



St Paul Regional High School

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

School Calendar 2024-2025

- **Nov 01**— Academic Awards 9am & Virtual
- **Nov 11**— No School in lieu of Remembrance Day
- **Nov 11 - 15** — Fall Break (No School)
- **Nov 25**— Sports Pictures (Golf, Volleyball, Cheer)
- **Nov 28**— Parent Advisory Meeting @7pm
- **Nov 29**— Marks Update

- **Dec 19**— Marks Update
- **Dec 20**— Christmas Luncheon / Dismiss @2 pm
- **Dec 23 - Jan 03**— Christmas Break

- **Jan 06**— School Begins
- **Jan 17**— Last Day of Regular classes
- **Jan 17**— Marks Update
- **Jan 20**— Final Core Exams Begin
- **Jan 28**— Semester Two(2) Begins
- **Jan 30**— Parent Advisory Meeting @7pm
- **Jan 31**— PLC Day (No School)

- **Feb 06**— Second Semester Pictures & Sports Photos
- **Feb 07**— Last Day for Course Changes
- **Feb 12**— Early Dismissal @2pm
- **Feb 13 & 14**— Teachers' Convention
- **Feb 17**— Family Day
- **Feb 18**— PLC Day (No School)
- **Feb 27**— Parent Advisory Meeting @7pm
- **Feb 28**— Marks Update

- **Mar 04**— Grade 9 Orientation Night @6:30 pm
- **Mar 5 - 7**— Graduation Pictures
- **Mar 10**— PLC Day (No School)
- **Mar 11 - 14**— Student Progress Meetings (Phone Appts)
- **Mar 20**— Parent Advisory Meeting @7pm
- **Mar 21**— Marks Update
- **Mar 24 - 28**— Spring Break

- **Apr 03**— Graduation Picture Retakes
- **Apr 17**— PLC Day (No School)
- **Apr 18**— Good Friday (No School)
- **Apr 21**— Easter Monday (No School)
- **Apr 24**— Parent Advisory Meeting @7pm
- **Apr 25**— Marks Update

- **May 14**— Sports Photos
- **May 15**— PLC Day (No School)
- **May 16**— No School
- **May 19**— Victoria Day—No School
- **May 29**— Parent Advisory Meeting @7pm
- **May 30**— Marks Update

- **Jun 27**— Graduation
- **Jun 15**—Final Core Exams Begin
- **Jun 24**— Graduation
- **Jun 28**— PD Day

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Are you using it?

Thank you to all parents/guardians for your patience as we roll out our automated attendance system. We know there have been some kinks which we are actively working on. We have noticed a number of our families still not using the app to it's full potential. It is meant to make life easier - not harder.



1. **Download** the correct app: **SchoolMessenger**
2. **Make an account** using the email address you have on file at the school. Your students will automatically link.
3. **SET YOUR PREFERENCES:**
Bottom right 'My Profile' > Preferences > 'St Paul Education' from the dropdown menu.
 - From here you can see which contact methods are available, and **choose how you will be notified**. For example, you can set a work number as 'Do Not Call', while your cell phone can be set to call or text for various types of communications.

Now you're set!

1. **Report absences in advance** by clicking 'attendance' in the bottom center of the main screen.
2. **Forgot to report?** If you get a text/phone call/email, follow the prompts to report whether you are aware of the absence.
3. **Encourage your students not to be late.**
Notifications go out automatically after 15 minutes of class.

This app also **allows us to send text/email notifications about upcoming important dates, emergencies, and other communications.** Please **DO NOT block the number** or you risk missing important information!



Attendance
Safe Arrival App or call
1-844-502-5088

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

NOVEMBER 2024				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1 Bacon Cheeseburger w/ Fries
4 Mac & Cheese w/ Hotdogs	5 Taco in a Bag	6 Belgian Waffles w/Strawberries & Cream	7 Hot Dog w/ Curly Fries	8 Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Garlic Stick
11 FALL BREAK	12 FALL BREAK	13 FALL BREAK	14 FALL BREAK	15 FALL BREAK
18 Chicken Nuggets w/ Wedges	19 Nacho Supreme	20 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce	21 Ginger Beef, Rice & Veggies	22 Grilled Ham & Cheese w/ Fries
25 Chicken Strips (3) & Fries	26 Taco Salad	27 Pizza Sub w/ Wedges	28 Perogies w/ Sour Cream & Sausage	29 Chicken Bacon Cheeseburger w/ Fries

