

École Mallaig School

Being the best we can be

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March 21, 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to
Kindergarten!



We are taking early registration for students coming in for ECS in September 2024.

Note: Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2024

Please contact the office @ 780-635-3858.

There will be an orientation night in May.

Information regarding this will be coming at a later date.

**NEW TEXT NUMBER
for attendance
780-646-2777**



**March 25 --
April 1
&
April 19**

Enjoy the break!

***Sr. High
Report Cards
April 18***



Christ has not only spoken
to us by his life but has
also spoken for us by his death

- Soren Kierkegaard

St. Jean de Brebeuf Holy Week

March 24 - Palm Sunday-9:00 St. Lina /
10:30 Mallaig

March 26 @ 6:30-Christ Mass - St. Paul
Cathedral

March 27 @ 6:00 - Parish Lenten
Confessions-Mallaig

March 28 @ 7:00 - Holy Thursday
followed by Vigil Mallaig

March 29 @ 9:30 - Community Stations
of the Cross Mallaig

3:00 Veneration of the Cross-Liturgy of
the Word

March 30 @ 7:00 Easter Vigil - Mallaig

March 31 Easter Sunday - 9:00 St. Lina /
10:30 Mallaig



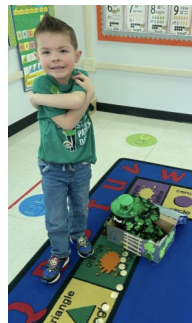
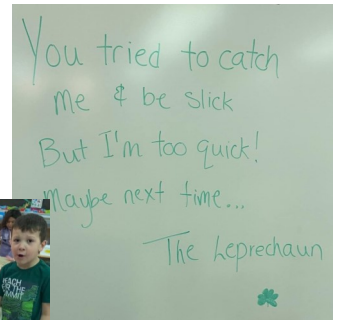
Thank you and congratulations to everyone that took part in the Reading Friday 15 reading challenge. There were 24 libraries that took part in the challenge to read for 15 minutes each Friday. Our library won 1st place with the most overall readers. Ms. McLeod's grade 1/2 class were the winning class of readers and they received a gift basket and \$60 towards new books for the class. The Mallaig Public Library also chose 4 participants to receive a \$15 Indigo card. Thank you for participating and showing your love for reading!



The Grade 8/9 Religion classes would like to thank everyone that supported our fundraiser that was held in support of the Capella Center. The Religion classes held a hot dog lunch and the Religion students used the profits to go shopping for items for the Centre. They also designed a bingo card with specific items that students could donate.



The Leprechaun was up to no good!
Mme Amyotte's ECS class got a visit from a little friend that left quite the mess!



The Grade 9 students shared in a day of fun, food and fellowship with other students in our division. We thank the NET Youth Ministry for sharing their enthusiasm of faith.



May 13	ELA 9 Part A PAT FLA 6 Part A PAT
May 15	ELA 6 Part A PAT FLA 9 Part A PAT
June 11	FLA 6 Part B PAT FLA 9 Part B PAT
June 12	ELA 6 Part B PAT ELA 9 Part B PAT Social 30.1/30.2 Part A Diploma
June 13	Math 6 Part A PAT Math 9 Part A PAT
June 18	Math 6 Part B PAT Math 9 Part B PAT
June 19	Social 30.1/30.2 Part B Diploma Social 9 PAT
June 20	Biology 30 Diploma Science 9 PAT
June 25	Physics 30 Diploma



Thank you once again to our Parent Council for taking care of our school staff by providing nourishment. It is a very appreciated treat!

Diploma & PAT Exam
Schedule

Way to Go Stingers!!!



We would also like to thank Mr. Weinmeier, Mr. Christensen, Mrs. Malo and Miss Falkenstein for sharing their time with our basketball athletes. It was a building year for some of our teams and the growth and skills of the teams was great to see.

We had 3 of our Sr. Girls play with Glendon due to numbers. They had a phenomenal year and had the opportunity to play at 1A Provincials in Airdrie. They played some amazing games and came away with a great experience.

Thank you also to those that drove and came out to support the teams!



Thank you Mrs. Kully and Mrs. Amyotte for once again running an elementary basketball program. The Grade 4-6 are developing some basketball knowledge and took that into a home and away game against Glendon. They played well and we are proud of how they did.



