 7 @ 6-7pm)
- Feb 28: Deadline for the Don Mazankowski Scholarship

More scholarship information can be found on our school website at mallaigschool.ca/students/scholarships

DIPLOMA PREP

Rock the Diploma is offering both in person (in Edmonton) diploma prep courses and online diploma prep help for grade 12 students. See attached sheets for a full schedule and pricing breakdown.

MY SCHEDULE

I'll be at Ecole Mallaig School on

December 13 & 14



DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know we have partnerships with Portage College, Lakeland College and Olds College of Agriculture & Technology? Students in our division are able to take a post-secondary course and earn both high school and post-secondary credits. It's a great way to get a head start on your post-secondary and ease your way into the first year of

university. It's also a great way to try a course and see if you are interested in the subject before committing to a full program. Portage offers many university courses that students can take for FREE while in high school, but a popular one is PSYC 104 (Intro Psychology). This course starts in February, please see Mrs. Kotowich-Dubrulle for info.



RTD EXAM PREP

November 2023 / January 2024

ONLINE Diploma Prep

STUDY SMARTER FOR YOUR DIPLOMA EXAMS

Rock the Diploma (RTD) is Alberta's most reputable prep team, and we've been delivering online diploma prep since 2011. Find out why students rave about our online learning experience.

Outstanding Instruction

Experienced and caring teachers make a difference! RTD instructors know how to get the best of students.

Exceptional Learning Content

What you study matters! Our materials are laser-focused on the curriculum and provide all the clearly laid out **notes** and **practice questions** you'll need.



Fee Per Course: **\$79**



You'll Receive:

1 Comprehensive **Learning Materials** (Course Study Guide and Practice Exams)

2 Access to all on-demand **Instructional Videos**

Videos are fully aligned to student learning materials and are designed to provide the same learning experience as attending our in-person classes.

3 An Instructor-lead Q&A in January 2024

Students will be able to ask questions directly to their instructors and communicate with other students. (This is optional – the entire review courses is accessible on-demand)

Live Diploma Prep Schedule Online instruction is accessed through on-demand e-learning and videos, along with the scheduled supports listed below

English 30-1	Q&A Monday, January 8 th from 6:45pm – 9:30pm	Q&A blocks will be extended based on student need
English 30-2	Q&A Monday, January 8 th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm	
Social 30-1	Q&A Tuesday, January 9 th from 6:45pm – 9:30pm	<i>Focus is on approaching the written response section of the exam</i>
Social 30-2	Q&A Tuesday, January 9 th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm	<i>Focus is on approaching the written response section of the exam</i>
Math 30-1	Q&A Friday, January 19 th from 6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Math 30-2	Q&A Friday, January 19 th from 6:30pm – 9:30pm	
Biology 30	Q&A Monday, January 22 nd from 6:00pm – 9:00pm	
Chemistry 30	Q&A Tuesday, January 23 rd from 6:00pm – 9:00pm	
Physics 30	Q&A Saturday, January 27 th , from 12:00pm – 2:30pm	
Science 30	Q&A Sunday, January 28 th from 11:30am – 1:00pm	

Take your next **mathematics, physics, or coding** course with us and receive your high school credits - at **no cost!**



Flexible schedule built for every student
Start (and finish) anytime

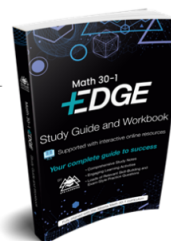
Learn at a new provincially accredited online high school, distinct from Rock the Diploma but sharing the same philosophy that students learn best when the teachers are both highly skilled and caring, and the learning materials **exceptional**.

Taking Math 30-1 or 31?

Build deeper understanding and boost your marks with the Math 30-1 / 31 **EDGE** complete programs. math30-1edge.com <includes Math 31



- Superb study guide
- Guided e-learning
- Tons of online practice with video solutions



Register Online or Call: **403-774-7431** or **1-888-665-8803** [rockthediploma.com / math30-1edge.com](http://rockthediploma.com/math30-1edge.com)



ROCK THE DIPLOMA

January 2024

STUDY SMARTER FOR YOUR DIPLOMA EXAMS

Build Your Exam-Writing Confidence • Get Your Best Mark in January

Outstanding Teachers

Experienced, effective, and caring teachers make a difference!

