

# École Mallaig School

*Being the best we can be*

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March 31, 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to  
**Kindergarten!**



We are taking early registration for students coming in for ECS in September 2025.

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

Please contact the office @ 780-635-3858.

There will be an orientation night in May. Information regarding this will be coming at a later date.



**Easter Break**

**April 17-21**

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

EXCITING NEWS!

CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW ECOLE MALLAIG SCHOOL IS OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY!

STARTING THIS WEEK, YOU MAY SEE CREWS AND EQUIPMENT ON-SITE AS WORK BEGINS. THIS INCLUDES DEMOLITION AND PROFESSIONAL ABATEMENT, WITH ALL MATERIALS HANDLED SAFELY AND ACCORDING TO REGULATIONS.

SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY—PLEASE STAY CLEAR OF CONSTRUCTION ZONES AND WATCH FOR CHANGES TO PARKING OR ENTRANCES. WE'LL SHARE UPDATES AS THE PROJECT PROGRESSES.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT PRINCIPAL KELLIE HANDFORD AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WE BUILD A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ECOLE MALLAIG SCHOOL!



Sr. High  
Report Cards  
April 16

April 18, 2025

GOOD  
*Friday*

On this Good Friday, may we remember the ultimate sacrifice and reflect on the meaning of love and compassion



# St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2024-2025

| August 2024 |    |    |    |    |  |  | September 2024 |    |    |    |    |  |  | October 2024 |    |    |    |    |  |  | November 2024 |    |    |    |    |  |  |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|--|--|----------------|----|----|----|----|--|--|--------------|----|----|----|----|--|--|---------------|----|----|----|----|--|--|
| M           | T  | W  | T  | F  |  |  | M              | T  | W  | T  | F  |  |  | M            | T  | W  | T  | F  |  |  | M             | T  | W  | T  | F  |  |  |
| 5           | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |  |  | 2              | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |  |  | 7            | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |  |  | 4             | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |  |  |
| 12          | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |  |  | 9              | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |  |  | 14           | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |  |  | 11            | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |
| 19          | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |  |  | 16             | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |  |  | 21           | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |  |  | 18            | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |  |  |
| 26          | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  | 23             | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |  |  | 28           | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |  |  | 25            | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |  |  |
|             |    |    |    |    |  |  | 30             |    |    |    |    |  |  |              |    |    |    |    |  |  |               |    |    |    |    |  |  |

| December 2024 |    |    |    |    |  |  | January 2025 |    |    |    |    |  |   | February 2025 |    |    |    |    |  |   | March 2025 |    |    |    |    |  |  |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|--|--|--------------|----|----|----|----|--|---|---------------|----|----|----|----|--|---|------------|----|----|----|----|--|--|
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| 2             | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |  |  | 1            | 2  | 3  |    |    |  | 3 | 4             | 5  | 6  | 7  |    |  | 3 | 4          | 5  | 6  | 7  |    |  |  |
| 9             | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |  |  | 6            | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |  |   | 10            | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |  |   | 10         | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |  |  |
| 16            | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |  |  | 13           | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |  |   | 17            | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |  |   | 17         | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |  |  |
| 23            | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |  |  | 20           | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |  |   | 24            | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |  |   | 24         | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |  |  |
| 30            | 31 |    |    |    |  |  | 27           | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |   |               |    |    |    |    |  |   | 31         |    |    |    |    |  |  |

| April 2025 |    |    |    |    |  |  | May 2025 |    |    |    |    |  |  | June 2025 |    |    |    |    |  |  |
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| 14         | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |  |  | 12       | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |  |  | 9         | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |  |  |
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| LEGEND            |         |                |                        |  |  |  |
|-------------------|---------|----------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Instructional Day | PLC Day | Schools Closed | Early Dismissal (2 pm) | Catholic Formation (Mallaig, Specs, Racette) |  |  |

| Approved School Holidays |              |               |             |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Labour Day               | Sept 2       | Family Day    | Feb 17      |  |  |  |
| Thanksgiving Day         | Oct 14       | Spring Break  | March 24-28 |  |  |  |
| Remembrance Day          | Nov 11       | Good Friday   | April 18    |  |  |  |
| Fall Break               | Nov 12-15    | Easter Monday | April 21    |  |  |  |
| Christmas Break          | Dec 23-Jan 3 | Victoria Day  | May 19      |  |  |  |



