



New Myrnam School

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MYRNAM OUTREACH & HOMESCHOOL CENTRE

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September

Important Dates

September

TBA - Week of Welcome Activities

- 14 - World's Best School Top 3 Announcement
- 15/16 - HIIT Volleyball Camp for Junior High players
- 18 - Concession Open
- 18 - Golf Zones (Senior High)
- 19 - SPAA Golf (Junior High)
- 22 - Terry Fox Run
- 28 - SPAA Cross Country
- 29 - Orange Shirt Day activities
- 29 - 30 - Ellen Krywiak Memorial Volleyball Tournament (Senior High Boys and Girls)

October

TBA - School Bus Safety Week, Cross Country Provincials

- 3 - Lifetouch photos and class photos
- 5 - Dress like a teacher day for National Teacher Day
- 5 - Cross Country Running Zones (Senior High)
- 6 - PLC Day (No School)
- 9 - Thanksgiving (No School)
- 9-13 - Fire prevention week
- 13, 16-20 - Swimming Lessons grades 3/4 & 5/6 from 1:45 - 2:30 p.m.
- 26 - Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00 pm
- 31 - Fall Festival Activities

Stay up to date

with information:

Website:

www.newmyrnamschool.ca

 Facebook:

New Myrnam School SPERD

 Instagram:

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Principal's Message



Welcome back, families! The staff at NMS and MOHC are so excited for the year ahead. When we met as a team in August, we began planning some truly inspiring projects, designing collaborative classroom structures, and organizing school wide events that are going to engage our students in the learning community at the school. We continue to strive to do things better for our students. When we grow as a school, everyone benefits.

How do we decide how to change and in what areas we need to grow in? Students receive feedback from teachers through their daily work in class and comments made on formal assessments handed in for marks. As a school, we use a number of data points to focus our growth. The Accountability Survey information from last spring is one data point to guide us. We also listen to feedback provided by parents who come out to Parent Council meetings. These meetings are a vital communication link between school and home. I encourage parents to come out to these meetings and hear about what we are working on at the school and to hear about any new changes the staff is looking to implement.

Communication is key to a healthy relationship between home and school. We will do our best to communicate with parents through formats like the newsletter, phone calls, PowerSchool, Facebook, our website and emails about what's going on at the school and about your student's academic progress. Another tool St. Paul Education is going to utilize, is a program called School Messenger. Office staff are going to have training in this program in September. It does not require the downloading of an app. It uses the contact information of parents and guardians from PowerSchool, so please take the time during re-enrollment to ensure it has up to date phone numbers and email addresses.

Another new communication tool is the new Bus Status app replacing Alertus. Any families with students who ride the bus should download this app. Information on how to sign up on the app is available on a later page in this newsletter. We will discuss these two communication forms in more detail at our first Parent Council meeting. Stay tuned!

St. Paul Education has switched their website provider to a new platform. As we begin training on how to utilize all settings on the new platform, there may be some pieces of information you cannot find. Please call us if there is something you are looking for and can't find it. We are going to do our best to have the website information updated and accurate in the very near future.

As always, if you have a question about how your student is doing at school, or if you have concerns about anything, please contact your student's classroom teacher. They are the fastest, most direct connection to what's going on in the classroom. You can also contact myself, Mr. Tymofichuk, or Mrs. Kalynchuk via email or by calling the front office.



Concession Menu TBA





NEW MYRNAM SCHOOL



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MRS. ALYSSA KALYNCHUK

September 5, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the new school year approaches, there will be some changes to our school's nut policy which has been in place for the last number of years. As discussed with the Parent Council this past spring, New Myrnam School will permit students and staff to bring foods in their lunch which contain nuts like peanuts. Our concession and breakfast program may also start stocking foods with nuts or nut products. They will be well labeled and kept separate from foods without nuts and proper hygiene will be practiced at all times when handling food.

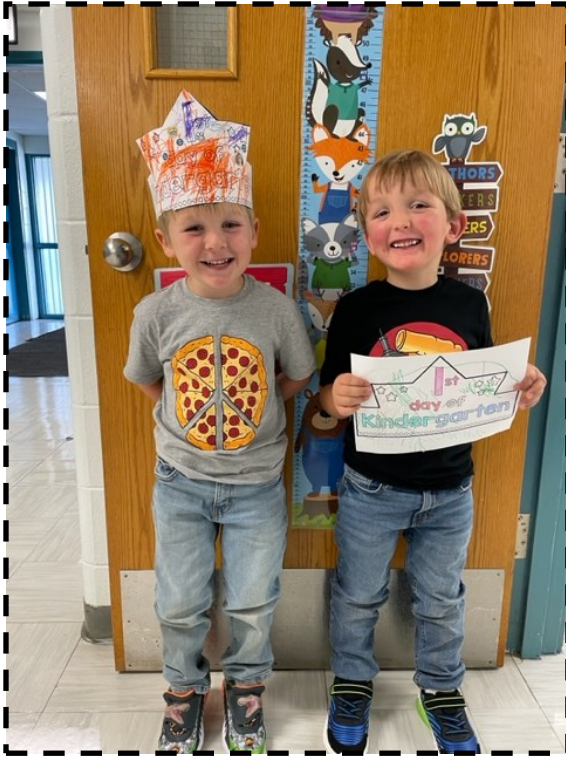
At NMS, the staff endeavors to build strong relationships with students. Part of getting to know them includes knowing about any allergies students may have. If there is a student with a nut allergy in a classroom and another student brings in a nut product, the student who brought the allergen will be invited to bring a friend to an alternate eating space in another classroom. They will then be encouraged to wash their hands well before returning.