All the Study Materials You Need

Expertly developed and laser-focused on exactly what you need to know.

More Learning Options

Study with us evenings, weekends or on-demand online!

Two Edmonton Locations:

MAIN – MacEwan University Robbins Centre 10910 104th ave nw

www.rockthediploma.com

SOUTH – Delta Hotel South Conference Centre 4404 Gateway Blvd

	Jan 6 Sat	Jan 7 Sun	Jan 12 Fri	Jan 13 Sat	Jan 14 Sun	Jan 16 Tue	Jan 17 Wed	Jan 18 Thurs	Jan 19 Fri	Jan 20 Sat	Jan 21 Sun	Jan 23 Tue	Jan 26 Fri	Jan 27 Sat	Jan 28 Sun
Social 30-1 or -2 <i>MacEwan</i>	10:00a 4:30p	10:30a 5:00p									Part B Optional Q&A 8:30a 10:30a				
Social 30-2 <i>MacEwan</i>	10:00a 4:30p	9:00a 2:30p													
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ELA 30-2 <i>MacEwan</i>	2:00p 7:30p	9:30a 4:00p													
Math 30-1 FLEX <i>MacEwan Opt 1</i>		4:00 A 8:15p	5:15 B 9:30p	10:00a 4:30p	10:00a 4:30p		Math 30-1 Written Resp. Workshop 6:30 - 9:30p	5:15p 9:30p	5:15p 9:15p	9:00a 1:15p	9:00a 1:15p				
Math 30-1 <i>MacEw Option 2</i>		↑ the A or start either	B classes are identical, Jan 7 th or 12 th				Math Q&A 4:30 - 6:30p								
Math 30-2 <i>MacEwan</i>				9:30a 4:45p	9:30a 4:45p										
Math 30-1 <i>Delta South</i>				10:00a 4:30p	10:00a 4:30p			5:30p 9:30p							
Chemistry 30 <i>MacEwan Opt 1</i>						5:30p 9:30p		5:30p 9:30p			5:00p 8:30p	5:00p 9:30p			
Chemistry 30 <i>MacEw Option 2</i>									5:45p 9:30p	1:30p 7:30p	1:30p 7:30p				
Biology 30 <i>MacEwan</i>									5:30p 9:30p	10:45p 4:45p	10:45p 4:45p		<i>Chemistry, Biology, and Physics courses include additional drop-in Q&As – visit our website for details</i>		
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RTD courses are delivered by outstanding teachers, including those with backgrounds in curriculum and exam design, diploma exam marking and textbook writing.



RTD prep courses are also offered online – and you can start anytime. Visit our website for more information.

Diploma Prep Course Fees

*Early Bird Pricing:

\$119 For your first course

\$99 Each additional course

*Register before December 1st, 2023. After Dec 1st courses are **\$129 each**



- You'll Receive:
- 13 to 17 hours of instruction over two to four classes, plus additional drop-in Q&As for individualized teacher help.
 - Detailed Study Guides, Exam-Style Practice Exams, and online resources.
 - **Flexible Access to all classes** Attend any class for your course at any schedule option, including at SAIT, or access instruction online. Perfect solution if you can't make it to every class.

Math 30-1 ADDED EDGE Workshops: Online



- 1 Written Response \$35 each (\$89 for all three)
- 2 Trigonometry Courses accessed on-demand – start anytime
- 3 Perms and Combs

Built from our Math 30-1 EDGE Courses – ADDED EDGE Workshops use separate materials from our diploma prep courses to really get in-depth!

In-Person Written Response Workshop: \$45 (print materials provided) January 17th at MacEwan, 6:30 – 9:30pm Practice your skills and learn the ins and outs of approaching any written response question!

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EMS Advent Activities ✨

During this Advent Season, we are preparing for and celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, through faith development and good works projects!



