



St Paul Regional High School

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023

School Calendar 2023-2024

- Dec 08— PLC Day
- Dec 22— Christmas Luncheon
- Dec 22— Marks Update
- Dec 25 - Jan 5— Christmas Break

- Jan 08— School Begins
- Jan 19— Last Day of Regular classes
- Jan 19— Marks Update
- Jan 22— Final Core Exams Begin
- Jan 25— Parent Council Meeting @7pm
- Jan 31— Semester 2 Begins

- Feb 02— PLC Day
- Feb 07— Last Day for Course Changes
- Feb 08— Second Semester Pictures & Sports Photos
- Feb 14— Early Dismissal @2pm
- Feb 15 & 16— Teachers' Convention
- Feb 19— Family Day
- Feb 23— Marks Update
- Feb 29— Parent Council Meeting @7pm

- Mar 01— PLC Day
- Mar 05— Grade 9 Orientation Night @6:30 pm
- Mar 6-8— Graduation Pictures
- Mar 12— Student Led Conferences 6-8pm
- Mar 21— Parent Council Meeting @7pm
- Mar 25-Apr 01— Spring Break

- Apr 02— School Begins
- Apr 04— Graduation Picture Retakes
- Apr 19— PLC Day
- Apr 25— Parent Council Meeting @7pm
- Apr 26— Marks Update

- May 14— Sports Photos
- May 16— PLC Day
- May 17— No School
- May 20— Victoria Day—No School
- May 30— School Council Meeting @7pm
- May 31— Marks Update

- Jun 13— Last Day of Regular Classes
- Jun 14— PLC Day
- Jun 17— Final Core Exams Begin
- Jun 27— PD Day
- Jun 28— Graduation

22/23 YEARBOOK

The 2022-2023 Yearbook is being re-printed due to a printing issue that was discovered late.

We apologize for the delay - but are happy that the issue will be resolved.

You will be notified when the books are ready for pick-up.

POWERSCHOOL APP

Looking for access to your students marks, attendance & more?

Log In to your PowerSchool Parent Portal today!

Visit <https://powerschool.sperd.ca/public/>

Call Erin at 780-645-4491 in the office if you are unable to log in for any reason.

Santa's Elves

Santa's Elves are once again collecting gifts for families in need. Gifts can be dropped off in the box near the front office anytime during school hours. We are most in need of baby gifts for 0-2 years old and gifts for teens 9-17 years old.

A big thank you to Tim Hortons for their smile cookie fundraiser and their customers who participated.

We are so grateful for the ongoing community support.

Spirit Days

- Fri. Dec 1 - Twin Day
- Thurs. Dec 7 - Santa Hat & Christmas Socks Day
- Fri. Dec 15 - Holiday PJ Day
- Wed. Dec 20 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Christmas Week Activities TBA



Attendance Phone

text

780 - 614 - 3731

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to contact the office to report any absences for a student.

Progress Reports

Dear parents and guardians,

At St. Paul Regional High School, we aim to provide the best educational experience for our students by partnering closely with you. That is why we are excited to share an important update regarding student report cards.

After thoughtful discussions with parents at our advisory meetings, we have decided to transition to a new monthly progress report system. This provides a more real-time view of your child’s academic performance compared to the previous model of infrequent report cards.

With monthly reports, you will gain increased visibility into current grades, allowing you to better support your students in any areas of difficulty before they become major issues. For any students at risk of failing a course,

we will proactively send progress reports home to keep you informed.

We highly encourage all parents to sign up for PowerSchool access to stay continually updated on grades and progress. If you need any assistance with PowerSchool, would prefer to receive printed or emailed monthly reports, or have any other questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our front office at 780-645-4491.

Thank you for your partnership as we implement this new system focused on student success and frequent communication. We are committed to making this a smooth transition and providing an exceptional high school experience.

Regional High School

December 2023				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1 Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/ Fries
4 Chicken Burger w/ Poutine	5 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread	6 Pulled Pork Sandwich w/ Coleslaw	7 Chicken Strip Wrap w/ Fries	8 PD Day
11 Hot Dog on a Bun w/ Fries	12 Chicken Nuggets w/ Fries	13 Nacho Supreme	14 Pizza Sub w/ Jellied Fruit Cocktail	15 Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Garlic Bread
18 Chicken Strip Wrap w/ Caesar Salad	19 Bacon Cheeseburger w/ Poutine	20 Mac & Cheese w/ Wieners	21 Burger Special w/ Fries	22 Christmas Dinner
CHRISTMAS BREAK DEC. 23 - JAN. 30				



**CHRISTMAS
LUNCH**

DEC. 22, 2022

Join your fellow Regional students and staff for Christmas lunch (no cost) .