## St. Paul Education

| Important Dates | PLC Days                         |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| August 28-30    | Labour Day                       |
| September 2     | First day of school              |
| September 3     | Truth & Reconciliation Day       |
| September 30    | Catholic Education Formation     |
| October 10      | (SPECS, Racette, Mallaig only)   |
| October 11      | PLC Day                          |
| October 14      | Thanksgiving                     |
| November 11     | Remembrance Day                  |
| November 12-15  | Fall Break                       |
| December 20     | Early Dismissal                  |
| Dec 23 - Jan 3  | Christmas Break                  |
| January 28      | First day of second semester     |
| January 31      | PLC Day                          |
| February 12     | Early Dismissal                  |
| February 13-14  | Teachers' Convention             |
| February 17     | Family Day                       |
| February 18     | PLC Day                          |
| March 10        | PLC Day                          |
| March 24 - 28   | Spring Break                     |
| April 17        | PLC Day                          |
| April 18        | Good Friday                      |
| April 21        | Easter Monday                    |
| May 15          | PLC Day                          |
| May 16          | Schools Closed                   |
| May 19          | Victoria Day                     |
| June 9          | PLC Day                          |
| June 21         | National Indigenous People's Day |
| June 25         | Last day of classes              |
| June 26         | PLC Day                          |

| Days of School Operation                      | Public Schools |            |            | Catholic Schools |            |            |
|---|----------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|
|   | Instructional  | Staff Only | Staff Only | Instructional    | Staff Only | Staff Only |
| August  | 0              | 3          | 3          | 0                | 0          | 3          |
| September                                     | 20             | 0          | 20         | 0                | 20         | 0          |
| October                                       | 21             | 1          | 20         | 20               | 20         | 2          |
| November                                      | 16             | 0          | 16         | 16               | 0          | 0          |
| December                                      | 15             | 0          | 15         | 15               | 0          | 0          |
| January                                       | 16             | 0          | 16         | 16               | 0          | 0          |
| <b>Semester 1</b>                             | <b>88</b>      | <b>4</b>   | <b>87</b>  | <b>87</b>        | <b>5</b>   | <b>5</b>   |
| January                                       | 3              | 1          | 3          | 3                | 1          | 1          |
| February                                      | 16             | 3          | 16         | 16               | 3          | 3          |
| March   | 15             | 1          | 15         | 15               | 1          | 1          |
| April   | 19             | 1          | 19         | 19               | 1          | 1          |
| May   | 19             | 1          | 19         | 19               | 1          | 1          |
| June  | 17             | 2          | 17         | 17               | 2          | 2          |
| <b>Semester 2</b>                             | <b>89</b>      | <b>9</b>   | <b>89</b>  | <b>89</b>        | <b>9</b>   | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>Total Instructional Days</b>               | <b>177</b>     |            |            | <b>176</b>       |            |            |
| <b>Total Staff Only Days</b>                  | <b>13</b>      |            |            | <b>14</b>        |            |            |
| <b>Total Operational Days</b>                 | <b>190</b>     |            |            | <b>190</b>       |            |            |
| <b>Instructional Hours - Public Schools</b>   |                |            |            |                  |            |            |
| Days  | 177            | 322        | Hr./Year   | 950              |            |            |
| Elem/Jr High                                  | 177            | 339        | Hr./Year   | 1000             |            |            |
| High School                                   |                |            |            |                  |            |            |
| <b>Instructional Hours - Catholic Schools</b> |                |            |            |                  |            |            |
| Days  | 176            | 324        | Hr./Year   | 950              |            |            |
| Elem/Jr High                                  | 176            | 341        | Hr./Year   | 1000             |            |            |
| High School                                   |                |            |            |                  |            |            |

