École Mallaig School

Being the best we can be

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September 8, 2024 Newsletter

Information included

NEW

-Safe Arrival... attendance app

_Bus App

-Powerschool

-Schoolcash Online

-Cell Phone policy

Welcome back!

Stay up to date with information:

Website: www.mallaigschool.ca

St. Paul Education Regional Division: www.stpauleducation.ab.ca

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STOP

All visitors are asked to please stop at the office when visiting the school

Elementary Milk Program

Cards are $25 for 20 milk
Also available on **SchoolCashOnline**
Individual milks are $1.25 and cash only.
Students can choose either chocolate or white milk.

FALL

Newsletter

The monthly newsletter will be emailed to you and will be made available on our website. Should you wish to receive a paper copy the cost will be $5.50.

For student safety...

-No parking in the bus lane before and after school during bus loading. This includes between the school and the school sign.

-No parking in the assigned parking along the school on the south side of the school.

Please use street parking when dropping off or picking up your child/ren.

Please refrain from strong fragrances due to sensitivities.

Avoid sending lunches containing fish/shellfish due to airborne allergies.

NO FISH!!!

Ecole Mallaig School 2024/2025 Staff

Mme. Amanda Amyotte
Teacher

Mr. Ryan Ayres
Teacher

Mme. Colleen Bourgeois
Teacher

Mr. Steven Catudal
Custodian

Mr. Aaron Christensen
Teacher

Mr. Shawn Comfort
Bus Driver

Mrs. Shelley Comfort
Teacher

Mrs. Charlene Corbiere
EA/Learning Commons

Mrs. Glenda Dechaine
Clerical

Mrs. Pauline Dechaine
Learning Commons

Mr. James Dixon
Bus Driver

Mrs. Tanya Hardy-Dubeau
Educational Assistant

Mrs. Candace Feland
Educational Assistant/
Bus Driver

Mrs. Julie Gamblin
Bus Driver

Ms. Sandra Guinup
FSLW

Mrs. Kellie Handford
Principal/Teacher

Miss Dayna Hills
Teacher

Miss Mercedes Hutchinson
Education Assistant

Ms. Margret Iversen
Pre-School/
Education Assistant

Miss. Leane Jean
Teacher

Mrs. Leanne Karpyshyn
Admin Assistant

Mrs. Susan Kotowich-Dubrule
Career Counselor

Mrs. Kim Kully
Teacher

Mrs. Danielle Kwiatkowski
Educational Assistant

Mme. Anna Laplante
Teacher

Mme. Kelly Martin
Teacher

Mr. Jack Mathiot
Head Custodian

Ms. Mindy Meger
Teacher

Mrs. Louise McLeod
Teacher

Mrs. Loriane Miller
Educational Assistant

Mrs. Yvette Moisey
Assistant Principal/COSS/
Teacher

Mrs. Dawn Paradis
Teacher

Mr. Rishith Rohan
Computer Tech.

Ms. Nicole Trach
Teacher

Ms. Jane Walker
Custodian

Mr. Matthew Weinmeier
Teacher

Mr. Jeromy Whalen
CTS

We would like to welcome to our École Mallaig family…

Mrs. Dawn Paradis (Jr./Sr. Humanities) Mrs. Paradis spent time with us as she completed her teaching degree. We are very glad to have her as she begins her career.

Mr. Ryan Ayres (Math, PE, CTS) Mr. Ayres came to us from Ashmont. The experience he brings will be a great asset and we are sure he will connect well with our students.

Ms. Mindy Meger (PE, Music, Grade 7) Ms. Meger is returning to us from her maternity leave. Her innovative teaching style will serve her well with her teaching assignment.

Miss Mercedes Hutchinson (EA) will be working with the preschool along with some of our elementary classes.

We are happy to have you join our Mallaig Stingers family!

Parent Council

AGM
Annual General Meeting

September 24 @ 7:00pm

Everyone Welcome

PICTURE DAY!!
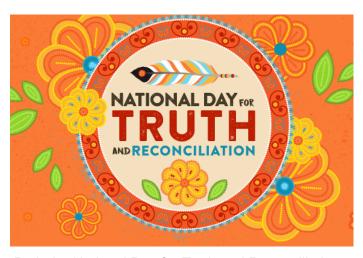
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October 9, 2024

IT'S ALL ONLINE NOW!

View images and order pictures online at **smartorders.ca**
Ordering information will be sent to home with students on picture day.

www.smartphotography.ca

View your photos online 3-6 weekdays after picture day.

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NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On **September 30,** we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

Terry Fox Run

Donations are being accepted at the office or can be made online at https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/. Go to **Donate to a school** and search Mallaig. You can do a general donation or if you would like to support a specific classroom there is that option. There is a challenge as to which group will collect the most donations! If you click on the following link it will take you to the donation page https://schools.terryfox.ca/72502

Also, if you would like to order a Terry Fox T-shirt this can also be done through their website and shirts will shipped directly to you. The proceeds of the sales go towards the foundations projects. We suggest you order as soon as possible so that you receive them prior to our run date.

NO MATTER WHAT

BUS STATUS

A product of **rally**

Download the Bus Status 4 App and choose your preferences to stay updated.

ios (Apple)

Android

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Access the full instructional document:
www.stpauleducation.ab.ca/transportation/bus-status-app

Cell Phones in School

Our school will be adopting the following procedure for cell phones for **ALL** students.

♦ Students are **strongly** encouraged to leave their cell phones in their lockers during the instructional periods. This will help minimize distractions and allow students to focus fully on their studies.

♦ If students choose to bring their cell phones to class, teachers will collect them at the beginning of the period. Phones will b stored securely for the duration of the class and returned to students at the end.