Open to CURRENT students and staff.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



ROAR!



"In the provincial Tier IV final, the St. Paul Lions achieved a historic victory, securing their FIRST-EVER provincial title with a decisive 41-0 win over the defending champions, the Drumheller Titans, on November 25, 2023 in Red Deer, Alberta."

-Headline from the St. Paul Journal on Nov. 27, 2023

Congratulations Lions!

SAINTS Curling



Our SAINTS Curling team has been competing in the St. Paul Curling Club's Tuesday and Thursday night leagues and practicing weekly since the end of October. We are preparing and looking forward to our upcoming competitions in the new year!

- SPAA St. Paul :**
January 30/31
- NEASAA Zones**
- Lloydminster:**
February 12/13
- ASAA Provincials**
- Drayton Valley:**
February 22-24

#GOSAINTSGO

VOLLEYball

Congrats to our Senior Volleyball teams who each wrapped up their season with bronze at zones in Fort McMurray



Check out our **SCHOOL STORE** for amazing Saints Swag and UnderArmour gear. New stock arriving weekly. Makes **GREAT** Christmas gifts!

25% off Most stock all of December!

Gift Certificates are also available.

Open daily over the lunch break—located across from the cafeteria.



SPRING SKI TRIP in Jasper March 6-8 '24

Lift only - \$350 Lift & Rental - \$425

Forms will be available in the office on January 10th, 2024.

Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. This is a great trip with 2 full days of skiing at Marmot Basin....a great Christmas gift!

THANK YOU

Special Thanks to our generous 2023 Academic Award Sponsors:

A Amyotte & Son
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Chez Elle
Floral Enchantment
Grace Gardens
Greg's Value Drug Mart
Langer Welding
Lakeland Chevrolet
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Lamoureux Culham LLP

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St. Paul Family Dental Center
St. Paul Home Hardware
St. Paul Legion
St. Paul Regional High School
St. Paul Tennis Club
St. Paul Veterinary Clinic
St. Paul Visual Arts
Starbrite
Styles & Smiles by Shelby Lynn
Tannas Insurance



TD Bank
The Landing
Twisted Fork
White Cloud Mechanical
Zarowny Motors

SCHOOL FEES

School fees have been calculated and posted online. Updated fees will appear in your Parent/Student Portal.

Fees are payable online through **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.**

****See page 7 for more information****

YA BOOKS FOR VIDEO GAMERS



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This year's 2023-2024 yearbook can be **ORDERED ONLINE THROUGH LIFETOUCH**. Simply scan the code to the right. There is also a link on our school website under the 'students' tab.

BUY A BOOK

\$50.00 each



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 M, A, T, T, E, R, S.

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Digital Detox December

Disconnect from your devices to reconnect with yourself, friends, and family.

- Turn off notifications
- Put your device on "Do Not Disturb"
- Limit your time on social media

"Wherever you are, be all there" - Jim Elliot

#lestweforget

On November 8, 2023, Regional High School hosted a thoughtful tribute in honour of Remembrance Day.

Members of Central Office as well as the School Board were present as well as a number of honoured guests and members of the armed forces.





SchoolCashOnline

SCHOOL CASH

School fees will be accepted using School Cash Online in an effort to minimize traffic in our schools and increase efficiency.

School Cash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily.

The new system puts all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase. You can then choose to pay

these fees online through different methods, including credit cards, credit/debit cards and eCheck. You can also stay informed and keep track of which school fees require your attention.

You are able to register – a simple task that takes less than five minutes – by visiting :

<https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com>

(If you do not receive an email verification please check your spam folder.)

Please note: You do not need your child's student number. For security purposes St. Paul Education is not using unique student identification numbers. Please ensure "I do not have the student number" is selected when registering.