**FALL
BREAK**

No school

Nov. 11 - 15

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 6 for more information

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



CROSS COUNTRY

Oct 19 - Provincials in Grande Prairie
(Won the 3A Provincial Cross Country Championship)

#GOSAINTSGO

VOLLEYBALL

JV VOLLEYBALL

Nov 6: SPAA Finals in St. Paul

SR. VOLLEYBALL

Nov 1 & 2: Camrose Tournament

Nov 15 & 16: Zones in Lac La Biche



BASKETBALL

Basketball will be starting up at the end of November. Details TBA.

Dec 6 & 7: Saints home basketball Tournament

Dec 13 & 14: Olds Basketball Tournament

Jan 10 & 11: Lloyd Basketball Tournament

Jan 31 & Feb 1: Ardrossan Basketball Tournament

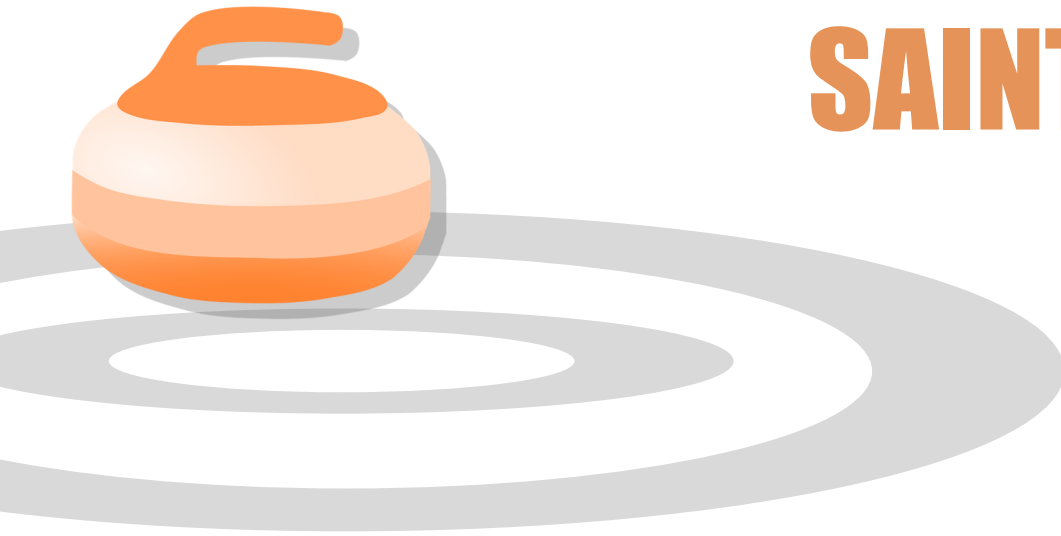
February 21 & 22: Stettler Basketball Tournament (TBD)

Mar 14 & 15: Basketball zones in Lloydminster

Basketball Alumni Fundraiser:

Dec 18/24 in the Regional Gym - Details to be released soon.





SAINTS Curling

Curling has officially Started!!
 Practice: Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00
 League: Tuesday 7:30 - 9:30 and
 Thursday 7:30 - 9:30
 League schedule to be released soon!

CHEERTEAM

Sideline Cheerleading is in full swing! We are excited to be performing at the home football games this year. Go Lions!

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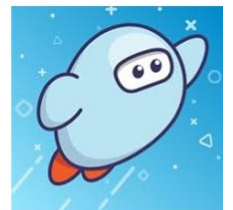
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 Division No1

