



New Myrnam School and Myrnam Outreach & Homeschool Centre



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Upcoming Events

April

12 - Regional Science Fair at Portage College
16 - Report cards go home
18 - Good Friday (Stille Freitag)
20 - 22 - Ostern (Easter)
21 - Easter Monday
22 - Earth Day
22 - Administrative Professionals Day
24 - Spring Showcase
30 - Try a Trade in Lloydminster

May

1 - Principal Appreciation Day
5 - National Day to Support MMIW & Girls
5 - Bus Driver Appreciation Day
5 - Mental Health Week
6 - Grade 10 Orientation 7:00 p.m.
8 - Support staff appreciation day
8 - Kinder Grad Photos by Lifetouch
8 - Hats on for Mental Health
8 - Adulthood Day
14 - PARTY Program in Two Hills
14 - RCMP Road Race
15 - PLC Day
16 - Schools Closed
19 - Victoria Day
24 - Graduation Ceremony
29 - Himmelfahrt (Ascension Day)
31 - June 6 - Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, NB

**Exam Schedule Included
Inside**





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with information:

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New Myrnam School SPERD

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we welcome the arrival of spring, I am thrilled to invite you all to our Annual Spring Showcase, a cherished tradition at New Myrnam School. This event, open to the public, is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their hard work, creativity, and achievements with the community. It runs from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

The Spring Showcase is more than just an event; it is a celebration of our students' dedication and the collaborative spirit that defines our school. Throughout the year, our students engage in various projects that foster critical thinking, creativity, and teamwork. The showcase allows them to present these projects, demonstrating the skills and knowledge they have acquired. Guests can look forward to a variety of presentations and activities. Elementary classrooms will be open for parents to come and see the hard work their students are doing. CTF 5/6 students will show off their skills in the school shop. The CTEC (Career and Technology Education Centre) will feature displays of student projects in areas such as 3D printing, woodworking, mechanics, and a demonstration on the laser engraver. Science fair projects will be on display in the gym including a project which will also be presented at the Regional Science Fair on April 12. Parents can participate in a kindergarten orientation for children who will turn 5 on or before December 31, 2025 and/or a grade 10 orientation with Ms. Morrison for students who are entering grade 10 in the 2025/2026 school year. RSVP is not required. Public speaking presentations will occur in the gym to wrap up the event. A full schedule of events will be available on our website at newmyrnamschool.ca and our Facebook page before the event.

The Spring Showcase is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and staff. It is also a reflection of the strong support we receive from our community. Your presence at the showcase not only encourages our students but also strengthens the bond between the school and the community.

I encourage everyone to attend and celebrate the achievements of our students. Whether you are a parent, family member, friend, or community member, your support means the world to us. Together, we can inspire our students to continue striving for excellence and becoming caring global citizens.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Showcase!



The grade 1-2 class attended a presentation called "Creepy Crawlies", presented by Ms. Stephanie from LICA. Students learned about the different types of bugs we have here in our watershed, their role in the ecosystem, and how to tell them apart. The students then made a ladybug craft and had many questions about creepy crawlies for Ms. Stephanie to answer.



**The Outdoor Ed class
spent a day ice
fishing. One student
caught 2 fish and
they finished the day
with some Derwent
Pizza's!**





JOIN US FOR THE
**LAKELAND
REGIONAL
SCIENCE FAIR**

WE ARE CALLING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IN
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS.
REGISTER FOR THE LAKELAND REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR
AND SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT!

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH
PORTAGE COLLEGE CAMPUS
ST. PAUL ALBERTA

FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER

<https://spdss.ca/lrsf-2025/>



SEMESTER 2 DIPLOMA EXAM SCHEDULE

June 11

ELA 30 Part A

June 12

Social 30 Part A

June 17

Math 30

June 18

ELA 30 Part B

June 19

Social 30 Part B

June 20

Biology 30

June 24

Physics 30

June 25

Science 30

SEMESTER 2 PAT EXAM SCHEDULE

May 28

ELA 6 Part A

May 29

ELA 9 Part A

June 12

ELA 6 Part B

June 13

Math 6 Part A, Math 9 Part A

June 17

Math 6 Part B, Math 9 Part B

June 19

Science 9



New Myrnam School
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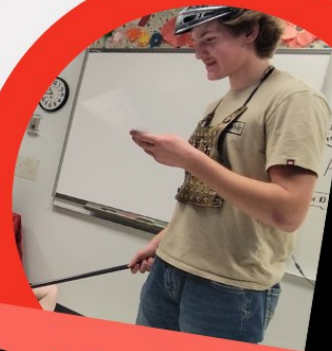
Spring Showcase

April 24, 2025

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.