Also, upon registration you will be asked if you would like to receive notifications via email. **We strongly encourage you to say yes to this request in order to receive future notification of items available to purchase online.**

1 Create an account

2 Add students

3 Make a payment or complete a form

How to create an account

- Go to <https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com> and click **Register**. You can set a default language at the bottom of the SchoolCash Online site.
 - Type your first name, last name, and email address, and create a password.
 - Select a security question.
 - Select YES to receive email notifications. You will **not** receive any marketing emails. Selecting YES enables the system to send you notifications about school fees and items.
- SchoolCash Online will send you a registration confirmation email. If you do not receive it, check your Spam folder.
- Use your email address and password to log in.

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How to add a student to your account

- Sign in to SchoolCash Online through <https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com>.
- From the menu at the top of the page, navigate to MY ACCOUNT.
- From the dropdown menu, select My Students.
- Click to add a student.
 - Type in your School Board Name.
 - Select your school name from the list.
 - Enter student details. The system is fully secure, with [PCI certification](#).
 - Click Confirm.

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2 Add students

3 Make a payment or complete a form

How to make a payment or complete a form

- You will be able to view any available items or forms attached to your students that are set up on your account.
- Select the item which you would like to purchase/complete and click "Add to Cart."
- Once you have finished adding items to your cart, click "Continue".

You can pay or submit a form for multiple students' items in one checkout.

SPRHS

CAREER CORNER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 1: USask deadline to apply for admission to be eligible for the Best & Brightest Scholarship

Dec 7: UAlberta's "Customize your STEM degree" webinar at 5-6pm

Dec 7: UAlberta Scholarships 101 webinar at 6-7pm

Dec 19: NAIT Health Program Interview Workshop - Part 3 (Live Practice) at 1pm (also on Jan 4 @ 5pm)

Jan 31: Deadline to apply for the UAlberta Getaway experience for Grade 11 students



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dec 1: Deadline for the UCalgary Prestige Awards
- Dec 1: Deadline for the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award
- Dec 15: Deadline to apply for the USASK Best & Brightest Scholarship
- Jan 10: UAlberta entrance scholarships deadline (webinar Dec 7 @ 6-7pm)
- Feb 28: Deadline for the Don Mazankowski Scholarship

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

DIPLOMA PREP

Rock the Diploma is offering both in person (in Edmonton) diploma prep courses and online diploma prep help for grade 12 students. See attached sheets for a full schedule and pricing breakdown.

TRADES/RAP

Luc Billo, an AIT Officer, will be visiting SPRHS on December 6th to talk to our students about the opportunities with RAP and pursuing a trade. He will be presenting during block 2 in Mrs. Levasseur's room.

DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know we have partnerships with Portage College, Lakeland College and Olds College of Agriculture & Technology? Students in our division are able to take a post-secondary course and earn both high school and post-secondary credits. It's a great way to get a head start on your post-secondary and ease your way into the first year of

university. It's also a great way to try a course and see if you are interested in the subject before committing to a full program. Portage offers many university courses that students can take for FREE while in high school, but a popular one is PSYC 104 (Intro Psychology). This course starts in February so please see Mrs. Morrison for more info/forms.



ROCK THE DIPLOMA

January 2024

STUDY SMARTER FOR YOUR DIPLOMA EXAMS

Build Your Exam-Writing Confidence • Get Your Best Mark in January

Outstanding Teachers

Experienced, effective, and caring teachers make a difference!

All the Study Materials You Need

Expertly developed and laser-focused on exactly what you need to know.

More Learning Options

Study with us evenings, weekends or on-demand online!

Two Edmonton Locations:

MAIN – MacEwan University Robbins Centre 10910 104th ave nw

SOUTH – Delta Hotel South Conference Centre 4404 Gateway Blvd

www.rockthediploma.com

	Jan 6 Sat	Jan 7 Sun	Jan 12 Fri	Jan 13 Sat	Jan 14 Sun	Jan 16 Tue	Jan 17 Wed	Jan 18 Thurs	Jan 19 Fri	Jan 20 Sat	Jan 21 Sun	Jan 23 Tue	Jan 26 Fri	Jan 27 Sat	Jan 28 Sun
Social 30-1 or -2 <i>MacEwan</i>	10:00a 4:30p	10:30a 5:00p									Part B Optional Q&A 8:30a 10:30a				
Social 30-2 <i>MacEwan</i>	10:00a 4:30p	9:00a 2:30p													
ELA 30-1 or -2 <i>MacEwan</i>	9:30a 3:30p	9:30a 4:00p									Part B Optional Q&A 8:30a 10:30a				
ELA 30-2 <i>MacEwan</i>	2:00p 7:30p	9:30a 4:00p													
Math 30-1 FLEX <i>MacEwan Opt 1</i>		4:00 A 8:15p	5:15 B 9:30p	10:00a 4:30p	10:00a 4:30p		Math 30-1 Written Resp. Workshop 6:30 - 9:30p								
Math 30-1 <i>MacEw Option 2</i>		↑ the A or start either	B classes are identical, Jan 7 th or 12 th					5:15p 9:30p	5:15p 9:15p	9:00a 1:15p	9:00a 1:15p				
Math 30-2 <i>MacEwan</i>				9:30a 4:45p	9:30a 4:45p		Math Q&A 4:30 - 6:30p								
Math 30-1 <i>Delta South</i>				10:00a 4:30p	10:00a 4:30p			5:30p 9:30p							
Chemistry 30 <i>MacEwan Opt 1</i>						5:30p 9:30p		5:30p 9:30p			5:00p 8:30p	5:00p 9:30p			
Chemistry 30 <i>MacEw Option 2</i>								5:45p 9:30p	1:30p 7:30p	1:30p 7:30p					
Biology 30 <i>MacEwan</i>								5:30p 9:30p	10:45p 4:45p	10:45p 4:45p			Chemistry, Biology, and Physics courses include additional drop-in Q&As – visit our website for details		
Biology 30 <i>Delta South</i>								4:45p 9:30p	4:15p 9:30p	4:15p 9:30p					
Chemistry 30 <i>Delta South</i>									9:00a 4:00p	9:00a 4:00p					
Physics 30 <i>MacEwan</i>													4:00p 9:00p	9:30a 4:00p	9:30a 1:45p
Science 30 <i>MacEwan</i>														10:00a 4:30p	2:00p 8:30p

RTD courses are delivered by outstanding teachers, including those with backgrounds in curriculum and exam design, diploma exam marking and textbook writing.



RTD prep courses are also offered online – and you can start anytime. Visit our website for more information.

Diploma Prep Course Fees

*Early Bird Pricing:

\$119 For your first course

\$99 Each additional course



- You'll Receive:
- 13 to 17 hours of instruction over two to four classes, plus additional drop-in Q&As for individualized teacher help.
 - Detailed Study Guides, Exam-Style Practice Exams, and online resources.
 - Flexible Access to all classes** Attend any class for your course at any schedule option, including at SAIT, or access instruction online. Perfect solution if you can't make it to every class.

*Register before December 1st, 2023. After Dec 1st courses are \$129 each

Math 30-1 ADDED EDGE Workshops: Online



- Written Response \$35 each (\$89 for all three)
 - Trigonometry
 - Perms and Combs
- Courses accessed on-demand – start anytime

Built from our Math 30-1 EDGE Courses – ADDED EDGE Workshops use separate materials from our diploma prep courses to really get in-depth!

In-Person Written Response Workshop: \$45 (print materials provided)

January 17th at MacEwan, 6:30 – 9:30pm Practice your skills and learn the ins and outs of approaching any written response question!

Take your next mathematics, physics, or coding course with us and receive your high school credits - at no cost!



RTD MATH ACADEMY
Accredited Online School

Flexible schedule built for every student
Start (and finish) anytime

Learn at a new provincially accredited online high school, distinct from Rock the Diploma but sharing the same philosophy that students learn best when the teachers are highly skilled and caring, and the learning materials exceptional. No cost for most students.

Register Online or Call: 780-328-0955 or 1-888-665-8803

rockthediploma.com



RTD EXAM PREP

November 2023 / January 2024

ONLINE Diploma Prep

STUDY SMARTER FOR YOUR DIPLOMA EXAMS

Rock the Diploma (RTD) is Alberta's most reputable prep team, and we've been delivering online diploma prep since 2011. Find out why students rave about our online learning experience.

Outstanding Instruction

Experienced and caring teachers make a difference! RTD instructors know how to get the best of students.

Exceptional Learning Content

What you study matters! Our materials are laser-focused on the curriculum and provide all the clearly laid out **notes** and **practice questions** you'll need.