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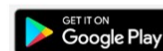
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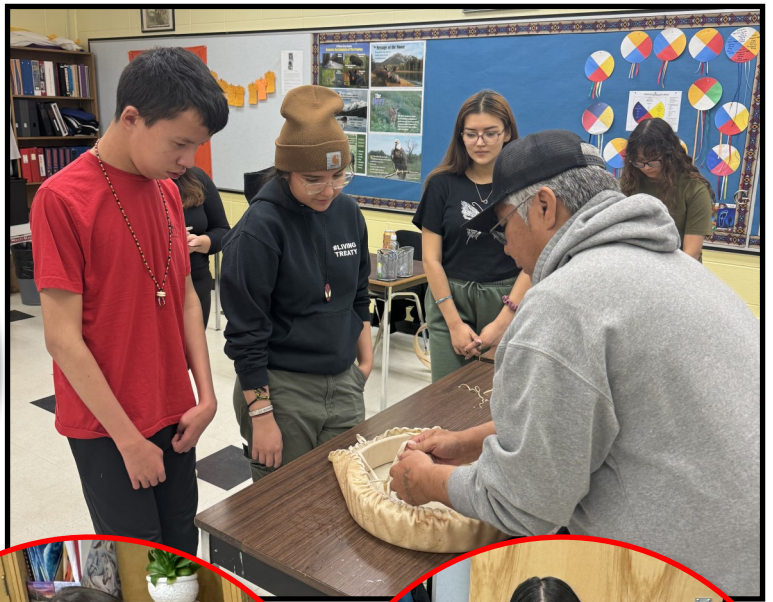
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Overdrive App



DRUM MAKING

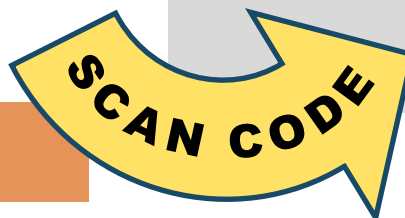


YEARBOOK

This year's 2024-2025 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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Spending time in nature can benefit both your mental and physical wellbeing.

- Improve your mood
- Reduce feelings of stress
- Help you to feel more relaxed

Halloween Fun





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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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

Nov 1: MacEwan U Residence applications open

Nov 2: MacEwan University Open House @ 10am - 3pm

Nov 5: Augustana 101 webinar @ 6pm, as well as a UAlberta Scholarships webinar @ 6pm

Nov 5: UCalgary Faculty of Kinesiology Info Night @ 6pm

Nov 5: NAIT - Bachelor of Technology in Management info session @ 6pm

Nov 13: Deadline to apply for the TD Scholarships for Community Leadership

Nov 13: UCalgary Faculty of Vet Medicine Info Night @ 6pm

Nov 14: Campus Day @ Concordia

Nov 18: UCalgary Architecture Info Night @ 6pm

Nov 27: UAlberta 101 webinar @ 5pm



Full listing of upcoming events can be found on our school website at

<https://www.sprhs.ca/students/career-counselling/career-events-calendar>

POST-SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Mrs. Morrison is available to help students with applying to post-secondary. If you are applying to a post-secondary institution in Alberta, you can apply online through the ApplyAlberta website. If you are thinking of going out of province or out of country, please talk to Mrs. Morrison, as your application process will be different. Also keep in mind that University of Alberta has entrance scholarship applications due January 10th and UCalgary as well on December 1st. USask also has a Best & Brightest Scholarship due Dec 15. Applying early will give you access to these applications.



SCHOLARSHIPS 101

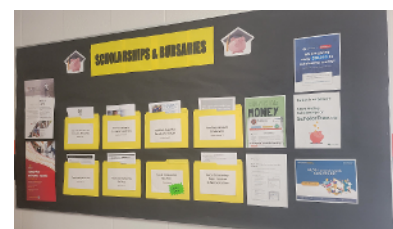
Did you know the difference between a scholarship, a bursary and a loan? Where do you look for scholarships? These are some common questions that we hear from students and so we decided to add more resources and information to our school website at www.sprhs.ca/students/scholarships to download and view.

AFTER YOU APPLY

After you submit your application, it's very important to check your emails regularly as well as the mail. You typically will get an email shortly after you apply stating your student ID number and instructions on how to access your student portal with that school. Please read the whole email carefully as they will outline your next steps to securing your offer of admission or of further evaluating your application. It's VERY important to be checking the student portal every week and if you are able to, your college email address.



Also grade 12's make sure you check out the Scholarship bulletin board across from Mrs. Ranger's classroom.



CAREER EVENTS @ SPRHS



We will be hosting an Augustana Campus 101 virtual presentation in room 220 during TEAM XV on November 20th. Come to learn more about taking University of Alberta courses at a smaller campus in Camrose.