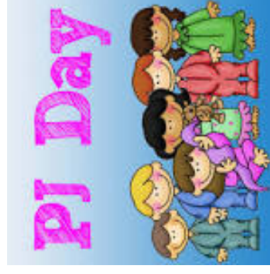
Science FAIR

The Grade 5/6 M/L and 5/6T classes worked hard researching and preparing their science projects for presentation. They shared what they learned with other classes and visitors.



Ecole Mallaig School Spirit Days for April!

Friday April 5 -PJ Day- Dress in your favorite P.J.



Friday April 12-Favorite Sports Team or Jersey Day



Friday April 26- School Spirit Day (wear school colors)



St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2024-2025

August 2024							September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F		
5	6	7	8	9			2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4				4	5	6	7	8		
12	13	14	15	16			9	10	11	12	13			7	8	9	10	11			11	12	13	14	15		
19	20	21	22	23			16	17	18	19	20			14	15	16	17	18			18	19	20	21	22		
26	27	28	29	30			23	24	25	26	27			21	22	23	24	25			25	26	27	28	29		
							30							28	29	30	31										
December 2024							January 2025							February 2025							March 2025						
M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F		
2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3					3	4	5	6	7			3	4	5	6	7		
9	10	11	12	13			6	7	8	9	10			10	11	12	13	14			10	11	12	13	14		
16	17	18	19	20			13	14	15	16	17			17	18	19	20	21			17	18	19	20	21		
23	24	25	26	27			20	21	22	23	24			24	25	26	27	28			24	25	26	27	28		
30	31						27	28	29	30	31										31						
April 2025							May 2025							June 2025							LEGEND						
M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			Instructional Day						
1	2	3	4				1	2						2	3	4	5	6			PLC Day						
7	8	9	10	11			5	6	7	8	9			9	10	11	12	13			Schools Closed						
14	15	16	17	18			12	13	14	15	16			16	17	18	19	20			Early Dismissal (2 pm)						
21	22	23	24	25			19	20	21	22	23			23	24	25	26	27			Catholic Formation						
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30			30							(Mallaig, SPECS, Racette)						



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	September 2	Labour Day	First day of school
September 3	September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day	Catholic Education Formation
October 10		(SPECS, Racette, Mallaig only)	PLC Day
October 11	October 14	Thanksgiving	Remembrance Day
November 11	November 12-15	Fall Break	Early Dismissal
December 20	Dec 23 - Jan 3	Christmas Break	First day of second semester
January 28	January 31	PLC Day	Early Dismissal
February 12	February 13-14	Teachers' Convention	Family Day
February 17	February 18	PLC Day	PLC Day
March 10	March 24 - 28	Spring Break	PLC Day
April 17	April 18	Good Friday	Easter Monday
April 21	May 15	PLC Day	Schools Closed
May 19	June 9	Victoria Day	PLC Day
June 21		National Indigenous People's Day	Last day of classes
June 25	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	3	3
September	20	0	20	0	0
October	21	1	20	2	2
November	16	0	16	0	0
December	15	0	15	0	0
January	16	0	16	0	0
Semester 1	88	4	87	5	5
February	3	1	3	1	1
March	15	1	15	1	1
April	19	1	19	1	1
May	19	1	19	1	1
June	17	2	17	2	2
Semester 2	89	9	89	9	9
Total Instructional Days	177	13	176	14	14
Total Staff Only Days	190		190		190
Total Operational Hours - Public Schools		Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year	
Elem./Jr High	177	322	950		
High School	177	339	1000		
Total Operational 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



Camp Sunshine is an initiative of:



St. Paul Regional
Family and Community
Support Services



Cornerstone

Lakeland

FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK



"Where HOPE outshines grief"

Camp Sunshine is a bereavement Day Camp for children who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives. It is a fun and safe place for children from ages 7 to 12 to explore their grief and learn tools to help them cope in their daily lives.

July 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2024

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

♥ Sharing ♥ Learning ♥ Remembering

Connect with us for details
Deadline to register is May 31!

780-645-5311



St. Paul Regional
Family and Community
Support Services

What happens at Camp Sunshine?

It's much like a regular summer camp program with the addition of special activities geared to help children tend to their grief.

