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PROMOTING CHOICE IN EDUCATION

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March

Important Dates

March

1 - PLC Day (No School)

22 - Elementary Report Cards Go Home

25-29 - Spring Break (No School)

29 - Stille Freitag (Good Friday)

April

1 - Easter Monday

2 - Ostern (Easter)

15 - ELAA Post Secondary Event 9-10:30 am

18 - Jr./Sr. High Report Cards go home

19 - PLC Day (No School)

25 - Showcase

30 - Try a Trade - Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds 9:00 - 2:30

Stay up to date

with information:

Website:

www.newmyrnamschool.ca

Facebook:

New Myrnam School SPERD

instagram:

newmyrnam





Principal's Message

Thank you to all parents who completed the AEA Survey in January/February. This information will help guide the discussion and work around out Education Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

The 2024-2025 calendar has been approved by the board. It can be found on the St. Paul Education website and later in

this newsletter. Please note some changes to days off for students, particularly around a new fall break in November.

Following in the footsteps of the grade 7/8 students earning free tickets to an Edmonton Oil Kings game in January, the grade 5/6 class also read all required minutes to put their class into a draw for free tickets. They were lucky winners and on March 2 had the opportunity to attend a game. Congratulations and great reading to Ms. Bennings class!

The lovely student pictured with me above is Cassie O'Reilly. Cassie (a grade 10 student) has wanted the school to host a dance for 2 years. With a date of March 22 set, I am hoping families are able to attend. Please RSVP with Cassie via email at oreicass@students.sperd.ca. NMS students and families will not be turned away, but guests from outside our school family need to ensure they RSVP and are on the guest list. Please remember this is intended to be a family event so parents please come in with your kids. There will be great music and a concession available for purchase of sweet treats. Thank you, Cassie, for doing the legwork to get this off the ground.

Do you want to keep up to date with what's going on at the school between newsletters? Check out our website at newmyrnamschool.ca. We update the main page regularly with upcoming events and opportunities for students and parents. Our Facebook page has a Week at a Glance pinned to the top of the page each week by the wonderful Ms. Neufeld to help keep your family in the loop of what's going on at the school. Also, find the school on Instagram where you'll see fun pictures and videos of our students engaging in their learning.

There is so much going on at the school and so many opportunities for students to be engaged in their learning. I want to take a moment to express how grateful I am to lead a team of exceptional teachers and support staff including educational assistants, a librarian, custodians, FSLW, bus drivers and office staff. Our team is strong and we are all moving forward together. Each individual working in the school has the student's best interests at the heart of all decisions and conversations. Thank you for your commitment to learning and growing alongside the students.

Concession Menu

Grilled Cheese (with Vegetables or Pickle) \$2.50 Crackers, Cheese, Sausage and Pickle Plate \$3.00 Mini Sub (Pizza or Hoagie) \$3.50

Pizza Pop \$1.00

Taco in a Bag \$6.00

Mr. Noodle (Chicken/Beef/Spicy) \$2.00

Hot and Spicy Noodle Bowl \$3.00

Boiled Egg \$0.50

Water \$2.00

Juice Box \$1.00

Gatorade/Powerade \$2.50

Iced Tea \$2.50

Sparkling Ice Drink \$2.50

Italian Ice \$2.00

Veggie Straws \$1.00

White Cheddar Popcorn \$2.00

Assorted Trail Mix \$2.00

Almonds \$2.00

Breadsticks & Nutella \$2.00

Ritz \$1.00

Made Good Cookies \$0.75

Twizzlers \$3.00

Corn Nuts \$2.00

Gum \$1.00

Coding Continued - Grade 1/2



The grade ones and twos are expanding and developing their coding skills in science class. We learned how to use a coding robot named Botley, and how to program him to move in different directions and distances. After experimenting with him for a few classes, Mrs. G set up a challenge for the students; build a real-life maze in the classroom and program Botley to navigate through it! The students each took turns adding to his code, trying it out, and the next student would fix or change the code if he ran into a wall or turned the wrong direction. It took a lot of patience and a lot of work, but the students were able to complete the elaborate coding program all by themselves! Our second coding challenge was to get our Code-a-pillar from our classroom to the office or library. Students worked in teams, and each took a turn programming the Code-a-pillar to go as far as he could, then the next student in the group would program him to continue from there. The students were very excited when Code-a-Pillar made it to the library or to Mrs.T's office! He even had a little adventure trying to get around her office chair!!!



