



Elk Point Elementary School

September 2024

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SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labour Day Holiday, no school
- 3 First Day for Grade 1—6 Students
- 4 First Day for KB Kindergarten
- 5 First Day for KA Kindergarten
- 11 Back to School BBQ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 23 October Hot Food & Milk Orders Due
- 26 School Picture Day (KB, Gr. 1-6)
- 27 School Picture Day (KA)
- 27 Terry Fox Run/Walk Day
- 30 Orange Shirt Day
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation



Please ensure your child's lunch has the required cutlery as the office will no longer be providing forks or spoons.



Will your child be absent from school?

We are encouraging parents to use

SAFE ARRIVAL

3 ways to report your child's absences.



Download the
SMHome App



Online—go to
home.schoolmessenger.ca



Phone
1-844-502-5088

You can also call or text the school office!!

Remind

We're excited to use Remind to keep you updated with what's happening in your child's homeroom! Each class has its own unique code. Please sign up using your child's specific class code if you haven't already done so.

A Few Important Reminders:

* **Office Hours:** Our office hours are from 8 am to 4 pm. Messages sent outside these hours will be addressed on the next school day.

* **Classroom Focus:** Our teachers are dedicated to their students and classroom instruction, so responses might not be immediate. For urgent matters, please contact the office directly.

* **Message Guidelines:** Remind is best for quick updates or brief messages. For more in-depth discussions, please ask for a phone call from your child's teacher.

* **After School Plans:** After school plans should be communicated through your child's agenda. We know that sometimes plans change midday and any changes to your child's after-school arrangements should be communicated through the office.

Thank you for helping us to stay connected and ensure smooth communication!

TIGER TUESDAYS



Every Tuesday we encourage students and staff to show their school pride by wearing either school attire or the color orange.

School gear can be purchased online at entripyshops.com

You can find the link on our school website:
www.elkpointelementaryschool.ca



LEARNING COMMONS SCORNER

Welcome back to our Learning Commons!!

I am excited to get all the new books I purchased this Summer on the shelves for our students to enjoy!

We also received a LOT of donated books that will replace our 'well used' books! THANK YOU!

So, along with AR, and our contests and Library Jeopardy that will be starting next month, our Library Learning Commons will be a BUSY place!!!!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

I hope you will enjoy the library this school term.

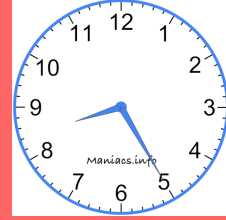
Welcome Back!

Mrs. Dewan





Our school entrances will be unlocked at 8:25 am. We ask that students not arrive before this time.



PARENTS

For those of you who pick up your children at the end of the day.... Please wait quietly at the entrances until students are dismissed.

Honouring
NATIONAL DAY
for **Truth** and
Reconciliation

September 30, 2024



Leaving Early ????

PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP AT THE OFFICE AND SIGN OUT YOUR CHILD IF THEY ARE BEING PICKED UP EARLY.



Student Cell Phones
While we realize that some parents may want their child to have a cell phone for safety going to or from school, cell phone use on school property or during the school day is not allowed.

*Start each day
WITH A GRATEFUL HEART*

School Lunch



Starting in October we will resume our Hot Food Program which is offered every Thursday.

Parent volunteers are needed to run this program. Please let the office know if you can assist.

All orders will be placed through schoolcashionline.

October order deadline is midnight Monday, September 23

October Menu

Oct. 3	Empress Hamburger	\$4.25
Oct. 10	Outrider Chicken Burger	\$5.25
Oct. 17	Magic Pizza (cheese or pepperoni)	\$3.25
Oct. 24	Hot Dog	\$3.25
Oct. 31	Subway 6" sub	\$5.25



- ⇒ Monthly Pre-orders placed through schoolcashionline
- ⇒ October orders are due by Monday, Sept. 23
- ⇒ Receive a 250 mL carton of milk each school day
- ⇒ Your choice of chocolate or white milk

*** if your child is absent their milk will be given to another student



I SCHOOL BREAKFAST

We will be offering a variety of breakfast items to all of our students every day!