Calendar Approved: February 14, 2024

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 10, 2024

Diploma Exam Schedule 2024-25 - October 28 - 31 November 4-7 January 13-17, 20-24 & 27 April 1-4, 7-11 June 11-13, 16-20, 23-25

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule 2024-2025 - In draft format as per Alberta Education January 15-17, 20-24 May 26-29 June 3-6, 9-13, 17-19

# Way to Go Stingers!!!



Thank you Mr. Weinmeier, Mrs. Adele Dechaine, Mrs. Lamontagne, Mrs. Stacey Malo and Mrs. Handford for giving your time to the Sr. and Jr. High Basketball teams. Thank you to everyone that volunteered in any way that supported the basketball season. We greatly appreciate the investment into our students.

Also, we would like congratulate Ava Iversen, Cassidy Kelley, and Racheal Williams on making it to provincials with the Glendon basketball team. Well done!

Thank you Mrs. Amyotte and Mrs. Kully for coaching the Grade 4-6 teams. Your enthusiasm for the game made learning the sport fun for the kids.



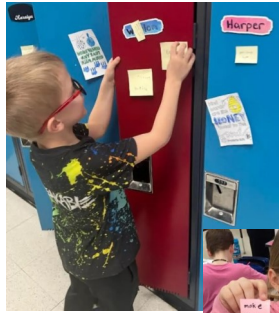
Thank you to our MLA Mr. Glenn van Dijken for taking the time with our Grade 5/6 students during their tour of the Legislature building. The students learned about the democratic process and were also able to sit in the gallery during a legislative assembly.



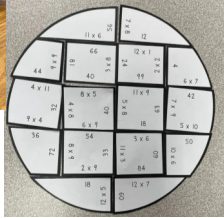
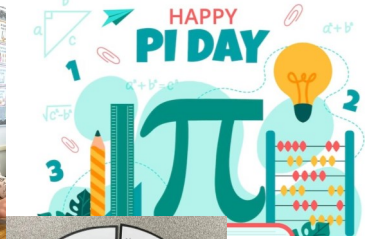
# Pink Shirt Day!



Do a kindness challenge and pick an article to dress a staff member was a great success



Thank you to our Knights of Columbus volunteers for making the Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch! It was very much appreciated.



Thank you Ms. Meger, Miss Siemers and all our volunteers for organizing and running the Elementary Winter Carnival. Also, thank you to Parent Council for providing and preparing hot dogs for all the students. It was a fun filled afternoon.



Congratulations to Hadley Weinmeier on winning the "Name the Grader" contest held by the County of St. Paul. The County staff brought out the grader, with the winning name of Clean-o-path-ra, to show the student and also spend some time informing them about the piece of equipment along with what education is required to operate machinery. The class was also treated to a pizza lunch.



# The Stations Of the Cross



Our Gr. 3/4 classes did an amazing job creating the beautiful artwork and the Gr. 5/6 classes did the fantastic work with the recordings for our project for Lent. We invite members of the community to please take some time to experience this instillation. There is a QR code for each station, English and French, that you can access through your device.

This project will be something that we are very proud to be bringing in to our new school when



Mallaig Public Library welcomes children of all ages to use its facility and services. While we love seeing families utilize our resources and we encourage children to explore the world of literature, the public library is not an after school childcare facility. Our staff is unable to supervise children for extended periods of time or ensure their safety outside of the designated programs and events. If you have no other alternatives, we ask that you contact the Mallaig Public Library Facebook page to notify us that your child will be staying in the library after school or 780-635-3858 (ask for the library)

## Ecole Mallaig School Spirit Days for April!

Friday April 4 - **Pirate Day**- Dress and talk (appropriately) like your favorite Pirate.



Wednesday April 16- **PJ Day**- Dress in your favorite PJ.



