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# December 19, 2024 Newsletter

The Mallaig Library will be closed during the break and will resume to regular hours January 6.



We are so honoured to be the recipient of the St. Paul Education Doug Yeo Youth in Action award. This award is in recognizes the students participation in class/group projects in the area of community service. The \$500 award is to support the student lead Good Works projects that foster kindness and brings value to those in the community.





A huge thank you to the Mallaig Knights of Columbus for the generous donation of \$1500.00. The money will be used for the



purchase of a new set of bibles and also to support our meals program. We feel very blessed!



# January Exam Schedule is out!



# January Exam Schedule



# The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen** 

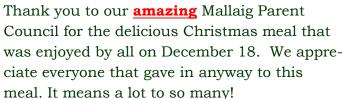




Grade 9 class attended an Oil Kings game as a part of winning the "Give it a Shot" reading contest.

The Grade 9 class tour Phil and Amanda Amyotte's

farm.

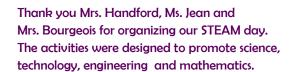




We also appreciated Father Paulson and Pastor Owen for coming to spend the time with us and enjoy a wonderful meal with the students

and staff. Students presented them with a little gift of appreciation for being our faith leaders.

















book bag day



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# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Jan 10: UAlberta entrance scholarship application deadline (students attending Augustana campus or Campus St. Jean can also apply)

Jan 31: Deadline to apply for the UAlberta's Getaway program for Grade 11 students

Feb 1: Concordia residence applications open

\*\*\* Also NAIT is hosting their program preview days in February and March. Check them out and register before they fill up! Visit

https://www.nait.ca/nait/admissions/ tours-events-and-info-sessions/programpreviews

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

We have several scholarships available for students to apply for.

- Jan 10: deadline to apply for UAlberta's application-based scholarships
- Feb 28: deadline for Don Mazankowski Scholarships
- Mar 9: deadline for RE/Max Quest for Excellence

More scholarship information can be found on our school website at www.mallaig.ca/students/scholarships



- 1. Start studying early
- Find a good study space
- 3. Study in intervals and take short breaks
- 4. Put away your phone and other distractions
- 5. Test yourself
- 6. Teach others
- 7. Rewrite and repeat
- 8. Get a study partner who will keep you motivated
- 9. Don't forget to eat healthy and get sleep
- 10. Get help if you don't understand

# U OF A GETAWAY

The University of Alberta is looking for 20 lucky Grade 11 students to get an opportunity to spend a weekend (May 9-11) on campus at Augustana in Camrose, staying in residence, exploring facilities and learning about their programs. This experience will include transportation reimbursement (depending on location),

# GET AWAY TO THE U OF A like never before...



# PROGRAM PATHWAYS

accommodations, meals and a busy schedule of events. To learn more please visit uab.ca/getaway and apply before January 31st. Also, the University of Alberta is offering virtual info sessions about various health science programs and careers.

Here's some examples:

events/index.html

Pharmacy - Jan 13 @ 5-6pm Medical Lab Science - Jan 14 @5-6pm Dietitian - Jan 16 @ 5-6pm Radiation Therapy - Jan 20 @ 5-6pm Medicine - Jan 22 @ 5-6pm Dentistry - Jan 23 @ 5-6pm For more info and to register, visit https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/

## **BOARD MEETING**

# HIGHLIGHTS



# Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools

The Board reviewed a new administrative procedure aligning with the Ministerial Order while allowing principals flexibility in decision-making. Parents and junior/senior high school students will be invited to provide feedback through a survey. The final procedure will be revisited and finalized in January.

### 2025-2026 Calendar

The Division is in the early stages of planning the 2025-26 learning calendar. Two options will be presented, following a process similar to last year and incorporating feedback from staff, parents, and community stakeholders through a survey.

# Public Engagement Survey

Alberta's government is seeking public input for Budget 2025 to set financial priorities and support the province's growing population. Albertans can share their views through an <u>online survey</u> available December 3, 2024 to January 12, 2025.

# **Doug Yeo Award**

Congratulations to École Mallaig School for being the recipient of the Doug Yeo - Youth in Action Award for 2024-25. This annual award recognizes student participation in class or group projects in areas of community service, character development and healthy lifestyles. The school will use the \$500 scholarship to support their student-led Good Works projects that focus on spreading kindness and bringing value to the lives of others within their school and community.

# **Election Update**

The nomination period for the upcoming municipal election opens on January 1. Due to uncertainty with provincial regulations, the release of election packages may be delayed. The nomination deadline is September 22, 2025, with Election Day on October 20, 2025. The Returning Officer position will be advertised early in the new year. For more information, contact Secretary-Treasurer Jean Champagne.

### **Christmas Concerts**

Thank you to our staff for their hard work in preparing for school concerts. Parents and community members are invited to attend a concert in their area. Dates and times are available on our website and social media.

# **Feeding the Future**

Thank you to Cornerstone Co-op for their generous donation of \$18,200 to our school breakfast programs. This donation was made possible through the Feeding the Future initiative.



# **Transportation Update**

Transportation Coordinator Amy Whalen presented an overview of the Division's transportation services. The Division manages 46 bus routes covering approximately 7,000 kilometers daily. A key challenge is renewing the transportation fleet amidst rising bus and operating costs. Despite these challenges, the department has improved operational efficiency and cost management while maintaining a strong focus on safety and reliability.

Parents and guardians are reminded that inclement weather can impact bus routes. Downloading the Bus Status app is the quickest way to receive route updates. More information can be found on our website.

The Division is actively seeking bus drivers and encourages anyone interested to apply.



### **Audited Financial Statements**

The 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements are now available on the Division website. The year ended with a small surplus of \$197,178, compared to a \$617,136 deficit last year. While many variables impact financial outcomes, we are pleased to have aligned expenses with revenues after several years of deficits.

# **January Board Meeting Date**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Division Office. A livestream will be available on the Division's YouTube\_channel.

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