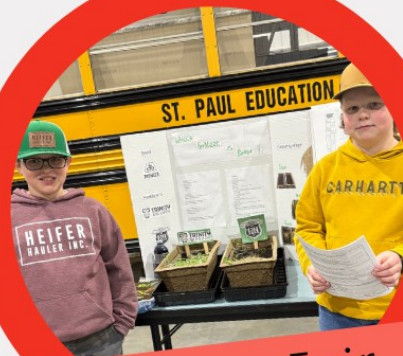
Shop Projects



Public Speaking



Hands on Learning



Science Fair
Display



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Announcements



Career Counselor Dates

April – 4, 11, 25

**Spring Showcase is April 24th from
4pm to 8pm**

A colorful graphic for 'COOKING CLUB'. The title is in large, bubbly white letters with a blue outline. Surrounding the title are various cartoon kitchen items: a blue mug, a tomato, a red scale, a steaming bowl, a blue box, a fork, and a slice of pizza. The background is light blue with white clouds.

COOKING CLUB

Open to grade 4-6 students
Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
for the month of April
\$25/person

Email Mrs. Eriksen to register
your child at erikdani@sperd.ca.



Links Page



School Cash Online

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

Our Project Videos/Articles

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

Power School

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

New Myrnam School Facebook Page

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



Welcome to Lunchbox!

We are pleased to share that Lunchbox will be offered at your school for this upcoming year. Your ordering calendar is open and will include the following options:

Delivery Day Featured Restaurants

Tuesday Boston Pizza

- The ordering deadline for the first scheduled lunch delivery is: **Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM**

- Orders may be placed weekly or in advance for any number of days within the school year.

How to Order

- Login to your SchoolCash Online account using your existing credentials. If you don't currently have an account, contact the School to set one up.
- Go to the Items Page in your child's SchoolCash Online account, scroll to the Lunchbox banner, and click 'Order Now'.
- Confirm your phone number and student allergy information then click 'Update'.
- Press the 'Order Now' button beside your child's name.
- Place your child's lunch order(s) on your school's ordering calendar by clicking the blue date for the scheduled vendors.

The following credit cards are accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Debit MasterCard, or Visa Debit.

Visa and MasterCard prepaid cards are also accepted.

Reminders

- The weekly deadline to place lunch orders for the upcoming week is Sunday at 12:00PM; we are unable to accept any orders after this deadline.
- If you need to make any updates or changes to your lunch orders, please do so before Sunday at 12:00PM for the upcoming week.
- For any order cancellations, please notify us 2 days prior to the delivery date. If this is not possible, please contact your school to make alternate arrangements for the meal.
- If there is a school closure, lunches will be cancelled, and a credit will be issued to your Lunchbox account within 3 business days.
- We have updated our Refunds and Credits Policy; please review the updated terms at <https://identity.schoolcashonline.com/Account/Terms>.



Current Vendors:

Boston Pizza - Every Tuesday

CJ's Café - To Be Continuing into 2025



Boston Pizza Menu (Tuesdays)	
Cheese Quesadilla	\$6.85
Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla	\$8.06
Veggies with Ranch	\$5.58
Garden Salad with Ranch	\$6.21
Pint Sized 6" Pepperoni Pizza	\$6.85
Pint Sized 6" Cheese Pizza	\$6.85
Pint Sized 6" Halal Chicken Pizza	\$6.85
Personal 8" Cheese Pizza	\$8.75
Personal 8" Pepperoni Pizza	\$8.75
Orange Juice Box	\$2.92
Apple Juice Box	\$2.92
Baked Chicken Fingers with Carrot Sticks	\$6.85
Chicken Ceasar Salad (No Bacon)	\$6.85
Halal Chicken Fingers	\$6.85
Bugs N Cheese Pasta	\$6.85
Penne with Parmesan & Butter	\$6.85
Penne Bolognese	\$6.85
Penne Marinara	\$6.85
Gluten-Wise Cheese Pizza	\$8.75

CJ's Café:

We will be continuing the CJ's I Hot Lunch orders in 2025!

**CJ's will be offered on a different day of the week.

Stay tuned for Menu and Pricing!

St. Paul Education Introduces SafeArrival

Launching Tuesday, September 3, 2024

HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

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.



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.



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



stpauleducation.ab.ca

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.

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'.

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.



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>



When temperatures and/or wind chill is -40 or colder, buses are CANCELLED. Notice may be given the night before or in the morning.

How we decide:

Weather checks start very early with The Weather Network and phone calls to designated staff living in each local area.

Buses may run in the afternoon during extreme cold weather under certain circumstances.

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



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

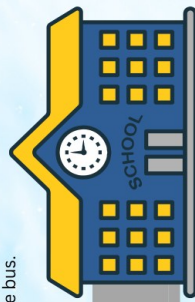


Decision is based on:

- 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.

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.



BUS STATUS

A product of rally



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.



