

École Mallaig School

Being the best we can be

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February 4, 2025 Newsletter



School fees are due!

*NO SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 13-18*



Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when a student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. It has since been recognized annually worldwide as a day to stand against bullying.

Let us all show a little more kindness to each other so we all can feel special in this world!

Please contact the school office @ 780 635 3858 if you have a child that will be attending Kindergarten September 2025



Note:
Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2025

Looking for host families!

We are looking for 3-4 families that would host a member of the NET team coming out from Edmonton. The team will be facilitating a retreat for our Grade 9 students and we need families that will open their homes to them. Dates are February 10- 12. If you are able to help contact Kellie Handford @ 780-635-3858.

MALLAIG CAREER CORNER

Mrs. Kotowich-Dubrulle Ph: 780-645-4491 780-614-7803 kotosusa@sperd.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 1: Applications open for residence at Concordia University of Edmonton

Feb 3-6: NAIT Program Preview

Feb 8: Augustana Exploration Day

Feb 9: Gap Year Virtual Expo

Feb 11: Info session about a career in Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Feb 13: UBC Forestry online info session

Feb 20: Career Fair in St. Paul @ Noon - 6pm

Feb 26: Olds College - Animal Health and Equine online info session

Mar 1: Concordia new student registration opens

Mar 1: Mount Royal U - awards deadline

Mar 1: application deadline for UAlberta

Mar 5: Olds College -Trades & Meat online info session

Mar 6: Discovery Concordia U of Edm info night *free applications

Mar 9 - SAIT Open House



Students - remember to check your school emails for important info

SCHOLARSHIPS

We have several scholarships available for students to apply for.

- UAlberta's Discover U of A award and the Turtle Spirit Pathway Award (for FMNI students) Deadline: Feb 15
- Right Honourable Don Mazankowski Award Deadline: Feb 28
- RE/Max Quest for Excellence Scholarship Deadline: Mar 9
- TransCanada Scholarship Deadline: May 2

For more info, visit

www.mallai/students/scholarships

NEW SEMESTER

With a new semester starting, this is a good time for a fresh start and some new goals. What do you want to improve this semester? What can we do differently to be more successful this semester? We encourage our students to meet with our Career Counsellors to revisit their high school plans and develop new goals on myBlueprint.



NAIT PROGRAM PREVIEW

NAIT in Edmonton is hosting their Program Previews in February. This is a great chance for students to dive deeper into their programs of interest and learn about their entrance requirements and supports. They will be held in the evenings from 5-8pm so it won't interfere with your classes.

February 3 - Health & Life Sciences

February 4 - Business, Hospitality, Culinary Arts, Media and Info Tech

February 5 - Construction and Building Sciences

February 6 - Manufacturing and Automation, Energy & Natural Resources



*We want to stuff the cop car
with food donations for the
Food Bank!*

**Wear your
favourite jersey!**

Light concession
available

Pre-order treat bags
will be available for the
elementary students

**Everyone
Welcome!**

**Accepting cash donations for
our School Compassionate Fund**



INFORMATION SESSION AT THE ST. PAUL MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH 5:30 TO 7:30

Drop in to find out more about the Lakeland Regional Science Fair.

- How to register
- Project Ideas
- How to help
- More

Presentation starts at 5:40pm
Q&A and Idea sharing
after presentation



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LAKE LAND REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:
<https://spdss.ca/lrsf-2025/>



April 12th, 2025
Portage College
St. Paul AB

Dive into the world of science and innovation, explore your curiosity, and showcase your creativity. **Open to students in grades 4-12 from Northeast Alberta**, the fair is a platform for young scientists to present their projects, learn, and grow. Following a successful 2024 event, this year's fair promises to be even more dynamic, with the opportunity for **four outstanding projects to advance to the national stage at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, NB.**

WHAT AND WHERE

- The Lakeland Regional Science Fair is **April 12th, 2025 at Portage College in St. Paul.**
- Students from **grades 4-6** can participate in the regional science fair, with awards and prizes available.
 - Up to four participants can work together.
- Students from **grades 7-12** can participate in the regional science fair and compete to go to the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, NB May 31st to June 7th.