It is vital for parents and students to notify Alyssa Kalynchuk, Coordinator of Student Supports (COSS), of any serious allergies, anaphylactic reactions, or other serious medical conditions as early in the school year as possible. Mrs. Kalynchuk will provide medical forms to fill out and will educate staff on first aid for students with serious medical concerns.

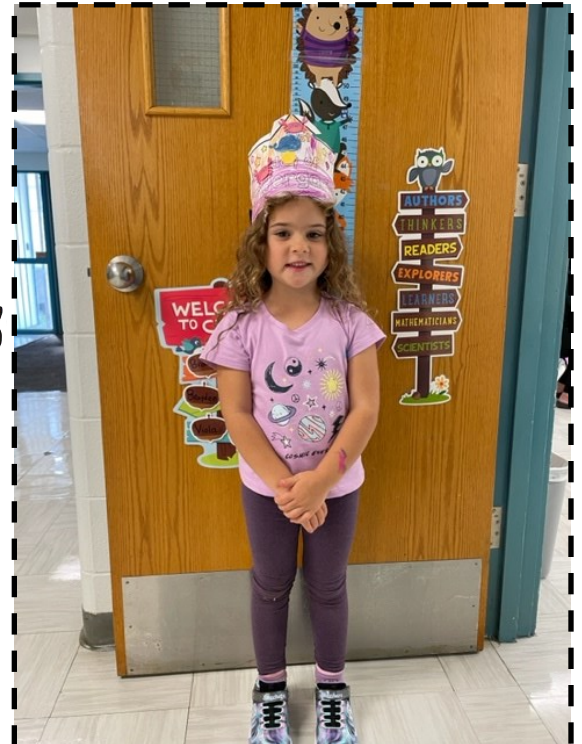
As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the office.

Yours truly,

Danielle Eriksen



First Day of Kindergarten



First Week of School- Team Work Challenges

Welcome Back! What a great first week we had!

We had some great discussions about rules and expectations in the classroom. We are learning the routines of the classroom.

We practiced two team building activities, to strengthen our class community. The students participated in a Marshmallow Challenge building a free standing structure out of marshmallows, spaghetti, tape, and string.

The second challenge was the Index Card Challenge, where teams had to build a structure just using index cards. Everyone had a great time, and did a great job working together!

It was a successful first week and I cannot wait to see what next week and next month bring!

Ms. C and the Grade 3/ 4 students!

Grade 3/4



Announcements

Concession Opens September 18th!

**Welcome Back to our 2023 - 2024
School Year!**

**If you haven't already, please send in your
re-enrollment forms.**

Career Counsellor Dates

September- 5, 6, 7, 14, 18, 28, 29

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/>





BUS STATUS

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St. Paul Education

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.



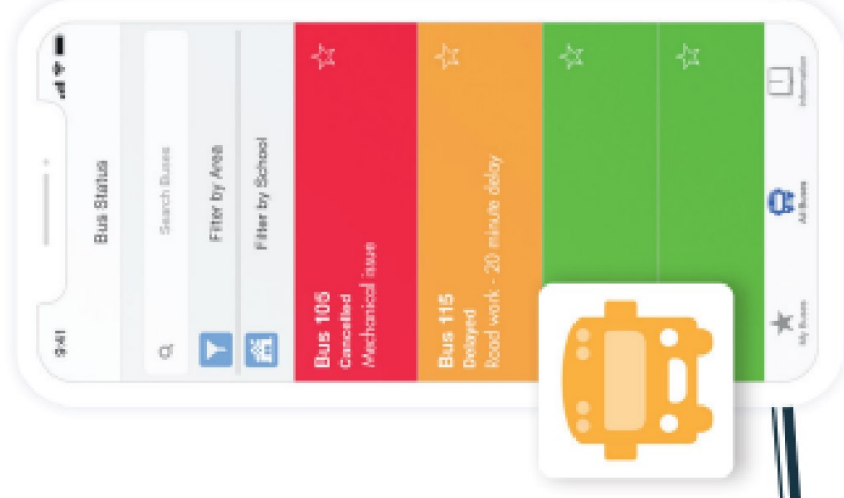
ios (Apple)



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			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F		
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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			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F		
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18	19	20	21	22			22	23	24	25	26		19	20	21	22	23			25	26	27	28	29		22	
25	26	27	28	29			29	30	31			26	27	28	29										29		

April 2024							May 2024							June 2024						
M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F			M	T	W	T	F		
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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			
	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					
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 9					
Remembrance Day	Nov 13					
Christmas Vacation	Dec 25-Jan 5					
Family Day	Feb 19					
Spring Break	March 25-29					
Good Friday/Easter Monday	Mar 29 & Apr 1					
Victoria Day	May 20					



September




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day No School	5 First Day of School for 1-12 Day 1	6	7 First Day of Kindergarten Day 3 (K Day)	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 World's Best School Top 3 Announcement Day 2	15	16 HIIT Volleyball Camp for Junior High
17	18 Golf Zones (Senior High)	19 SPAA Golf (Junior High)	20	21	22 Day 3 (K Day)	23
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October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day 2	3 Life touch photos and class photos Day 3 (K Day)	4 Day 4	5 Cross Country Running Zones (Senior High) Dress like a teacher day for National Teacher Day Day 5 (K Day)	6 Teacher PLC Day - No School	7
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	30 Day 3 (K Day)	31 Fall Festival Activities Day 4	Day 5 (K Day)	Day 6 Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00 p.m.	Day 1 (K Day)	
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