Friday April 25- **School Spirit Day** (wear school colors)



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

THE BIG CHEESE

Bucey UNICORSE

THE TARGET BABY-SITTERS LITTLE SISTER

KAREN'S GRANDMOTHERS ANDREW MARTIN

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER DOG MAN BIG JIM BEGINS DAVID PILKOV

WHO WOULD WIN? ULTIMATE PTerosaur RUMBLE JERRY BLIOTTA

APRIL 7-11

Monday 8:00am-3:30pm  
 Tuesday 8:00am-6:30pm  
 Wednesday 8:00am-8:30pm  
 Thursday 8:00am-6:30pm  
 Friday 8:00am-3:30pm

MARCH 12, 2025

## BOARD MEETING

# HIGHLIGHTS



### **2025–26 Mennonite and Colony School Calendar**

The regular calendar was approved on February 13, 2025. Superintendent Barron has developed an alternative calendar for the Two Hills Mennonite and Colony schools, which was approved by the Board of Trustees with an amendment to highlight dates that differ from the regular calendar. The 2025-26 calendar for these schools is now available on our [website](#).

### **2026–27 Calendar Draft**

The Board of Trustees reviewed a draft of the 2026-27 school calendar. Due to the timing of the Labour Day weekend, the proposed calendar requires school to start before the long weekend. The draft will be shared with school leaders and school councils for further feedback.

### **Alberta Education Assurance Surveys**

The Alberta Education Assurance Survey is underway and will remain open until March 21. This survey gathers valuable feedback from students, parents, and staff on key areas such as student achievement, learning supports, and school climate. The results will help shape Division priorities and guide continuous improvement efforts. New this year, schools will provide random access codes to parents to encourage broader participation. More information is available [here](#).

### **Snow Plow Naming Contest**

Schools across the Division were invited to participate in the County of St. Paul's Snow Plow Naming Contest. We are pleased to share that several winning names were submitted by both individual students and class entries. To celebrate, the County of St. Paul brought a grader to each of the classes that participated in the final vote, providing students with the opportunity to see their named equipment up close. To view the list of winning entries from the Division, click [here](#).

### **Scholarship Booklet**

The Division's [2025 Scholarship Booklet](#) is now available. Graduating students can explore a variety of scholarships, awards, and bursaries to support their future education. Thank you to our generous sponsors for making these opportunities possible!

### **2025–26 Bus Transportation**

The Division is considering implementing an earlier bus registration deadline, potentially by the end of June, to improve route planning. Since parents pre-register for school in the spring, a similar approach for transportation is being explored to enhance efficiency.

## Information Technology Report

Cody Machney, Division Technology Department Lead, presented an overview of recent technology investments, including upgraded Wi-Fi and network security, enhanced backup systems, and improved support processes. Many classrooms now feature new larger screens, touchscreen Chromebooks, and in-class audio systems to enhance student learning. A proactive approach to technology planning ensures schools remain equipped with emerging tools while maintaining security and efficiency.



## Provincial Budget and Financial Report

The provincial budget, released on February 27, includes a shift in the Weighted Moving Average (WMA) funding model from a three-year to a two-year average, which will benefit divisions experiencing growth but may disadvantage St. Paul Education due to declining enrolment. A new technology grant has been introduced, and most supporting grants will see a minimal increase, though this may not fully offset rising costs. The Division is awaiting its funding profile to assess the local impact. Additionally, potential federal changes to Jordan's Principle funding could have significant financial implications if provincial school boards are no longer eligible to access it.

The Division remains on track with the 2024-25 budget.



## Capital Plan Approval

The Board approved the 2025-26 capital priorities for submission to Alberta Education. While most schools are in good condition, several older buildings require modernization or replacement to meet current standards. With enrollment growth not expected, the focus is on optimizing facilities to improve efficiency and reduce costs. The Division's priority ranking includes replacement of Ecole Mallaig School and modernization of the Elk Point Elementary, New Myrnam and Heinsburg Schools. These improvements are subject to provincial funding approval, and construction cost estimates will be based on Alberta Infrastructure projections.