Timeline

Date	Description
Jan. 13 th	Project registration opens
Mar. 30 th	Project registration closes
Apr. 11 th	Early project setup (if desired) at Portage College
Apr. 12 th	2025 Lakeland Regional Science Fair
May 31 st – Jun. 7 th	Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick

WHY?

- We know you have passions and interests – dig in and show off what you know!
- Science isn't all test tubes and lab coats – almost anything you can think of has a science angle to it.
- Unlike school, you pick the topic you're interested in.
- You don't have to do it alone – you can do it with your friends and lots of help is available.
- Prizes!

HOW?



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



Field trip Fundraiser at Fort Edmonton 3/4 classes

Bake the world a better place!

February: At noon
Monday, 10
Tuesday, 11
Wednesday, 12

Bake sale! 1 & 2 \$

Ecole Mallaig School Spirit Days for February!

Friday February 7 - Jersey Day



JERSEY DAY

Thursday February 20- 100th day of school! Dress like a senior who just turned 100!



Wednesday February 12- Dress in Red, Pink or Hearts

♥ **HAPPY Valentine's DAY** ♥

Wednesday February 26- Wear Pink



BUILDING THE FUTURE, HONORING THE PAST;
STINGERS IN ACTION

ECOLE MALLAIG SCHOOL

2025 ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

ECOLE MALLAIG GYMNASIUM

APRIL 4 & 5, 2025

REGISTRATION DEADLINE **MARCH 21, 2025**

COST PER PLAYER **\$10.00**

Join us for the final alumni tournament in the old school gym, a space filled with memories for generations of Stingers. Celebrate its legacy and support our athletics program, helping student athletes thrive. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our alumni community!

TEAMS WILL GROUP BY ERA WHEN POSSIBLE, ALL INTERESTED PLAYERS WELCOME, TEAMS WELCOME

REGISTRATION OPEN TO ALL MALE AND FEMALE ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

More info: Aaron 780-614-0224 Email: chriaaro@sped.ca School Phone: 780-635-3858

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>

How we decide:

- When temperatures and/or wind chill is -40 or colder, buses are CANCELLED. Notice may be given the night before or in the morning.
- 40°C: Buses may run in the afternoon during extreme cold weather under certain circumstances.
- Weather checks start very early with The Weather Network and phone calls to designated staff living in each local area.

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

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.

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

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.



Silver medal



Bronze medal



Silver medal

Jr/Sr SPAA Curling



Congratulations to our teams on placing so well at the S.P.A.A. championships in St. Paul. Thank you to the coaches and supervisors, Mr. Phil Amyotte, Mr. Charlie Handford, Mrs. Handford and Mr. Weinmeier, for taking the time to work with the students on their skills.

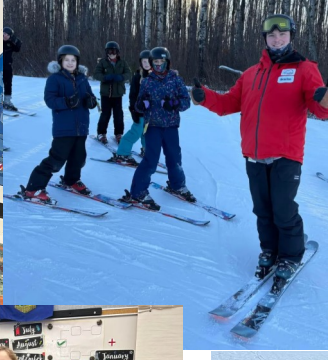


Silver medal

Twin Day



Kinoso Ski Trip



JANUARY 22, 2025

BOARD MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS



Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools

Parent feedback strongly supports a policy to restrict mobile devices use during school hours to reduce distractions, protect student well-being, and enhance learning. Key considerations, including enforceable rules, differentiation by grade levels and educational purposes, consistent consequences, and addressing communication needs, have been incorporated into the new [administrative procedure](#), which is now in effect.

Alberta Education Satisfaction Surveys

The Ministry of Education will conduct its annual satisfaction telephone and online surveys to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. These surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the public, high school students, teachers, principals, and school board trustees, as well as employers of recent high school graduates. Advanis Inc. will begin survey administration of the telephone/online surveys on January 20, 2025, with an expected conclusion in May 2025.

Early Learning Report

Director of Inclusive Education and Early Learning, Sha Tichkowsky, shared an overview of the Division's Early Learning Program, which serves children in Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten. Nine schools offer Kindergarten, with full-day programs at four locations, and preschools also operate in two schools. Early intervention supports include speech and language services, occupational therapy, and literacy programs.

2025-2026 Calendar

Two draft calendars for the upcoming school year have been presented to the Board for consideration. Shaped by input from staff, parents, and students gathered through recent surveys, the drafts will now be shared with principals and school councils for additional feedback.

