

École Mallaig School

Being the best we can be

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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!



Christmas break

December 21-

January 5

School resumes

January 6

**January Exam
Schedule is
out!**



January Exam Schedule

2025						
January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christmas break	Christmas break	Christmas break	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR Christmas break	2 Christmas break	3 Christmas break	4
5	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11
12	13 Day 6	14 Day 1 English 30.1/30.2 Diploma Part A	15 Day 2 Social 30.2 Diploma Part A	16 Day 3	17 Day 4 Math 30.1/30.2 Diploma	18
19	20 Day 5 English 30.1/30.2 Diploma Part B	21 Day 6 Social 30.2 Diploma Part B	22 Day 1 Social 20.1/20.2 Math 10C/10.3	23 Day 2 Chemistry 20 ELA 10.1/10.2	24 Day 3 Biology 20 Science 20/24	25
26	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30 Day 1	31 No School-PLC Day	

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

in the sure expectation
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



"Silent night! Holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright!
 Round yon
 Virgin Mother and Child!
 Holy Infant,
 so tender and mild.
 Sleep in heavenly peace!"
*Wishing that the Lord...
 Keeps you
 in His care always!
 Merry Christmas!*

Christmas Mass schedule for St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Helen's

December 24: 5:00pm Kehewin
 7:00pm St. Lina
 10:30pm Mallaig
 December 25: 10:30am Mallaig
 New Years Eve: 7:00pm Mallaig
 New Years Day: 9:00am St. Lina
 10:30am Mallaig



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.



Thank you to our **amazing** Mallaig Parent Council for the delicious Christmas meal that was enjoyed by all on December 18. We appreciate everyone that gave in anyway to this meal. It means a lot to so many!



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.



Thank you Mrs. Handford, Ms. Jean and Mrs. Bourgeois for organizing our STEAM day. The activities were designed to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING
OUR ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED MAKE
IT A ENJOYABLE NIGHT FOR OUR PARENTS AND
GUESTS.



Creative Christmas spirit!



Thank you St. Paul FCSS for coming out and do door judging. Mrs. Anyotte's ECS door was chosen as the winner. The prize was a class pizza party.



Ecole Mallaig School Spirit Days for January!



Santa's Helpers-Thank you for your donations!

Good Works -Personal Christmas cards for our seniors.



Friday January 10 -
Tourist Day!



Wednesday January 8-
Silent Letter Day

Silent letters



Friday January 17-
Twin Day!



Friday January 24-
Anything but a 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/program-previews>

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
2. 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

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



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),

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:

PROGRAM PATHWAYS

- 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/events/index.html>

DECEMBER 11, 2024

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 [online survey](#) 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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19	20 Day 5	21 Day 6 Jr. Bball @ Kehewin Pizza Lunch Last day Sr. High classes	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 Jr. Bball @ Kihew Aisniy	24 Day 3 Jr. Bball Tourn Vegreville	25 Jr. Bball Tourn Vegreville
26	27 Day 4	28 Day 5 1st day of Semester 2	29 Day 6 Jr. SPAA Curling Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00	30 Day 1 Jr. SPAA Curling Jr. Bball @ Racette Sr. Report Cards	31 No School-PLC Day	