♦ If a student is caught using their phone during class, it will be confiscated and returned at the end of the period/day depending on repeat offences.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

Step 1: Create an access account

Click on the following link: https://powerschool.sperd.ca/public
You may want to right click and select "Open link in new tab" to enable you to navigate between the portal and the instructions. You may also want to bookmark the portal access page to make it easy to find on future visits.

Click on the **"Create Account"** tab

Choose the blue **"Create Account Button"**

You will be directed to a page that outlines the terms and conditions of using the Parent Portal. You are required to "Agree" in order to continue.

Enter the required information.

If the username you choose is already in use, you will be prompted to choose another one.

A working email address is important as it will be the one used by our system to help you find a forgotten username or reset a forgotten password.

Create a strong password.

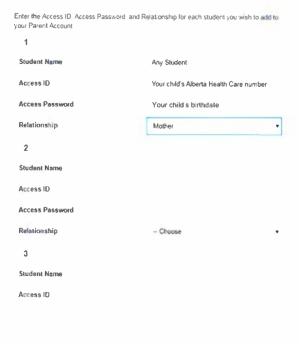# Step 2: Add your children

Email	averageparent@anyschool.com
Desired Username	averpare
Password	●●●●●●●●●
Re-enter Password	●●●●●●●
Password must	-Be at least 10 characters long

Link Students to Account

Enter the Access ID, Access Password, and Relationship for each student you wish to add to your Parent Account

1

Student Name

Access ID

Access Password

Relationship — Choose ▾

Scroll down to the section called

"Link Students to Account"

Link Students to Account

Enter the Access ID, Access Password and Relationship for each student you wish to add to your Parent Account

1

Student Name	Any Student
Access ID	Your child's Alberta Health Care number
Access Password	Your child s birthdate
Relationship	Mother ▾

2

Student Name

Access ID

Access Password

Relationship — Choose ▾

3

Student Name

Access ID

Enter your child's first and last name.

The Access ID is your child's Alberta Health Care number without any dashes or spaces in it.*

The Access Password is your child's date in the format **year**month**day**. Month and day must be entered as two digits, so the birthdate of January 1, 2006 would be entered **20060101**.

Choose your relationship to your child from the drop down list.

Repeat for all of your children.

*If you have not provided an Alberta Health Care number to your child's school or have difficulty adding students, please contact the school office.

Relationship — Choose ▾

[Enter]

Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click "Enter" when you are finished and you will be taken back to the "Sign In" page where you can enter your username and password.

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 stpauleducation.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/. 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 stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival.

Online

Go to 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.

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Visit stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival or scan the QR code.

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**'.

Register for SchoolCash Online

St. Paul Education
Regional Division No.1

For safety and efficiency, **St Paul Education RD #1** encourages parents to pay for school fees and items through **SchoolCash Online** to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools.

Through SchoolCash Online, parents can pay for field trips, yearbooks, school clothing, activity and athletic fees, and more. Our schools also use SchoolCash Online for permission and acknowledgement forms, which are not tied to payments.

It takes less than 5 minutes to register. This page provides step-by-step instructions.

Already registered?

Click here to jump to the SchoolCash Online site for St Paul Education RD #1.

Need to register?

Follow the instructions below. If you need help, the Parent Help Desk for SchoolCash Online contains an FAQ and troubleshooting information.

Create an account   Add students   Make a payment or complete a form

SchoolCash Online

How to create an account

1. Go to https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com and click **Register**. You can set a default language at the bottom of the SchoolCash Online site.

   - Type your first name, last name, and email address, and create a password.

   - Select a security question.

   - Select YES to receive email notifications. You will **not** receive any marketing emails. Selecting YES enables the system to send you notifications about school fees and items.

2. SchoolCash Online will send you a registration confirmation email. If you do not receive it, check your Spam folder.

3. Use your email address and password to log in.

St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2024-2025

August 2024
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

September 2024
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

October 2024
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November 2024
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

December 2024
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

January 2025
M	T	W	T	F
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

February 2025
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

March 2025
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April 2025
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28	29	30		

May 2025
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26	27	28	29	30

June 2025
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23	24	25	26	27
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LEGEND
- Instructional Day
- PLC Day
- Schools Closed
- Early Dismissal (2 pm)
- Catholic Formation (Mallaig, SPECS, Racette)

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
Date	Event
August 28-30	PLC Days
September 2	Labour Day
September 3	**First day of school**
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day
October 10	Catholic Education Formation (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig 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
August	0	3	0	3
September	20	0	20	0
October	21	1	20	2
November	16	0	16	0
December	15	0	15	0
January	16	0	16	0
Semester 1	**88**	**4**	**87**	**5**
January	3	1	3	1
February	16	3	16	3
March	15	1	15	1
April	19	1	19	1
May	19	1	19	1
June	17	2	17	2
Semester 2	**89**	**9**	**89**	**9**

	Public Schools	Catholic Schools
Total Instructional Days	177	176
Total Staff Only Days	13	14
Total Operational Days	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

St. Paul Education

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

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School-Labour Day	3 Day 1 first day OF school	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7
8	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14
15	16 Day 4 Sr. Golf SPAA	17 Day 5 Jr. Golf SPAA	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2 Sr. Vball @ St. Paul	21 Sr. Vball @ St. Paul
22	23 Day 3	24 Day 4 Parent Council AGM @ 7:00	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1 Terry Fox Run Jr. Vball @ GA Sr. Vball Home Tourn	28 Jr. Vball @ GA Sr. Vball Home Tourn
29	30 Day 2 NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION Wear Orange					