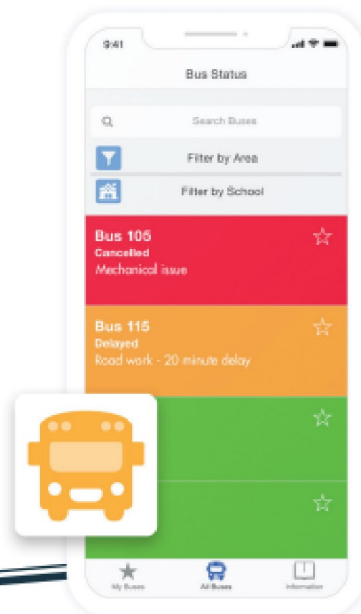
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Android

Access the full instructional document at <https://bit.ly/47AAkkq>.

Please note that the Bus Status App is replacing the Alertus App used in the past.



St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2025-2026

August 2025

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
			7	8
4	5	6		
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

September 2025

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

October 2025

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November 2025

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24	25	26	27	28

December 2025

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29	30	31		

January 2026

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19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

February 2026

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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

March 2026

M	T	W	T	F
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

April 2026

M	T	W	T	F
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20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

May 2026

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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

June 2026

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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

LEGEND

First/last day of classes
Instructional Day
PLC Day
Schools Closed
Early Dismissal (2 pm)
Catholic Formation



Approved School Holidays						
Labour Day	Sept 1	Family Day	Feb 16			
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 13	Spring Break	Mar 30-Apr 2			
Remembrance Day	Nov 11	Good Friday	April 3			
Christmas Vacation	Dec 22-Jan 2	Easter Monday	April 6			
		Victoria Day	May 18			

St. Paul Education

Calendar Approved: February 12, 2025

Important Dates		PLC Days	
August 27-29	September 1	Labour Day	First day of school
September 2	September 19	Division PLC Day	Truth & Reconciliation Day
September 30	October 9	Catholic Education Formation (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig only)	PLC Day
October 10	October 13	Thanksgiving	Schools closed
November 7	November 10	Schools closed	Remembrance Day
November 11	November 28	PLC Day	Early Dismissal
December 19	Dec 22 – Jan 2	Christmas Break	PLC Day
January 28	January 29	First day of second semester	Early Dismissal
February 11	February 12-13	Teachers' Convention	Family Day
February 16	March 9	PLC Day	Spring Break/Good Friday
March 30 – Apr 3	April 6	Easter Monday	PLC Day
April 24	May 14	Schools closed	Victoria Day
May 15	May 18	PLC Day	National Indigenous People's Day
June 5	June 21	PLC Day	Last day of classes
June 23	June 24	PLC Day	

Days of School Operation				
Public Schools		Catholic Schools		
Instructional	Staff Only	Instructional	Staff Only	
August	0	3	0	3
September	20	1	20	1
October	21	1	20	2
November	16	1	16	1
December	15	0	15	0
January	17	1	17	1
Semester 1	89	7	88	8
January	2	0	2	0
February	17	2	17	2
March	19	1	19	1
April	17	1	17	1
May	18	1	18	1
June	16	2	16	2
Semester 2	89	7	89	7
Total Instructional Days	178			177
Total Non-Instructional Day	14			15
Total Operational Days	192			192
First Day of Classes: September 2				
First Day of Second Semester: January 29				
Last Day of Classes: June 23				
Instructional Hours - Public Schools				
Days	Min./Day		Hr./Year	
Elem./Jr High	178	320	950	
High School	178	337	1000	
Instructional Hours - Catholic Schools (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig)				
Days	Min./Day		Hr./Year	
Elem./Jr High	177	322	950	
High School	177	339	1000	

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 9, 2025

Diploma Exam Schedule 2025-26: October 27 - 30, November 3-7, January 12-15, 19-23, 26 & 27 April 7-10, 13-17, June 8-12, 15-19, 22-23

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule 2025-26: January 15, 19-23, 26 & 27, May 19-22, June 3 & 4, 8-12, 15-19, 22 & 23

APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Day 3 (K Day)	2 Day 4	3 Day 5 (K Day)	4 Day 6
7 Day 1 (K Day)	8 Day 2	9 Day 3 (K Day)	10 Day 4	11 Day 5 (K Day)
14 Day 6	15 Day 1 (K Day)	16 Report Cards Go Home Day 2	17 PLC Day (No School)	18 Good Friday (No School)
21 Easter Monday (No School)	22 Day 3 (K Day)	23 Day 4	24 Showcase Day 5 (K Day)	25 Day 6
28 Day 1 (K Day)	29 Day 2	30 Day 3 (K Day)		

MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Day 4	2 Day 5 (K Day)
5 Day 6	6 Day 1 (K Day)	7 Day 2	8 Day 3 (K Day)	9 Day 4
12 Day 5 (K Day)	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15 PLC Day (No School)	16 No School
19 Victoria Day (No School)	20 Day 2	21 Day 3 (K Day)	22 Day 4	23 Day 5 (K Day)
26 Day 6	27 Day 1 (K Day)	28 Day 2	29 Day 3 (K Day)	30 Day 4