Register now! Pay online for your child's fees, including registration fees, hot food, milk, yearbook order, fieldtrips, etc.
<https://sperd.schoolcashionline.com>
 New items will be added to the catalog as they become available throughout the year.

Individual Student Pictures

Thursday, Sept. 26th—KB, Grades 1-6
Friday, Sept. 27th—KA

Retakes: Thursday, October 24

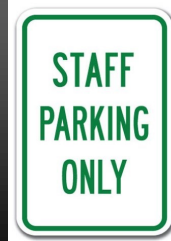


2023-2024 Yearbooks have arrived!

Watch for your copy!!
Extra copies are available!
Let the office know if you
would like one.



Our parking lot is....



Enter at south end exit at the north

At the end of the day please
DO NOT leave your vehicle
parked unattended in the
driving lane of the parking lot



We are BUCKETFILLERS



Bucket Filler's Pledge

I promise to do my best
every day to be a bucket
filler,
not to dip,
and to use my lid
for myself and others
at home,
at school,
and everywhere I go.

We are ready to have a great year!



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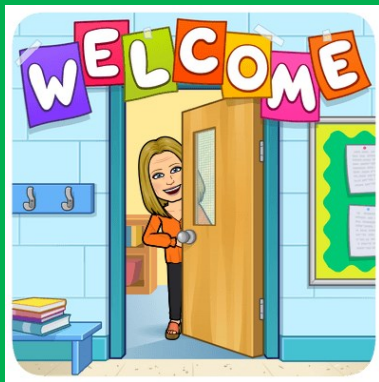
WARNING

**THIS PROPERTY
MONITORED
BY VIDEO
SURVEILLANCE**



If you are interested in ordering a t-shirt for you or your child to wear during our Terry Fox School Run Day on Friday, September 27th, 2024, please visit <https://shop.terryfox.org/> and place your order before **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th** to ensure it arrives on time.

2024 Terry Fox T-Shirt



Hello. It's Ms. Ziomek. Hopefully everyone has settled back into the new school year.

The Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) program and the First Nations Métis Inuit (FNMI) program are combined at EPE.

I am available at the school from 8:15 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. daily.

As the FSLW and FNMI worker, my role is to enhance the development of all students' educational, social and emotional experiences. I am available to provide one to one support for students, as well as link students and their families to a variety of community agencies and resources.

My focus will continue to be on nurturing students' positive mental wellness and well-being. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at 780-724-3880 or email me anytime at ziomelai@sperd.ca.

St. Paul Education Introduces SafeArrival

Launching Tuesday, September 3, 2024

SafeArrival is an absence reporting system. Beginning, Tuesday, September 3, families can report an absence in three different ways that is most convenient for you using SafeArrival. Visit stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival for complete information.



SchoolMessenger App (Free)

Using your mobile device, download and install the “SM Home” app (NOT ‘SchoolMessenger’ app) from the Apple or Google Play Stores: home.schoolmessenger.ca/. Sign in to create an account using your email address we have on file at your child’s school. Select attendance. For more information on the SchoolMessenger app, visit stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival.

Online

Go to home.schoolmessenger.ca. Sign in or create an account using your email address that we have on file at your child’s school and report your absence. Contact your school if you need to update your email address.



By Phone

Call the toll-free number 1-844-502-5088 to report an absence using the automated phone system and follow the prompts.



If your student is marked absent and the absence hasn’t been explained in advance, our new SafeArrival system will be able to rapidly contact you by automated phone call, text message, email, or mobile app push notification to ensure your child’s safety.



St. Paul Education

Visit stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival or scan the QR code.



SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, St. Paul Education School Division would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).


NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com>
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
 - *For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?
School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)



Register

Sign In

Hello Parent,

Please click the link below to confirm your email address.

<http://district.schoolcash.net/Registration/ConfirmConfirmationEmail/5ed4a72-2852-4e87-b502-b3e48645acc9?>

If the link doesn't work, copy the link and paste it into your web browser.