Advent Mass



All are invited to attend our Advent mass at the church on Thurs, Dec. 7th at 9:00am



Candy Cane Sales

\$1.00 ea.

Dec 4-12th (lunch hour)

**Proceeds will benefit the purchase of the St. Jean de Brébeuf heating system*

Nativity Creations

As part of our faith development, students will be creating and displaying nativity projects during our Elementary Christmas Concert



Advent Item Collection

Dec 4 - 15th

(items can be dropped off at front office or handed in to Homeroom teachers)

We will be collecting:

- Cash Donations \$
- Gift Cards

**For local families*

We will be also working with My LuvPak Lakeland and collecting:

- New Toques
- New Mitts
- New Scarves
- New Blankets
- New Slippers



**To be distributed in surrounding communities*

Our Grade 8 & 9 students will be organizing other events this season for our good works projects as well! More details coming soon including...

Pictures with Elf on a Shelf on Dec 15th





EMS ADVENT SEASON



Take a Picture with Elf on a Shelf

Everyone is invited !



On Friday Dec 15th

In the Mallaig Library from 10:20-11:40

Cost - \$2.00 per picture

*Funds collected will support Santa's Helpers (the picture will be emailed to you)

Complete one form per picture and send it back to the school by Tues, Dec.13th

Please circle: Single picture or Group picture

Name(s): _____ **Class(es):** _____

Picture to be emailed to: _____

For Office Use: \$2.00 Paid? Photo # _____

MALLAIG CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THURSDAY

DECEMBER
14
2023

AT 6:30PM



THE JR. HIGH RELIGION CLASS WILL BE ASKING FOR
A MINIMUM DONATION OF \$5 AND YOU WILL
RECEIVE A BAG OF HOMEMADE CARAMEL CORN.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE EMS PARENT COUNCIL
DEBIT MACHINE WILL BE ON SITE!



-- Santa's Helpers Fundraisers --
Candy Cane Sales

\$1.00 each

Dec 5th-9th

(*Dates may vary depending on supplies)

THE RELIGION 8/9 CLASS PRESENTS THE CHRISTMAS

"HOLLY" BALL SMASH!

The Best Volleyball Intramural Tournament In Town
Keep winter outside, stay warm inside your hearts!

WHAT: RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR ENTRY FEE

WHY: ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH HEATING SYSTEM

WHO: OPEN FOR ALL STAFF, JR. AND SR. HIGH

TEAMS: 6-8 MEMBERS/TEAM

PRICE: \$10/STUDENT, \$20/TEACHER

IF YOUR TEAM HAS A THEME THERE'S A PRICE BREAK

STUDENTS ARE \$5/EA AND TEACHERS \$10/EA

WHEN: 11:40-12:15PM. WEEK OF DEC. 4TH-7TH

WHERE: SEE THE OFFICE TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM
AND SUBMIT ALL ENTRY FEES BY FRIDAY DEC 1ST.

PRIZE
CANDY BASKET



-POSSIBLE CHRISTMAS THEMES-

SANTAS, ELVES, REINDEER, SNOWMEN, CHRISTMAS TREES,
PRESENTS, ORNAMENTS, TOYS, SNOWFLAKES, ANGELS

ANY QUESTIONS SEE MR. WEINMEIER
AND ALI MALO

DEC 4-7th 2023





VOLLEYBALL

We would like to thank all those that supported our volleyball season. The success of our program is due to the dedication of our coaches, teacher supervisors, bus drivers, referees, and cafeteria volunteers.

Thank you: Mrs. Handford, Mrs. Moisey, Ashley Dechaine, JP Dechaine, Corey Amyotte, Mr. MacGillivray, Mr. Christensen, Mrs. Roxy Feland and everyone that stepped in to act as supervisor for the season.



Played some great games and placed 4th at SPAA



2023 SPAA Champions/Won bronze at zones

We had the best little cheer team at Provs – thanks to the ECS class



Congratulation to our Sr. Boys on winning bronze at provincials in Vermilion! The win was well deserved. Thanks for all the fan support-you all are awesome!!



