

# École Mallaig School

*Being the best we can be*

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October 3, 2024 Newsletter

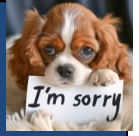
School fees will be available on SchoolCash Online and can be paid by credit card or echeck through SchoolCash Online. Payment can also be made at the school office by check or cash.

*No School  
October 10-14*

SWIMMING LESSONS  
GRADE 5/6  
OCTOBER 23, 24, 25,  
28, 29, and 30



I apologize for missing Brandy Langevin, bus driver on our staff list.



Catholic Education Week  
Oct 21-25



We Raised **\$8110.95** for The Terry Fox Foundation

Thank you for your support!!

Thank you Parent Council for providing the hot dog lunch for everyone!



**Our school is fish free due to a severe allergy!**

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY



Thank you so much Mrs. Gloria Half for coming out to speak to our students on the importance of Truth and Reconciliation. We appreciate the knowledge that you shared. Thank you Ms. Trach for organizing the Tim Horton's Orange donut fundraiser.



# Ecole Mallaig School Spirit Days for October!



Friday October 4-Crazy Hair Day!



Wednesday Oct 9- Dress in your best! It's our picture day.



**LEST WE FORGET**  
**Remembrance Day**  
 Our school celebration will be on November 7th at 10:30 in our Sr.High Gym. We welcome everyone to join us in remembering those who gave their lives for us.

We also ask that if you or a loved one served in the military and would like to be a part of our celebration to please contact Amanda Amyotte or Kim Kully at the school @780-635-3858.

Friday October 18- Crazy sock day  
 Wear your wackiest socks.



Thursday October 31- Happy Halloween! Dress in your favorite costume!



**A tasty apple treat for our Preschool!**



**Scholastics Book Fair**  
**Nov 25 - 29**



Check out the fcsc website for courses, events and information that is valuable for families:

<https://www.stpaulfcsc.ca/about/interagency-connection>



Mallaig Preschool Fundraiser

Ordering is available online October 4 - Nov 29 with delivery between December 11-17

Link to order is:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1567052-120062>

Or go to website: [fundraising.purdys.com](https://fundraising.purdys.com) and use campaign code 64424

## Thanksgiving Food Bank Collection!

We would like to share our blessings and good fortune by collecting non-perishable food items which we will donate to the St. Paul Food Bank. Items may be brought in until **October 9.**

If you have any extra garden items we would be very grateful for the donation. We will appreciate it if these are only brought in on October 8 & 9.

**Thank you for giving!**





# MALLAIG CAREER CORNER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 16 - Nov 4: MacEwan U is offering free applications for Indigenous students

Sept 30-Oct 9: the University of Alberta is waiving the application fee for Indigenous Students

Oct 1: many post-secondary schools open their applications for fall 2025

Oct 1: How do I become a Combined Lab & Xray Tech webinar @ 6pm

Oct 2: SAIT opens their applications for fall 2025

Oct 4 & 5: Olds College Open House

Oct 8: Post-Secondary Night @ 7 - 8:30pm at St. Paul Regional HS

Oct 15: deadline for Lorain applications (at 6pm)

Oct 17: Regional Job Fair @ 12:30pm

Oct 18 & 19: Lakeland College Open House

Oct 19: University of Alberta Open House

Oct 26: Open House at Concordia University of Edm, NAIT, & Red Deer Polytechnic

Nov 2: MacEwan University Open House



## WELCOME!

Welcome back students! I am excited to work individually with you to ensure you are successful during high school and to further develop your post-high school plans. Similar to previous years, I will be meeting with Grade 12 students first, then Grade 11 students and finally Grade 10 students. However, if you have a question or concern you can see me or email me at any time. Check out the door to the room I use for my calendar and my contact information. As well, I will be communicating with you through your school emails, so please check them regularly. A reminder to check the Mallaig School website for information regarding career counselling, helpful websites, and scholarships. Looking forward to meeting with each of you!

## POST-SECONDARY NIGHT

There are some GREAT upcoming events and I am particularly excited for the ELAA Post-Secondary Night happening on Tuesday, October 8 between 7:00 - 8:30pm. This event is open to ALL students and families in our school division/area. We are encouraging students and families to enter through the gym doors. Come visit different post-secondary booths (as well as the Canadian Forces and RCMP) to learn more about their programs and ask questions. We will also have an amazing draw prize (College Essentials Prize Pack!) so don't forget to enter your name. The winner will be announced on Wed October 9th.



## APPLY ALBERTA

For most Alberta post-secondary institutions, students will apply to the program of their choice using a website called Apply Alberta. I will be helping students set up their Alberta.ca accounts and profiles on Apply Alberta. DID YOU KNOW many post-secondary schools open their applications for fall 2025 on October 1st? This is why it's nice to have your Apply Alberta accounts all set up ahead of time. If you are working towards a trade, you will register for school on Mytradesecrets when you have the hours to attend.