Contact support at 1.866.964.1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

Thank you,

Your School Cash Online Support Team

Step 2: Confirmation Email


A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account. The confirmation link will open the *School Cash Online* site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

This step will connect your child to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name.
- Enter the School Name.
- Ensure **"I do not have the student number"** box is selected
- Enter Your Child's Last Name and Birth Date.
- Select **Continue**.
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**.
- Your child has been added to your account.

3. Enter student information

Student Number	<input type="text"/>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I don't have the student number.	
First Name	<input type="text"/>	*
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	*

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** and repeat the step 3 above. Up to 8 children can be added to one parent account. If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

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School Cash Online – Parent Registration



Elk Point
Jack & Jill



Play School Association

**For children ages 3 ½ to 5 years old.
Born on or before March 1, 2021.**

Our school year is September to May

Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Morning Class: 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Afternoon Class: 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Come and join the fun!

**Our program offers art & crafts, sharing time, free play, story time,
field trips and learning through a pre-literacy themed program.**

OUR LOCATION:

(Elk Point Community Church, 4829-49Ave.)

(Behind Petro-Can)

(Jack & Jill Playschool is not affiliated with the church, just tenants).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Tammy Klatt (Instructor) - 780-614-4787 (Cell)

2024 **Elk Point LOCATION**
September

WHICH PROGRAM IS FOR NET
child development & will bring
ages 0-6 (Blue)
ages 7-18 (Red)
community topics, videos
all ages (Green)
community events
all ages (White)

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
02 CLOSED Labour Day	03 Office OPEN 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	04 Office OPEN 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm Community Awareness Night 6:30-8:30pm + Allied Arts FREE	05	06 Story & Craft 10am-12pm DROP IN
09 Youth Group Wall Hanging 5:30pm-5:50pm REGISTER	10 Office OPEN 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	11 Office OPEN 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	12	13 Making Music 10am-12pm DROP IN Baby Bunch 1:30pm-2:30pm DROP IN
16 Youth Group Yoga 5:30pm-5:50pm REGISTER	17 Office OPEN 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	18 Office OPEN 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	19 Kids Have Stress Tool! 10am-12pm REGISTER	20 Get Moving Activity Cube 10am-12pm DROP IN
23 Mindful Matters Friendships 5:30PM-5:50PM REGISTER	24 Office OPEN 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	24 Office OPEN 8:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-4:30pm	26 Main's Matter Tool Point Door Mat 6:50pm-8pm REGISTER	27 Rhymes That Bind 10am-12pm DROP IN Baby Bunch 1:30pm-2:30pm DROP IN
National Truth & Reconciliation Staff Development Emotion Coaching 5 sessions 6:50am-7:20pm REGISTER				

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Family Resource Network
Lakeland
FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

4906 - 48 St
Elk Point AB T0A 1A0
Call: 780-724-3800
Text: 780-614-1941
Web: stpaulfcss.ca

st.paul_fcss
 St. Paul Regional
FCSS & Family
Resource Network



Based on the book by Dr. John Gottman "Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child" the workshop aims to help parents connect with their children and young people and resolve conflicts without escalating their own emotions.

Parents will learn skills to respond to child's negative emotions (i.e. scared, sad, angry), use emotions for bonding and teachable moments, regulate emotions and set clear, consistent limits in problem-solving.

CAREGIVERS
LFRN Elk Point 4906 48st

Emotion Coaching
5 week ONLINE course
Monday's
23, 30, 7, 21 & 28
6:30pm-7:30pm

FREE CALL TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

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Connect with us for more information.
Call 780-724-3800 or visit our website at stpaulfcss.ca
Providing services and support for ages 0-18yrs, parents and caregivers.

