

École Mallaig School

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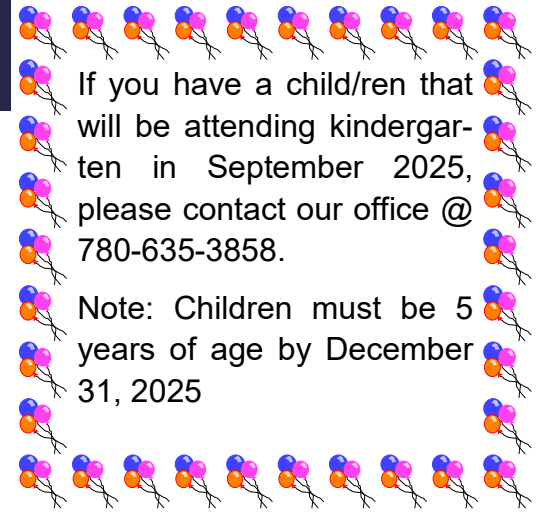
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February 28, 2025 Newsletter



“What we are is a gift from God and what we become is our gift to God”
Father Paulson



2025/2026 School Calendar

St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2025-2026

August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025
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Approved School Holidays

Labour Day	Sept 1	Family Day	Feb 16
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 13	Spring Break	Mar 30-Apr 2
Remembrance Day	Nov 11	Good Friday	April 3
Christmas Vacation	Dec 22-Jan 2	Easter Monday	April 6
		Victoria Day	May 18



St. Paul Education

Calendar Approved: February 12, 2025

Important Dates

August 27-29	PLC Days
September 1	Labour Day
September 2	First day of school
September 19	Division PLC Day
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day
October 9	Catholic Education Formation (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig only)
October 10	PLC Day
October 13	Thanksgiving
November 7	Schools closed
November 10	Schools closed
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 28	PLC Day
December 19	Early Dismissal
Dec 22 - Jan 2	Christmas Break
January 28	PLC Day
January 29	First day of second semester
February 11	Early Dismissal
February 12-13	Teachers' Convention
February 16	Family Day
March 9	PLC Day
March 30 - Apr 3	Spring Break/Good Friday
April 6	Easter Monday
April 24	PLC Day
May 14	PLC Day
May 15	Schools closed
May 18	Victoria Day
June 5	PLC Day
June 21	National Indigenous People's Day
June 23	Last day of classes
June 24	PLC Day

Days of School Operation

	Public Schools		Catholic Schools	
	Instructional	Staff Only	Instructional	Staff Only
August	0	3	0	3
September	20	1	20	1
October	21	1	20	2
November	16	1	16	1
December	15	0	15	0
January	17	1	17	1
Semester 1	89	7	88	8
January	2	0	2	0
February	17	2	17	2
March	19	1	19	1
April	17	1	17	1
May	18	1	18	1
June	16	2	16	2
Semester 2	89	7	89	7
Total Instructional Days	178		177	
Total Non-Instructional Day	14		16	
Total Operational Days	192		193	
First Day of Classes: September 2				
First Day of Second Semester: January 29				
Last Day of Classes: June 23				
Instructional Hours - Public Schools				
Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year		
Elem./Jr High	178	320	950	
High School	178	337	1000	
Instructional Hours - Catholic Schools (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig)				
Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year		
Elem./Jr High	177	322	950	
High School	177	339	1000	

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) - October 9, 2025
 Diploma Exam Schedule 2025-26: October 27 - 30, November 3-7, January 12-15, 19-23, 26 & 27 April 7-10, 13-17, June 8-12, 15-19, 22-23
 Provincial Achievement Test Schedule 2025-26: January 15, 19-23, 26 & 27, May 19-22, June 3 & 4, 8-12, 15-19, 22 & 23



God our Father, you guide and direct us on our journey through life. Be with us as we begin our Lenten journey of faith and love. Help us to grow closer to you during this special holy season. Help us to do your will each day during Lent.

Congratulations on winning Bronze!