## Post Secondary Open House Dates 2024-2025

Post Secondary School	Location	Important Dates
Alberta University of the Arts	Calgary	For other events, visit <a href="http://www.auarts.ca/our-campus/campus-tour-and-events">www.auarts.ca/our-campus/campus-tour-and-events</a>
Ambrose University	Calgary	October 19, 2024 @ 10am - 2pm
Augustana Campus (UAlberta)	Camrose	October 26, 2024
University nuhelot'ĩne thaiyots'ĩ nistameyimákanak Blue Quills	St. Paul	Call 780-645-4455 or visit their website at <a href="http://www.bluequills.ca/">http://www.bluequills.ca/</a>
Bow Valley College	Calgary	October 26, 2024 @ 10am - 2pm
Concordia University of Edmonton	Edmonton	October 26, 2024 @ 9:00am - 1:00pm (in person or virtual option)
Keyano College	Fort McMurray	Virtual tours available at <a href="https://virtualltour.keyano.ca/keyano/home/campuses/?_mid_=71765">https://virtualltour.keyano.ca/keyano/home/campuses/?_mid_=71765</a>
The Kings University	Edmonton	October 19, 2024 @ 10:00am - 2:00pm *application fee will be waived
Lakeland College	Vermilion & Lloydminster	October 18 & 19, 2024
Lethbridge Polytechnic	Lethbridge	November 6, 2024 @ 1pm - 7pm
MacEwan University	Edmonton	November 2, 2024 @ 10am - 3pm
Medicine Hat College	Medicine Hat	Check out ways to visit MHC at <a href="https://www.mhc.ab.ca/information-for/future-students/visit-mhc">https://www.mhc.ab.ca/information-for/future-students/visit-mhc</a>
Mount Royal University	Calgary	October 19, 2024 @ 9:00am - 3:00pm
NAIT	Edmonton	October 26, 2024 @ 9am - 3:30pm
NorQuest College	Edmonton	October 19, 2024 @ 10am - 2pm
Northwestern Polytechnic	Grande Prairie & Fairview	More info at <a href="http://nwpolytech.ca">nwpolytech.ca</a>
Olds College of Agriculture & Technology	Olds	October 4 & 5, 2024 @ 10am - 2pm
Portage College	Various Locations	October 21 (Lac La Biche), Oct 22 (St. Paul) and Oct 23 (Cold Lake)
Red Deer Polytechnic	Red Deer	October 26, 2024 @ 9am - 1pm
SAIT	Calgary	October 18 & 19, 2024 @ 10am - 3pm
St. Mary's University	Calgary	October 5, 2024 @ 10am - 2pm
University of Alberta	Edmonton	October 19, 2024 @ 9:00am - 3:00pm
University of Calgary	Calgary	October 26, 2024
University of Lethbridge	Lethbridge	October 26, 2024 @ 10am - 3pm
University of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	September 20, 2024

**Come explore your options after high school at our ELAA Post-Secondary Night on October 8, 2024 @ 7:00 - 8:30pm in the gym of St. Paul Regional High School. Over 20 post-secondary schools will be in attendance, as well as the Canadian Forces and RCMP.**



# Stinger Clothing Available



\$25 -4 available



\$45 1 Adult Small  
1 Adult Medium



\$60 -2 Adult Large  
Black in colour



\$50  
1 Ault Medium  
1 Adult large



\$35 -1 Adult XL  
1 Adult Large



\$50 - 4 Youth XL (fits like ladies small)  
3 Youth Large (fits like ladies x-small) 1 Adult Medium/1 Adult Large



\$25  
1 Adult Medium



Back of shirt



\$30  
3 Adult Small  
1 Adult Medium



\$80  
1 Adult Medium  
1 Adult Large



Back of shirt

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

## BOARD MEETING

# HIGHLIGHTS



### **Enrolment Update**

Overall enrolment is slightly higher than projected. The official student count will occur at the end of September.

### **Mallaig Planning Update**

The Board approved the design plan for the Mallaig replacement school, which includes provisions for a future daycare addition.

### **Education Plan Review**

The Board approved amendments to the 2024-2025 Education Plan, including hiring a division literacy consultant, collaborating with Dr. Emily Milne to apply for a grant addressing systemic inequities for Indigenous and equity-deserving students, and developing a framework and policy for using Generative AI to enhance teaching and operational efficiencies.

### **Historical School Sites**

Earlier this year, the Province requested a complete list of Division-owned properties, revealing the ownership of three small historical school sites in the County of St. Paul. The Board will assess their potential for future use or disposal.