Mukluk 2024!



Pink Shirt Day



Barons Athletics - Curling



Senior High Curling

The NMS senior mixed curling team had a great showing at SPAA and Zones this year. The team, made up of skip - Caitlin Clyke, third - Noah Jacula, second - Cassie O'Reilly, lead - Trystn Sakowsky, and alternate -RaeBecca Pashulka. This team was coached by community member, Rick Mackenzie. Rick kept the team relaxed and focused through tough SPAA games vs. Regional High School and Two Hills School at the St. Paul Curling Club January 31 and February 1. In the end, they came away with second place, losing to Regional and beating out Two Hills. The top two teams in our mixed category advanced to zones hosted by Kitscoty High School at the **Lloydminster Curling Club February 12 and** 13. After two days of intense competition, Myrnam walked away with the silver medal, losing to Holy Rosary High School in the final. The highlight of the two days had to be the sheer number of triple take-outs successfully executed by third Noah Jacula. Check out one of those shots recorded and posted to our Instagram account. Congratulations to the team!



Junior High Curling

The NMS junior high curling team was composed of skip - Harper Matthews, third - Mason Phillips, second -Faith Cribb - Martinez, and lead -Briggs Matthews. Their coach was parent and community member, Jessica Clyke. This crew competed in SPAA at the St. Paul Curling Club January 31 and February 1. The team had a huge amount of growth from the first practice to competition. They learned delivery and sweeping skills, how to communicate between sweepers and the person in the house, and they learned how to pick themselves up after a bad end. They competed hard right until the end of each game. We are so proud of their performance and attitude. Great work, Barons!

Save the Date

Date, Time

Monday, April 15

9 - 10:30 am





Announcements

NMS is so grateful to be supported by incredible community members who have reached out to support the school financially. Whether it is our nutrition program or project based programming, we are appreciative of the support. For information on charitable donations to St. Paul Education schools, please see the St. Paul Education website.

https://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca/about-us/charitable-donations

SAVE

GRADE 10 ORIENTATION

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

2024

THE

DATE

Career Counsellor Dates

March - 6, 15, 22



On the second Friday of each month the Village of Myrnam will host a community movie night in the school gymnasium. Doors will open at 6:30 and the movie will start at 7:00.

Concession provided by different groups each month



MYRNAM SCHOOL GYM

FREE ADMISSION

WE PRESENT TO YOU

DANCE

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEX

COME DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH

FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

CONCESSION PLEASE RSVP BY EMAILING

COREICASS@STUDENTS.SPERD.CA) ALONG

AVAILABLE

WITH ANY QUESTIONS

MARCH 22, 2024

8:00 P.M-12:00 A.M

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule

Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT's) are scheduled for May and June 2024. PAT's are required to be written by grade 6 and 9 students and are written in person at the school. There is more information from Alberta Education about the grade 6 and grade 9 PAT's in the QR Codes. Exam dates are provided for each grade below.