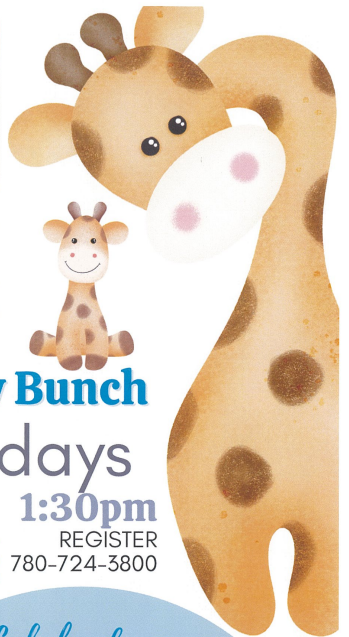


September
Events

13-Sensory Bags
27-Baby Massage
Please register for both these events.

Come connect with us & other families while learning about child development & parenting.

Look for **Baby Bunch Sessions** where professionals come in and discuss topics related to your child's age.



0-18 MONTHS
LFRN ELK POINT 4906 48ST

Baby Bunch
Fridays
1:30pm
REGISTER
780-724-3800

FREE

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AGES 0-6
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

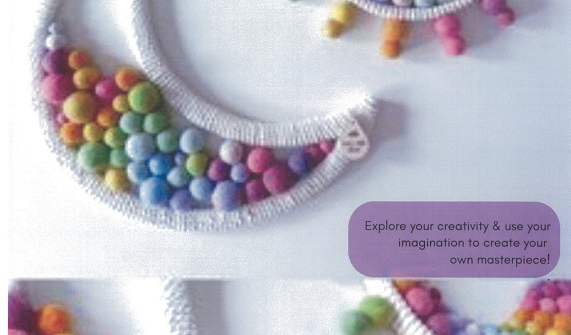
Storytime & Craft

Friday
September 06
10am-12pm
DROP IN
780-724-3800

FREE

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Explore your creativity & use your imagination to create your own masterpiece!

YOUTH 7+
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Wall Hanging

Monday
September 09
3:30pm-5:30pm
FREE TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

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Come connect with friends, play musical instruments, sing songs and dance!

AGES 0-6
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Making Music

Friday
September 13
10am-12pm
DROP IN
780-724-3800

FREE

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Learn basic yoga moves that you can do in your own bedroom.

YOUTH 7+
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Yoga

Monday **16**
September
3:30pm-5:30pm

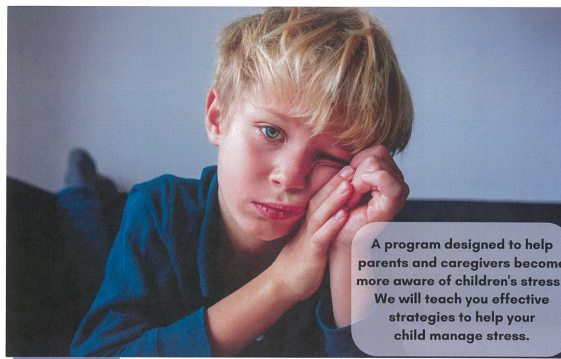
FREE TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

Please bring a yoga mat if you have one.

Learn ways to move your body that you can do at home.

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A program designed to help parents and caregivers become more aware of children's stress. We will teach you effective strategies to help your child manage stress.

CAREGIVERS
Elk Point LFRN 4906 48 ST

Kids Have Stress Too

Thursday **19**
September
10am-12pm

CALL TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

FREE



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Let's create a movement cube that you can make and take with you to continue the fun at home!

AGES 0-6
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Get Moving

Friday **20**
September
10am-12pm

FREE TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

FREE

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Encourage natural movement to help develop gross motor skills.

Connect with us for more information.
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Topics may include
Mindfulness
Emotion Regulation
Gratitude
Self love
Friendships
Empathy
Problem Solving
Community Minded

YOUTH 7+
LFRN Elk Point 4906 48ST

Mindful Matters

Friendships

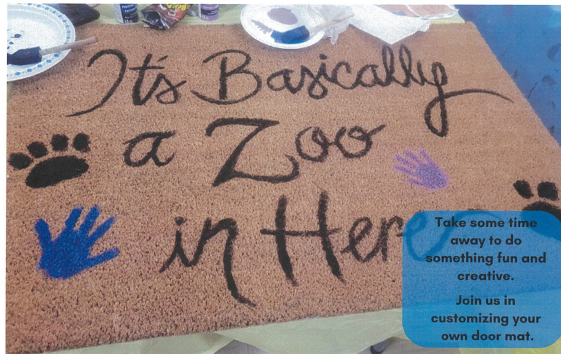
Monday **23**
September
3:30pm-5:30pm

CALL TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

FREE

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Take some time away to do something fun and creative. Join us in customizing your own door mat.