Activities Included:

- Nature hike
- Soccer
- Outdoor games
- Arts & crafts
- Air guitar
- Lunch
- Snacks
- Campfire

ALSO...

- Sharing circles
- Learning about grief
- Learning coping skills
- Activities to remember your loved one
- A special closing ceremony with invited family members
- And more!



Camp Registration

Thanks to the generous support of our community, Camp Sunshine is offered FREE of charge to children in our area, and located at The Reunion Station in St Paul.



To register a child:

1. Pick up the registration package at either Regional FCSS office, 5002-51 Ave St Paul, 4906-48 St Elk Point or your child's school.
2. Complete and return it no later than FRIDAY May 31, 2024.

Our camp goal is to give children tools to share experiences, express themselves in healthy ways, remember and honour their loved ones, and provide encouragement and hope for the future,

AND... to have FUN at the same time!!

We are happy to help answer questions or go through the registration forms with you. Call 780-645-5311 for more information. There is limited enrollment, so please register early.

March 13, 2024

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



St. Paul Education

Mallaig Community Engagement

The Division hosted a Community Engagement session on March 7 in Mallaig. We extend our gratitude to the parents, community stakeholders, and MLA Glenn van Dijken for attending. The session fostered productive discussions and valuable feedback on the potential inclusion of a daycare in the design of the new school planned for Mallaig. Following the recent provincial budget announcement, it was confirmed that the Division will not receive funding to proceed with the Mallaig replacement school construction during this current budget cycle. The Division remains optimistic that funding will be approved in the next cycle.

Provincial Budget Announcement

The Provincial budget was released on February 29. At the provincial level there is a modest increase of 4.4% to the overall Education budget; however, student growth province wide is expected to be about 3.6% which narrows the amount to accommodate inflation. The Division is awaiting the release of its funding profile to assess the local impact of the budget. The Division will receive additional \$86,558 in one-time funding for the current school year to support nutrition programming in schools.

2024-25 Two Hills Mennonite and Colony School Calendar

The regular calendar was approved on February 14, 2024. Superintendent Barron has created an alternative calendar for the Two Hills Mennonite and Colony schools. The Board of Trustees approved the recommended calendar. The 2024-25 calendar for Two Hills Mennonite and the Colony schools can be viewed [here](#).

School Division Pow Wow

The Division will host a Traditional School Pow Wow on May 30, 2024. We extend our gratitude to the Frog Lake First Nation for hosting this event at their Pow Wow Arbour. This celebration of Cree culture will feature talented dancers from St. Paul Education schools showcasing their talents and skills.

Local Scholarship Program

The 2024 Local Scholarship Booklet is now available on our [website](#). It features numerous scholarships, awards, and bursaries that our graduating students can apply for. This year, we are excited to introduce a new scholarship - the Pratch Family Foundation Arts Scholarship. Thank you to all our generous sponsors for supporting this valuable program and assisting our students in their career and post-secondary endeavors.

Alberta Rural Education Symposium

Several representatives from the Board and Division attended this conference, which was hosted in Enoch in early March. Participants had the opportunity to attend sessions and participate in conversations focused on cultivating relationships, nurturing connections and harvesting success in the context of rural education.

Capital Plan Priorities

The Board of Trustees passed a motion to approve the 2023-24 IMR and Capital Plan. Capital plan improvements are subject to provincial funding approval. The Division's priority ranking includes the replacement of the École Mallaig and Elk Point Elementary schools and modernizations to the New Myrnam and Heinsburg schools.

Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan Premium Rate Increase

An increase in these fees will result in a cost of approximately \$200,000 for the Division. The Board of Trustees approved a motion to share a letter of concern with the Minister of Education and the Alberta School Boards Association regarding the ASEBP rate increase.

For more information, contact:

Mr. Peter Barron

Superintendent of Schools

barrpete@sperd.ca

Learning Together, Growing Together

April 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1		2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6	5 Day 1 Handball Tournament—Edmonton	6 Handball Tournament—Edmonton
7	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13
14	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 Sr. High Report Cards	19 PLC Day-No School	20
21	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3 Handball Tournament-Sherwood Park	27 Handball Tournament-Sherwood Park
28	29 Day 4	30 Day 5 Handball Zones				