We are very proud of our Sr. Boys Curling team on earning a bronze medal at zones in St. Paul on February 21.

Thank you to their coaches, Mr. Phil Amyotte and Mr. Weinmeier on helping them achieve this goal.

Great job Braxton Martin, Shawn Vallee, Austin Amyotte and Trevor Vallee!
Missing Lane Marin



Ecole Mallaig School Spirit Days for March!

Friday March 7 - Dress like a rockstar.



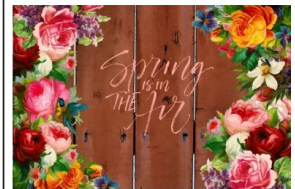
Monday March 17th - St Patrick's Day! Wear green today!



Friday March 21- Hat Day! Wear your favorite hat today!!



Spring Break March 24-28



BUILDING THE FUTURE, HONORING THE PAST;
STINGERS IN ACTION

EGOLE MALLAIG SCHOOL
2025
ALUMNI
VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT

EGOLE 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@sperd.ca School Phone: 780-635-3858

Mallaig Preschool Spring Plant Fundraiser

Campaign Date: February 7 - March 12, 2025

Make cheques payable to Ecole Mallaig School. Delivery May 6.

<p>All products are supplied locally through Owiseye GreenHouses & Gardens</p>									
	<p>10" Strawberry Basket</p>	<p>12" Tumbler Tomato Basket</p>	<p>12" Million Bells Basket</p> <p>Colours: Blue/Pink/Yellow Red/Orange/Yellow</p>	<p>10-pack 4.5" Herb Assortment of herbs. Herbs include: • Basil (sweet) x2 • Cilantro • Thyme • Rosemary • Dill • Chives Onion • Chives Garlic • Parsley • Mint Mojito <small>Vegetables & substitutes may vary.</small></p>	<p>10-Pack 4.5" Veggie Vegetables for planting in a container or garden. Varieties include: • Tomatoes x3 (2 cherry, 1 large) • Zucchini • Cucumber x2 • Shelling Peas • Snap Peas • Romaine Lettuce x2 <small>Vegetables & substitutes may vary.</small></p>	<p>10-Pack 4.5" Wave Petunia</p> <p>Colours: Blue (Dark Purple) Red White <small>Colour not available in Feb.</small></p>	<p>Garden Pro Super Bloom Water Soluble Fertilizer 10 -40 -25 1.2 kg</p>	<p>Garden Pro Super Soluble Fertilizer 10 -52 -10 1.2 kg</p>	<p>\$25</p>
<p>Name Contact #</p>	<p>\$ 25</p>	<p>\$ 25</p>	<p>\$40</p>	<p>\$45</p>	<p>\$45</p>	<p>\$ 50</p>	<p>\$25</p>	<p>\$25</p>	<p>\$50</p>

Student Name: _____ Total Amount Collected : _____

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

BOARD MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS

2025–2026 Calendar

After reviewing feedback from school councils, parents, and staff on two draft versions, Trustees approved Calendar B for the 2025-2026 school year. The final calendar will be available on our website soon.

Alberta School Council Association Spring Symposium

This event will be held virtually on April 25, 2025. Information will be shared with school councils to gauge interest and assess the availability of school council funds to cover the cost of registration.

Town of St. Paul Election

Due to the numerous changes introduced by Bill 20 for the upcoming general election, the Town of St. Paul advised that they will be unable to accommodate the Division's request for support in the forthcoming fall municipal and school division election. The Division is exploring options with the intent of maintaining convenience for voters.

Alberta's Child Care Capital Grant

In partnership with the County of St. Paul, the Division is applying for funding through the provincial government's Building Blocks Program to support the development of daycare in the new Mallaig school. This grant provides capital funding to expand licensed early learning and childcare spaces in high-need communities across Alberta.