Grade 6 QR Code Grade 9

QR Code



Grade 6	
May 15	ELA & Literature Part A
June 12	ELA & Literature Part B
June 13	Math Part A
June 19	Social Studies
June 20	Math Part B
Grade 9	
May 13	ELA & Literature Part A
June 12	ELA & Literature Part B
June 13	Math Part A
June 18	Math Part B
June 19	Social Studies
June 20	Science

Links Page

St Paul Education Charitable Donations

https://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca/about-us/charitable-donations

New Myrnam School Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/newmyrnamschoolsperd?fref=nf

Power School

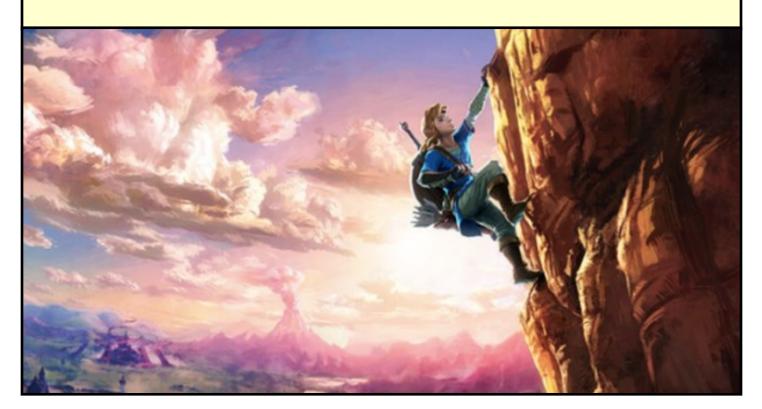
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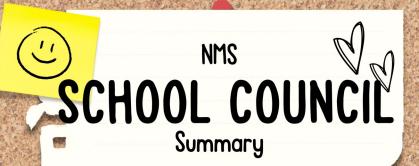
Our Project Videos/Articles

https://www.newmyrnamschool.ca/project-s-videos

School Cash Online

https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com/







The <u>Alberta Emerald Award</u> documentary and <u>This is AMA</u> video are live!

The school board approved the <u>2024-</u> 2025 school calednar.

Kindergarten
registration will open
soon for kids born in
2019. Are parents
interested in full time
kindergarten? Let us
know by contacting the
school.

NMS receied the Doug Yeo Youth in Action Award.

Please complete
the <u>AEA survey</u>
mailed to parents
in January. The
survey is open
until March 1.

Community Partners

Myrnam Play development is looking for a Level 3 Early
Childhood Education individual to start up a day care run
out of CTEC. Contact the school for details.
Welcome to our newly formed Community Library board.

Investing in PBL

Due to the generous donations from community groups like the Myrnam Royal Purple and disbanded Elks, NMS has purchased a laser cutter from Thunder Laser Canada. This investment in project based programming at NMS will increase opportunities for students to build skills to make them competitive in the workforce.



Saturday, April 13, 2024 9am - 4pm Registration: 8:30am

Two Hills ALC will be partnering with Two Hills FCSS to run a one-day workshop on strengthening our volunteer community. The daily activities will be followed by the FCSS volunteer appreciation banquet.

Topics:

CTEC Building 9 5105-50 Street Myrnam, Alberta TOB 3KO

Board Masterclass

This session will delve into the essential pillars of effective board governance, understanding roles, responsibilities, fiduciary duties, and ethical decision making.

Volunteer Engagement

Learn creative strategies to attract a diverse and engaged volunteer base, recognition, retention strategies, learn about volunteer onboarding, training, and screening, ensuring your volunteers are well-equipped for impactful contributions.

Events & Fundraising

Unlock the secrets to successful event planning and fundraising, the workshop also provides practical insights into Logistics and Execution Excellence, incorporating new and creative methods for budgeting, resource allocation, and event promotion.

Grant Writing 101

This session will empower you with the essential skills to craft compelling grant proposals, crack the code of strong grant writing, and navigate the often-complex world of grant applications. Walk away armed with the tools and knowledge needed to secure grants and build lasting relationships with your grantors.

Drafting and Revising Bylaws

Uncover the mysteries of Bylaw writing; why they are needed and how to write bylaws that are meaningful to your organization.

Financial Management

In this session we will look at the power and importance of a Financial Report. What your responsibilities as a Board Member are when it comes to financial accountability, how to read Financial Statement & what to look for in your statements and how to ask questions about a statement.