Science Fair

The St. Paul and District Steam Society is hosting its third annual Science Fair on Saturday, April 12, 2025. More information is available [here](#).

Legion Remembrance Day Contest

Schools participated in the Legion's annual Remembrance Day contest, with 27 students recognized for their outstanding work in visual art and writing. Presentations are happening this month to celebrate their achievements, with some winners advancing to the national level. Thank you to the St. Paul Legion for organizing this meaningful contest and fostering the tradition of remembrance in our community.



New Myrnam School Delegation

A delegation of students and staff from New Myrnam School delivered an engaging and informative presentation about the school's recent Skills Canada Exploration Day. The event featured a design challenge centered on creating a sustainable dwelling, with the planning process incorporating various skills to provide a valuable learning experience.

École Mallaig Construction Update

Alberta Infrastructure is managing this project, with tenders closing on January 28 and an award is expected in early February. Construction is anticipated to begin within three weeks of receiving a letter of intent from the province which is projected to take just over two years to complete. The Division and County will be reaching out to community stakeholders to continue evaluating daycare options. The Province has confirmed the project will be receiving the standard \$250,000 for playground development.

February Board Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Division Office. A livestream will be available on the Division's [YouTube](#) channel.

PowerSchool Data Breach

The Division's Student Information System provider recently experienced a data breach. Investigations by PowerSchool and St. Paul Education confirm that **no** data belonging to our students, staff, or parents was affected.

**For more information,
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Learning Together, Growing Together

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YOUTH PAINT NIGHT

"Young Picasso Paint Party!"

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY
12TH

3PM - 5PM

FCSS
5002 51 Ave

\$5

RSVP 780-645-5311 OR Scan



S.P.Y.C.
St. Paul Youth Council
The Power of our Voice



Congratulations to Ibrahim Yamani, Remi Amyotte, and Kaycee Richter as they were honoured for their outstanding poems submitted to the Legion Poppy Award competition. Ibrahim will be moving on to the national level of completion due to him winning 1st place. We are so proud of our students who participate in the completion, showcasing their creativity and respect for the legacy of remembrance.



NEW

TEEN CONNECT

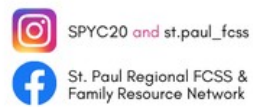
1ST FRIDAY MONTHLY! 3:30PM-5:30PM ST PAUL MUNICIPAL LIBRARY AGE 13-18yrs \$ FREE

Board Game Night!

Join us on the first Friday of each month at the St. Paul Library to test your luck with our variety of board games, trivia, card games, and much more. Bring your friends and let's have a blast!



Call: 780-645-5311
Email: FCSSyouth@town.stpaul.ab.ca
Web: stpaulfcss.ca



PC to give away!

ACER computer with the tower, monitor, mouse, keyboard, and speakers

Also Panasonic ink film for fax machine

Contact Leonie @ 780-227-5302



February 2025

WearSun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4 Sr. Boys Bball @ home	6 Day 5 Gr 3/4 Fur Trader Presentation Jr. Bball @ home	7 Day 6 Mallaig students vs RCMP hockey game Jersey Day!	8
9	10 Day 1 Gr 3/4 Bake Sale Fundraiser Sr. Boys Bball @ Elk Point Career Counselor	11 Day 2 Grade 9 NET Retreat Career Counselor	12 Day 3 Early dismissal @ 2:00pm Pizza Day Dress in red, pink or hearts!	13 No School-Teacher Convention	14 No School-Teacher Convention	15
16	17 No School-Family Day	18 No School-PLC Day	19 Day 4 Career Counselor	20 Day 5 Jr. Bball @ Glendon 100th day of school Career Counselor Sub Day	21 Day 6 Sr. Boys Bball @ Vegreville	22 Sr. Boys Bball @ Vegreville
23	24 Day 1 Sr. Bball SPAA	25 Day 2	26 Day 3 Pink Shirt Day Gr. 5/6 Legislature Fieldtrip Sr. Bball SPAA 7:00pm Parent Council Meeting	27 Day 4	28 Day 5 Sr. Boys Bball @ Lloyminster	Sr. Boys Bball @ Lloyminster