Fee Per Course: **\$79**

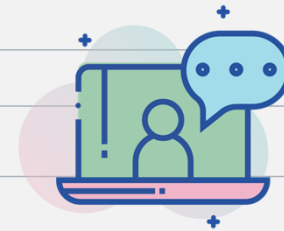


You'll Receive:

- 1 Comprehensive **Learning Materials** (Course Study Guide and Practice Exams)
- 2 Access to all on-demand **Instructional Videos**
Videos are fully aligned to student learning materials and are designed to provide the same learning experience as attending our in-person classes.
- 3 An Instructor-lead Q&A in January 2024
Students will be able to ask questions directly to their instructors and communicate with other students. (This is optional – the entire review courses is accessible on-demand)

Live Diploma Prep Schedule Online instruction is accessed through on-demand e-learning and videos, along with the scheduled supports listed below

English 30-1	Q&A Monday, January 8 th from 6:45pm – 9:30pm	Q&A blocks will be extended based on student need
English 30-2	Q&A Monday, January 8 th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm	
Social 30-1	Q&A Tuesday, January 9 th from 6:45pm – 9:30pm	<i>Focus is on approaching the written response section of the exam</i>
Social 30-2	Q&A Tuesday, January 9 th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm	<i>Focus is on approaching the written response section of the exam</i>
Math 30-1	Q&A Friday, January 19 th from 6:00pm – 9:30pm	
Math 30-2	Q&A Friday, January 19 th from 6:30pm – 9:30pm	
Biology 30	Q&A Monday, January 22 nd from 6:00pm – 9:00pm	
Chemistry 30	Q&A Tuesday, January 23 rd from 6:00pm – 9:00pm	
Physics 30	Q&A Saturday, January 27 th , from 12:00pm – 2:30pm	
Science 30	Q&A Sunday, January 28 th from 11:30am – 1:00pm	



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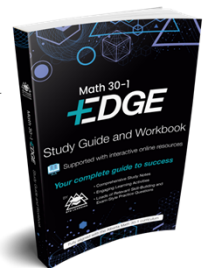
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Taking Math 30-1 or 31?

Build deeper understanding and boost your marks with the Math 30-1 / 31 **EDGE** complete programs. math30-1edge.com <includes Math 31



- Superb study guide
- Guided e-learning
- Tons of online practice with video solutions



Register Online or Call: **403-774-7431** or **1-888-665-8803** rockthediploma.com / math30-1edge.com

November 8, 2023

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



St. Paul Education

Community Consultations

As part of its strategic plan and evaluation, the Board indicated its desire to hold community consultations. The intent is to promote engagement and gather feedback from parents and community stakeholders on educational issues. This initiative will be done in consultation with Division leadership. The Board approved a motion to create a community consultation committee that will be a committee of the whole.

ATA Agreement:

The Board and teachers have ratified local terms for a new collective agreement.

2024-25 School Calendar

The Division is in the early stages of creating the 2024-25 learning calendar. Planning will follow a similar process as last year and incorporate feedback from staff, parents and other community stakeholders.

SchoolMessenger

We are in the early stages of phase one of SchoolMessenger implementation across the Division. This communication tool will allow schools to send notifications to families via phone, text and email. Parents have been invited to opt-in or out of receiving text messages. Phase two of SchoolMessenger implementation will include activating the attendance reporting feature, Safe Arrival, and is expected to begin early in 2024.

2022 Scholarship Program

A video will soon be released recognizing our Local Scholarship Recipients for our division-wide scholarship program. We recognize the hard work and accomplishments of our students and would also like to thank all of our local scholarship sponsors for supporting our students.

Local Authorities Election Act Review

Alberta's government is seeking input from the public and stakeholders on the Local Authorities Elections Act which governs school trustee and municipal elections. A public survey is open until December 6 and will help inform potential changes. Additional information and the link to complete the surveys is available [here](#).

Financial Report

The transition to a new insurance provider has been finalized with the new policy year starting November 1. The Division is pleased to report that the premiums have gone down significantly and will result in a positive budget adjustment of \$350,000.

The Province announced additional Learning Disruption grant funding which is intended to provide targeted programming in literacy and numeracy for the remainder of this school year. The Division will be receiving \$64,125.

The Board will review the year-end audit on November 23, 2023. Two public members are still being sought for the audit committee.

Myrnam Community Library

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) has served notice that they will cease operating the municipal library located in New Myrnam School effective December 22, 2023. The Board is hopeful that community and municipal stakeholders can find a solution to keep the program in operation.

Minister of Education Visit

SPERD representatives had an opportunity to meet with Minister Demetrios Nicolaides on October 12.

For more information, contact:

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Superintendent of Schools

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Learning Together, Growing Together