Two Hills School Canadian Space Agency Presentation

On February 6, CSA astronaut Col. Joshua Kutryk, an alumnus of Two Hills School, returned to share his journey, answer space-related questions, take photos, and walk the same hallways he once did as a teen. We are incredibly grateful for his visit and look forward to following his path to space. Thank you to the Two Hills School for organizing such a memorable event.

Financial Report

The Province is expected to release its budget at the end of February. Trustees and stakeholders will be engaged in budget development in the coming months, including setting priorities.

Innovation Consultant Report

Innovation Consultant Terra-Lee Gratton provided an overview of her work supporting schools in fostering innovation and enhancing learning. She highlighted initiatives such as coding activities, International STEAM Day celebrations, and monthly challenges encouraging creativity and critical thinking. She emphasized professional development opportunities and ongoing educator support to ensure innovative practices continue to grow within the Division.



Literacy Update

Assessments using the Acadiance program have been completed for all K-6 students, identifying those needing extra support. Program assistants provide targeted help, while literacy consultants collaborate with teachers to share resources and training for effective interventions.

Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award

The Division has submitted 28 nominations for this award, which honours First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students in Alberta who demonstrate strength and commitment in their educational journey. Thank you to our staff for recognizing and celebrating these students' talents.



École St. Paul Elementary School Presentation

A delegation of Grade 4 students and staff from École St. Paul Elementary School showcased a creative project on French settlements in Canada built entirely with LEGO. This initiative is part of the new Social Studies curriculum pilot, integrating project-based learning to navigate the new outcomes while also incorporating cross-curricular connections to other subjects.

March Board Meeting Date

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

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100th Day of School



A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the RCMP hockey fundraiser. We stuffed a cop car with food donations for the St. Paul food bank and there was also monetary donations of \$607.00 which will benefit the organization as well. We also raised \$1400.00 for our Student Compassionate Fund. Thank you to the Mallaig Fire Department, Horizon and Marc and Rae Michaud on their generous donations to our school. We are so proud of our community for always coming together to support each other. We are truly blessed!



Thank you Tracey from the Alberta Trappers Association for coming and teaching our Grade 3/4 students about the importance of responsible trapping and how it helps to maintain the animal population.



ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL MARCH 20



**Volunteers
Welcome**

**Hot Dog
Lunch**

CALL 780-635-3858



SCENT & SOUND workshop

Join Nikki Zahara as she guides you to intuitively blend your own signature spray using Young Living essential oils and crystals followed by a sound bath with alchemy crystal singing bowls.

Monday March 17 @ 7 pm

Please register with the library to secure your spot as space is very limited. Free of charge

Mallaig library

Create your own
signature scent

bring yoga mat & blanket (optional)





Mallaig Tuesdays

9:30AM-11:30AM
 @ Mallaig Seniors Hall



DROP IN

Light snack provided.
 For more info call 780-645-5311

Connecting & Learning through play.

Join us with your little ones as we explore educational toys, play with others & learn new experiences through story time, singing & crafts. Mothers, fathers, grandparents & caregivers are all welcome.



improving time management, boosting creativity, increasing patience and building confidence.

\$50

per student, includes course book & light snack. Please send a nut free lunch.

Course topics include: babysitter responsibilities, how to take care of a baby, feeding techniques, common emergency situations, first aid & more.

*Participants must be 12 years of age

Cash or cheque only made payable to: St. Paul Regional FCSS

Thursday March 27, 2025 9AM-3:30PM

@ FCSS
 5002-51 Avenue, St Paul

REGISTER
 Call 780-645-5311



March 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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2	3 Day 6 Sr. Boys Bball SPAA	4 Day 1 Shrove Tuesday	5 Day 2 Ash Wednesday Sr. Boys Bball SPAA	6 Day 3	7 Day 4 Jr. Basketball SPAA	8 Jr. Basketball SPAA	
9	10 Spring Forward 	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2 Elementary/Jr Report Cards Basketball Zones	15 Basketball Zones	
16	17 Day 3  School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6 Elem. Winter Carnival Parent/Teacher Conference 4-7:00	21 Day 1	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31 Day 2	Spring Break					