Way to go Stingers!

SO
VERY
Thankful



The Sr. Boys Provincial team would like to thank the following for supporting their provincial weekend in Vermilion. We are very grateful for the community support!

A. Amyotte & Son Welding

Mallaig Tire

St. Linà and District Community Ag Society

St. Arnault Lumber

Mann Lake Golf Course

Denis & Aline Martin

Linàlta Stock Farms

Dave & Adele Dechaine



Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone that came to support our Remembrance Day service and give thanks to all those that have and continue to serve our country.

We appreciated having our special guests, Pastor Owen, Father Jhack, Mr. David Inscho, Constable Derosier, and Mr. & Mrs. Rumsey



Our elementary classes spent time learning about the francophone tradition of Saint Catherine's Day by making La Tire. Thank you Mrs. Christensen for coming and making the delicious treat.



Ecole Mallaig School Spirit Days for December!

Tuesday December 19- Red and Green Day



Wednesday December 20- Wear your favorite headwear



Thursday December 21- Ugly Christmas sweater day.



Friday Dec 22 - Pajama day!



Thank you Father Jhack, Mr. Corbiere and Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Mr. Amyotte for presenting the Grade 3/4 students with a new bible.



November 8, 2023

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



St. Paul Education

Community Consultations

As part of its strategic plan and evaluation, the Board indicated its desire to hold community consultations. The intent is to promote engagement and gather feedback from parents and community stakeholders on educational issues. This initiative will be done in consultation with Division leadership. The Board approved a motion to create a community consultation committee that will be a committee of the whole.

ATA Agreement:

The Board and teachers have ratified local terms for a new collective agreement.

2024-25 School Calendar

The Division is in the early stages of creating the 2024-25 learning calendar. Planning will follow a similar process as last year and incorporate feedback from staff, parents and other community stakeholders.

SchoolMessenger

We are in the early stages of phase one of SchoolMessenger implementation across the Division. This communication tool will allow schools to send notifications to families via phone, text and email. Parents have been invited to opt-in or out of receiving text messages. Phase two of SchoolMessenger implementation will include activating the attendance reporting feature, Safe Arrival, and is expected to begin early in 2024.

2022 Scholarship Program

A video will soon be released recognizing our Local Scholarship Recipients for our division-wide scholarship program. We recognize the hard work and accomplishments of our students and would also like to thank all of our local scholarship sponsors for supporting our students.

Local Authorities Election Act Review

Alberta's government is seeking input from the public and stakeholders on the Local Authorities Elections Act which governs school trustee and municipal elections. A public survey is open until December 6 and will help inform potential changes. Additional information and the link to complete the surveys is available [here](#).

Financial Report

The transition to a new insurance provider has been finalized with the new policy year starting November 1. The Division is pleased to report that the premiums have gone down significantly and will result in a positive budget adjustment of \$350,000.

The Province announced additional Learning Disruption grant funding which is intended to provide targeted programming in literacy and numeracy for the remainder of this school year. The Division will be receiving \$64,125.

The Board will review the year-end audit on November 23, 2023. Two public members are still being sought for the audit committee.

Myrnam Community Library

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) has served notice that they will cease operating the municipal library located in New Myrnam School effective December 22, 2023. The Board is hopeful that community and municipal stakeholders can find a solution to keep the program in operation.

Minister of Education Visit

SPERD representatives had an opportunity to meet with Minister Demetrios Nicolaides on October 12.

For more information, contact:

Mr. Peter Barron

Superintendent of Schools

barrpete@sperd.ca

Learning Together, Growing Together



December 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Day 5	2
3	4 Day 6	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3 Advent Mass/ Interfaith @ 9:00	8 NO SCHOOL Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament @ Glendon	9 Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament @ Glendon
10	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 Gr. 4-12 Reconciliation	13 Day 6	14 Day 1 Christmas Concert @ 6:30	15 Day 2	16
17	18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 Christmas Meal	21 Day 6	22 Day 1	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year					
Christmas break Dec 23-Jan 7						