On November 27th, we are hosting a Scholarship 101 presentation during TEAM XV in room 220.

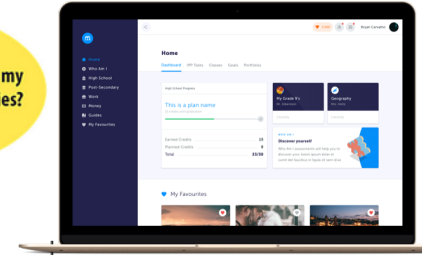
This is geared to our grade 12 students but anyone is welcome.



Thank you to everyone who attended our Lakeland College Open House field trip. We had a great group of students who took part in a campus tour, try a trade, and even played bingo to win a FREE Lakeland College Tshirt!



myBlueprint



myBlueprint.ca includes many beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through their education including:

- **Who Am I** – Complete 5 assessments to learn and discover more about yourself, including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, and Motivations
- **High School** – Visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all destinations
- **Post-Secondary** – Explore post-secondary options and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs, and workplace sectors across Canada
- **Goals** – Set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans to help achieve them
- **Occupations** – Explore occupations and compare comprehensive information on job outlooks, salary ranges, and more, including the ability to identify occupations that are a good match
- **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Record personal experiences, build resumes, and write cover letters
- **Money** – Build a budget to learn about income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- **Job Search** – Explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- **Portfolios** – Document and reflect on learning, keep record of important learning, and share your progress with parents or teachers

*** Grade 10 & 11's please see Mrs. Kotowich-Dubrulle for help navigating

STAY CONNECTED WITH EMAIL

We are communicating important events, deadlines, and information with students through their school emails. Please regularly check your emails throughout the year, so you don't miss anything.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, students and staff across the Division participated in learning activities focused on the history of residential schools and the ongoing journey of reconciliation. Special guests were invited to share their stories, songs, and wisdom, enriching the experience for all. The Division remains committed to fostering understanding, healing, and reconciliation with our Indigenous communities.

Post-Secondary Night

The annual Post-Secondary Night was successfully held on October 8, 2024, with 19 post-secondary institutions from across Alberta in attendance, along with representatives from the RCMP and Canadian Armed Forces. Students and families had the opportunity to explore various schools, ask questions, and gather valuable information on admissions, programs, and student life. The event was well-attended and provided a great platform for exploring post-secondary options.

Dual Credit Grant

The Division is pleased to announce that it has successfully received two Dual Credit grants from Alberta Education. These grants will allow high school students to take post-secondary courses in the trades while still completing their high school diploma. Students can earn high school and post-secondary credits simultaneously, explore various career fields, and reduce education costs. Through this new grant program, students will have the opportunity to complete their first year of post-secondary training in a trade while still in high school.

Racette Crosswalk and Bus Lane

The Board of Trustees made a motion to address ongoing traffic congestion concerns near École Racette School, which is located at a busy intersection along a major highway. Recommendations from the transportation department will be reviewed, and the Board will explore the feasibility of implementing additional safety measures.



Mallaig Planning Update

As part of the School Construction Accelerator Program, the replacement of École Mallaig School has been approved and design work is now underway. The Division is working closely with the Government of Alberta to expedite the completion of this project.



Student Enrolment

There has been a slight increase in student enrolment across the Division. While the financial impact of this growth is still being assessed, it is a positive indicator for the Division. Further details regarding the financial implications will be shared as they become available.

November Board Meeting Date

The fall break is scheduled for November 12–18, 2024. The November monthly Board meeting will remain as scheduled on November 13, 2024.

Technology Update Presentation

A delegation from St. Paul Regional High School presented feedback on the transition to a new technology system in classrooms. Large TVs have replaced Smartboards, offering improved visibility and sound quality. The mobile microphone and computer systems have been beneficial as they allow teachers greater flexibility to move around the classroom. The Division thanks staff for their efforts in learning to navigate these new devices for the benefit of their students.

The delegation also provided feedback on the ministerial order *Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools*, which took effect in September. Overall, students are adapting well. A group made up of trustees, school leaders, and central office representatives is working on a draft administrative procedure, which will be shared for review. The final version will be completed by January 2025.

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