Facilitated By:

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Register by

Calling: 780-208-3754 Emailing: info@twohillsalc.com Visiting Our Website: www.twohillsalc.com

















Youth Taxes 101

An introduction to **income tax**

basics for youth and young adults aged 15 to 24

WHEN:

March 19 @ 6-7 PM

WHERE:

Virtual Online Event





For more information or to register,

3 780-842-2555

✓ Communitv@wainfcs.ca





HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



SEND TO SCHOOL

- A runny nose or just a little cough but no other symptoms.
- Sore throat but no other symptoms.
- No fever in the past 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
- No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.



KEEP AT HOME

- Fever higher than 100.4 degrees F (38 degrees C).
- Sore throat, with other symptoms such as a persistent cough.
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Eyes are pink and crusty.
- Has been exposed to an illness where isolation is recommended.









SchoolMessenger Mass Notifications System Information for Parents

What is SchoolMessenger?

SchoolMessenger is a mass notification system used to deliver information to families. These mass notifications are referred to as 'Broadcasts' due to SchoolMessenger's capability to simultaneously send messages to a vast number of destinations. Available broadcast destinations include phone, email, and SMS text.

Message recipients' contact data for parents comes from the PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS) database. This data is updated every evening so that any changes to phone numbers, emails and contact preferences will be current on every broadcast.

During phase one of implementation, the Division will begin using SchoolMessenger to communicate information to parents and guardians about safety alerts and school closures. Schools may also use this tool to share newsletters and information about special events and activities. Phase two, which includes activating the attendance reporting feature 'Safe Arrival', is expected to begin in early 2024.

Phone Messages



- Phone calls will be reserved for emergencies such as safety alerts or early dismissal due to inclement weather.
- Phone calls will be sent as an automated message (computerized or human voice) and will come from the school phone number.
- In addition to a phone call, text and email messages will also be sent in emergency situations.

Email Messages



 School newsletters and information about fundraising, hot lunch programs and other school activities will be shared via email.

Additional Information

- Existing school-to-home communication tools currently used by classroom teachers (e.g. Seesaw, ClassDojo) may still be utilized.
- Schools will have flexibility in how they use SchoolMessenger. Stay tuned to your schools website and social media to learn more about how this new tool will be used at your child's school.
- All messages can also be viewed on the SchoolMessenger app. Parents are not required to download the app at this time, however, the Division will be asking all families to download the app when we move forward with the SchoolMessenger attendance reporting feature 'Safe Arrival'.
- Parents have the option to request that additional contacts, such as a child care provider, receive text and email messages from their child's school. Please call the school to make this request or if you have any questions about SchoolMessenger.

Text Messages



- In addition to being used for emergencies, your school may also use text messages to communicate important information regarding sports and other after-school activities, field trip delays, etc.
- Under federal law originally designed to protect consumers from telemarketers, we have to get your permission to send messages to a mobile phone by SMS text. It is also just a good idea so that we're sure that message is going to the right phone number for the right person. Therefore, to receive texts you will need to opt-in.
- On **October 18, 2023** an opt-in invitation text to participate in this free service* will be sent to mobile phone numbers of all primary contacts uploaded from our Student Information System (SIS). Recipients have to reply 'Y' or 'Yes' to the invitation text message to 'opt-in'.



 If you did not receive the invitation text message or want to ensure you are registered, you can simply send a text message as follows:

To Opt-In: Text 'Y' or 'Yes' to our short code number (978338)

*Standard Message and Data rates apply

 You can also opt out of these messages any time by simply replying to one of our messages with 'Stop'.



BUS STATUS



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St. Paul Education is pleased to offer a new bus notification system commencing in the 2023-24 school year!

choose your preferences to stay updated. Download the Bus Status 4 App and



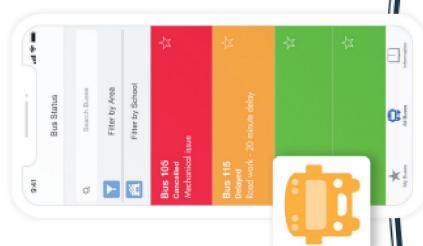


Android

os (Apple)

Access the full instructional document at https://bit.ly/47AAkkq.