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Mom's Matter Paint Door Mat

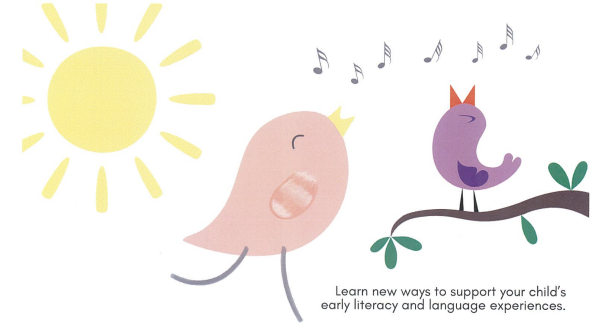
Thursday **26**
September
6:30pm-8pm

CALL TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

FREE

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Learn new ways to support your child's early literacy and language experiences.

AGES 0-6
LFRN Elk Point 4906-48 St

Rhymes that Bind

Friday **27**
September
10am-12pm

FREE TO REGISTER
780-724-3800

FREE

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Helping promote healthy family relationships.

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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
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5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	18	19	20	21	22	
26	27	28	29	30	30										25	26	27	28	29
December 2024					January 2025					February 2025					March 2025				
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2	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14	10	11	12	13	14
9	10	11	12	13	13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	17	18	19	20	21
16	17	18	19	20	20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28	24	25	26	27	28
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30	31																		
April 2025					May 2025					June 2025					LEGEND				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	Instructional Day				
			1	2				1	2	2	3	4	5	6	PLC Day				
7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13	Schools Closed				
14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20	Early Dismissal (2 pm)				
21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27	Catholic Formation (Mallaig, SPECS, Racette)				
28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30	30									

Important Dates	
August 28-30	PLC Days
September 2	Labour Day
September 3	First day of school
September 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day
October 10	Catholic Education Formation (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	Instructional	Staff Only
August	0	3	0	3
September	20	0	20	0
October	21	1	20	2
November	16	0	16	0
December	15	0	15	0
January	16	0	16	0
Semester 1	88	4	87	5
January	3	1	3	1
February	16	3	16	3
March	15	1	15	1
April	19	1	19	1
May	19	1	19	1
June	17	2	17	2
Semester 2	89	9	89	9
	Public Schools		Catholic Schools	
Total Instructional Days	177		176	
Total Staff Only Days	13		14	
Total Operational Days	190		190	
Instructional Hours - Public Schools				
	Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year	
Elem/Jr High	177	322	950	
High School	177	339	1000	
Instructional Hours - Catholic Schools				
	Days	Min./Day	Hr./Year	
Elem/Jr High	176	324	950	
High School	176	341	1000	



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

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  HAPPY Labour Day	3 DAY 1  1st Day of School	4 DAY 2 KB  FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN	5 DAY 3 KA  FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN	6 DAY 4 KB	7
8	9 DAY 5 KA	10  DAY 6 KB	11 DAY 1 KA BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ GET "FIRED UP" FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 4:30 pm — 6:30 pm	12 DAY 2 KB	13 DAY 3 KA	14
15	16 DAY 4 KB	17  DAY 5 KA	18 DAY 6 KB	19 DAY 1 KA	20 DAY 2 KB	21
22	23 DAY 3 KA OCTOBER MILK/ HOT FOOD ORDERS DUE TODAY!!	24  DAY 4 KB	25 DAY 5 KA	26 DAY 6 KB  SCHOOL PICTURE DAY KB, Grades 1-6	27  DAY 1 KA THE TERRY FOX RUN KA Picture Day	28
29	30 DAY 2 KB  Every Child Matters! Orange Shirt Day					