### **Cell Phones & Other Personal Devices in Schools**

The Alberta government has introduced restrictions on the use of personal mobile devices and social media in schools, which have been in effect since September 1, 2024. The Division will establish a committee to develop procedures and policies that align with the new Ministerial Order, with the final policy due by January 2025.



## Educational Assistant Project

The Division is pleased to offer training for Educational Assistants, facilitated by an EA Coach who will lead participants through seven modules. The program is designed to strengthen their skills and support their roles. Training includes video modules with reflection, a community of practice led by the EA Coach, and on-the-job coaching from the EA coach.



## New Attendance Reporting System

The Division launched SafeArrival, a new attendance reporting system, on September 3. This system simplifies reporting and managing student absences. Key benefits include automated notifications for unexplained absences and multiple options for parents to report absences in advance via a mobile app, website, or toll-free phone line. If no reason for an absence is received promptly, the system will contact parents through text, email, or phone. More details are available on our Division and school websites.



## Staff Wellness Day

On August 28, staff participated in a division-wide professional development day focused on wellness. Keynote speaker Ariel Haubrich provided valuable insights on self-care and the afternoon featured wellness-focused sessions for staff, followed by an opening mass for Catholic schools.

**For more information,  
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### Jr & Sr GOLF

Congratulations to our Jr. Girls team on winning the S.P.A.A. banner and our Jr. Boys team on earning Silver!

We are also proud of our Sr. Golf teams on playing some good golf and to Carley Hedrick on representing us at provincials in Grande Prairie.

We appreciate the time our coaches, Real Dubeau and Amanda Amyotte, spent working with our athletes. They continue to improve every year with your support.



### S.P.A.A. Cross Country



### Jr. Volleyball G.A. Tournament



### Home Tournament Champions!







OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Catholic Education Week 2024

***“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this month of May, we celebrate Catholic Education Week in Alberta, the Yukon, and Northwest Territories. As the Catholic Education liaison on behalf of my brother Bishops, I want to offer a heartfelt thank-you to the educators and all who serve in our Catholic schools.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024, “Courage to Lead”, reminds us of the call and the responsibility to live and uphold the teachings of our Catholic faith, even amidst the challenges of the world around us.

The call to be courageous is deeply rooted in Scriptures. In the Book of Joshua, the Lord counsels us: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

In a time and place where conflicting ideologies are challenging the enduring truths of our faith, it takes tremendous courage to remain steadfast in our commitment to Christ's teachings.

This courage begins in the home, with parents entrusted by God with the vital responsibility of imparting the values and principles of our faith within the hearts and minds of their children. When parents make the courageous decision to entrust their children to the care of our Catholic schools, those schools become a supporting partner to parents in the education and spiritual formation of their children.

Catholic schools have the distinctive mission to integrate faith and reason, providing students with an education that not only challenges them academically but also nurtures faith formation. Within this educational environment, the teachings of the Catholic faith are permeated into the fabric of daily life.

Although we are blessed with a constitutionally protected, publicly funded Catholic school system, nevertheless we cannot take this for granted. It is our collective responsibility as Christian faithful to be courageous in ensuring that we are forming confident disciples of Jesus Christ and his teachings. It is incumbent upon the entire school community – administrators, teachers, staff, clergy, parents and parishioners – to honour this commitment.

May God grant us the wisdom, courage, and strength to fulfill our sacred duty with courage and love, knowing that He walks alongside us every step of the way.

Yours in Christ,



✠Richard W. Smith  
Alberta Liaison Bishop for Catholic Education  
Archbishop of Edmonton



**TESTIFY!**  
SHARE THE REASON FOR YOUR HOPE

**Catholic Education Week 2024**  
**October 19 - 25**

**“But in your hearts  
reverence Christ as Lord.  
Always be prepared to  
make a defense to anyone  
who calls you to account  
for the hope that is in  
you.”**

**1 Peter 3:15**





# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 6	5
6	7 Day 1 Thanksgiving Celebration @ 9:00	8 Day 2 Post Secondary Nigh @ Regional – 7:00pm	9 Day 3 	10 Day 4 No School-Catholic Ed Formation	11 No School-PLC day	12
13	14 	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Jr. Volleyball Tournament-Elk Point
20	21 Day 3 Career Counselor	22 Day 4 Career Counselor	23 Day 5 Gr 5/6 Swimming Career Counselor	24 Day 6 Gr 5/6 Swimming	25 Day 1 Gr 5/6 Swimming Sr. Vball –LLB	26 Sr. Vball –LLB
27	28 Day 2 Gr 5/6 Swimming	29 Day 3 Gr 5/6 Swimming	30 Day 4 Gr 5/6 Swimming	31 Day 5 	Nov 1 Sr. Vball-Cold Lake	Nov 2 Sr. Vball-Cold Lake

*Catholic Education Week*