## April Board Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Division Office. A livestream will be available on the Division's [YouTube page](#).

**For more information,  
contact:**

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**Superintendent of Schools**  
**barrpete@sperd.ca**



**St. Paul Education**

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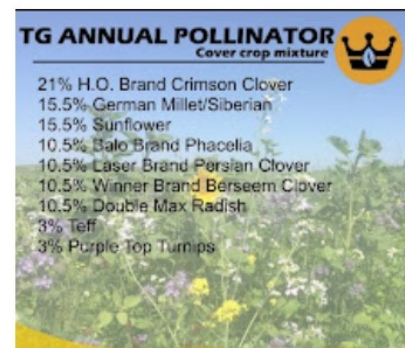
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# *Mixed Flower Seed Packs*

## \$10 per pack

All proceeds go to the  
École Mallaig School Fundraising

Available at the school office and Top Gro Agro.



*Each pack of seeds covers approximately 100 square feet.  
These pollinating packs are great for soil health, attracting  
beneficial insects and feeding honey bees.*

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**ECOLE MALLAIG SCHOOL  
PARENT FUNDRAISING**

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**MANN LAKE  
GOLF COURSE**  
HWY 867 AND HWY 28

are working together to offer..  
**ADULT 9-HOLE GOLF PASSES**  
for the 2025 season at \$18 each\*

...where as...

*\$5 of each pass sold will be donated back to  
Ecole Mallaig School Parent Fundraising*

**PASSES MAY BE PURCHASED BY SUMITTING FORMS TO  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY APRIL 20/25**  
CHEQUES PAYABLE TO ECOLE MALLAIG SCHOOL PARENT FUNDRAISING  
(RECEIPTS MAY BE ISSUED UPON REQUEST)

***Thank you for your support!***

*\*excludes cart rental*

*\*no cash value and not applicble with any other promotion*

**MANN LAKE GOLF COURSE PASSES (\$18 each)**

**Submit to School Office by April 20, 2025**

**Please attach cash or cheque**

*(payable to: Ecole Mallaig School Parent Fundraising)*

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GR: \_\_\_\_\_

| Name and<br>(Company Name)<br>If applicable | Contact info<br>(email and phone) | Total Passes<br>Requested | Total Amount | Paid by:<br>Cash/<br>Cheque | Receipt<br>required?<br>(yes or no) |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
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|   |                                   |                           |              |                             |                                     |

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# April

*Bloom where you are planted*

# 2025

| SUNDAY    | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY |
|-----------|---|--|---|---------------------|---|----------|
|           |   | 1 Day 3<br><b>12:30-Reconciliation</b> | 2 Day 4   | 3 Day 5             | 4 Day 6<br><b>Alumni Volleyball Tournament</b><br><b>Lillian Osborne Handball Tourn</b>                                 | 5        |
| <b>6</b>  | 7 Day 1   | 8 Day 2                                | 9 Day 3   | 10 Day 4            | 11 Day 5  | 12       |
| <b>13</b> | 14 Day 6  | 15 Day 1                               | 16 Day 2<br><b>Sr. High Report Cards</b><br><b>Sr. Badminton SPAA</b> | 17<br>No School-PLC | 18 <b>Good Friday</b><br>No School<br> | - 19     |
| <b>20</b> | 21 <b>Easter Monday</b><br>No School<br> | 22 Day 3                               | 23 Day 4<br><b>9:00 Easter Mass</b><br><b>Sr. Badminton Zones</b>     | 24 Day 5            | 25 Day 6<br><b>Edmonton Handball Tournament</b>   | 26       |
| <b>27</b> | 28 Day 1  | 29 Day 2<br><b>Jr. Badminton SPAA</b>  | 30 Day 3<br><b>Handball Zones</b>                                     |                     |   |          |