Please note that the Bus Status App is replacing the Alertus App used in the past.



St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2023-2024

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						June 26	Last day of classes
						June 27	PLC Day

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) - August 31 and February 2, mornings

Calendar Approved: February 8, 2023

Diploma Exam Schedule 2023-24 - October 26, 27, 30, 31 November 2, 3, 6-8 January 10-12, 19, 22-26, 29, 30 April 4, 5, 8-12, 15, 16 June 11-14, 17-20, 24-26 Provincial Achievement Test Schedule 2023-2024 - In draft format as per Alberta Education

St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2024-2025

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St. Paul Education

Important Dates		Days of School Operation	Operation			
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September 2	Labour Day	=	Instructional	Staff Only	Instructional	Staff Only
September 3	First day of school	August	0	n	0	က
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day	September	20	0	20	0
October 10	Catholic Education Formation	October	21	7	20	2
	(SPECS, Racette, Mallaig only)	November	16	0	16	0
October 11	PLC Day	December	15	0	15	0
October 14	Thanksgiving	January	16	0	16	0
November 11	Remembrance Day	Semester 1	88	4	87	2
November 12-15	Fall Break	January	က	1	m	1
December 20	Early Dismissal	February	16	က	16	က
Dec 23 - Jan 3	Christmas Break	March	15	1	15	1
January 28	First day of second semester	April	19	1	19	1
January 31	PLC Day	Мау	19	1	19	1
February 12	Early Dismissal	June	17	2	17	2
February 13-14	Teachers' Convention	Semester 2	89	6	89	6
February 17	Family Day		Pu	Public Schools		Catholic Schools
February 18	PLC Day	Total Instructional Days		177		176
March 10	PLC Day	Total Staff Only Days		13		14
March 24 - 28	Spring Break	Total Operational Days		190	1	190
April 17	PLC Day	Instructional Hours - Public Schools	ours - Public	Schools		
April 18	Good Friday		Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year	
April 21	Easter Monday	Elem/Jr High	177	322	950	
May 15	PLC Day	High School	177	339	1000	
May 16	Schools Closed	Instructional Hours - Catholic Schools	ours - Catholi	c Schools		
May 19	Victoria Day		Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year	
June 9	PLC Day	Elem/Jr High	176	324	950	
June 21	National Indigenous	High School	176	341	1000	
	People's Day					
June 25	Last day of classes					
June 26	PLC Day					

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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

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		2	6	16	23	30
	Saturday					
	Friday	PLC Day (No School)	8 Day 5 (K Day)	15 Day 4	22 Elementary Report Cards go Home Day 3 (K Day)	29
*	Thursday		7 Day 4	14 Day 3 (K Day)	21 Day 2	²⁸ u April 3rd!
March 🤌	Wednesday		6 Day 3 (K Day)	13 Day 2	20 Day 1 (K Day)	ak! See you
%	Tuesday		5 Day 2	12 Day 1 (K Day)	19 Day 6	Spring Break! See you April 3rd!
	Monday		4 Day 1 (K Day)	11 Day 6	18 Day 5 (K Day)	25
	Sunday		Е	10	17	24

			April			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	9	9
	Easter Monday	Ostern (Easter)				
		Day 4	Day 5 (K Day)	Day 6	Day 1 (K Day)	
7	8	6	10	11	12	13
	Day 2	Day 3 (K Day)	Day 4	Day 5 (K Day)	Day 6	
14	L	16	11	18	19	20
	ELAA Post Secondary Event				PI C Dav	
					(No School)	
	Day 1 (K Day)	Day 2	Day 3 (K Day)	Day 4		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Junior High SPAA Badminton	Zone Badminton	Spring Showcase		
	Day 5 (K Day)	Day 6	Day 1 (K Day)	Day 2	Day 3 (K Day)	
28	29	30				
	Day 4	Day 5 (K Day)				