



École Élémentaire St. Paul Elementary School

WELCOME BACK! BIENVENUE! TAWOW!

September 2024

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.— 4:00p.m.

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**DOORS OPEN FOR STUDENTS AT
8:20 A.M.**



Welcome and please stop in at our office!

- For safety reasons, parents & guardians **MUST USE THE MAIN DOORS & STOP IN AT THE OFFICE.**
- Hallways are for staff and students only.
- Our friendly front office staff will support you if you are new to learning our routine.

**Thank you for helping to make all of our students feel
safe at school!**

Report Card Dates



November 6— 1st Report Card

November 7— Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 6—Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 20—2nd Report Card

June 25—3rd Report Card

With the new fall break in November and changes with curriculum in all grades, we will see small changes to our first report card.

Being a bit earlier, there will be more of an emphasis on Growth as a Learner as not as many outcomes will be completed by this point. We will allow time for growth in all subject areas to continue to be assessed on the 2nd and final report card.



FSLW/Counselling Program

Hi! My name is Mrs. Filipchuk and I am the Family School Liaison Worker/School Counsellor at St. Paul Elementary School. I provide one-on-one support and assistance to students and their families relating to emotional health and wellness. I focus on a variety of areas to support the emotional well-being of the child so that he/she can focus on his/her educational needs and goals.

The following is a small list of some of the issues I can address:

- *Anxiety/Depression
- *Loss & Grief
- *Family Difficulties/Disruptions
- *Big Emotions
- *Problem Solving
- *Conflict Resolution

I work closely with our School Psychologist, Rachael Upham to discuss the children's needs and their overall mental health.

This year I may provide small group work with students on specific issues and concerns.

I am also an important resource and link to outside agencies when needed. I receive referrals from staff, parents, community members, agencies, peers, or the individual in need. Those who wish to make a referral may contact me by phone or in person at the school. If you have any questions regarding the FSLW program, please contact me at 780-645-3537.

Wishing all students and their families a fantastic school year!

Parent Council



PARENT COUNCIL AGM

You are welcome to join us....

- Start up meeting:

Sept. 17 @ 7:00pm at the school in the Gathering Area

- Afterwards, every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Seesaw Communication

We are a Seesaw App school. Teachers may use this app to share student work as well as to communicate with parents at home.

Helpful Guidelines

- ◆ Each teacher will send a welcome letter home describing how best to contact them. They will specify their office hours/quiet time from the app. Please know that if you send a message outside of that time, you may not get a response until the next day.
- ◆ Teachers may or may not be able to check messages during the day. The focus is on the students and instruction and there can be many other interactions in the day that would make a teacher not available to check their phone.
- ◆ Messaging apps are best for short and brief messages. If your concern is a conversation versus a simple answer, kindly request for the teacher to phone you.

IMPORTANT

Any changes to after school arrangements should be made **before noon** to give the teacher time to see and respond to your message. If you have not received a response from the teacher, contact the office to ensure your message is being received.

Bus Status App



The Bus Status App

St. Paul Education's bus app is called "Bus Status" and is available as a FREE download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Bus Status makes keeping tabs on our buses simple. Parents and guardians can select the bus routes they want to follow and receive notifications for in the event those routes are delayed or cancelled.

The status of bus routes will also be displayed on the division and school websites for those without access to a mobile device capable of receiving push notifications, such as a cell phone, or for those who prefer a browser-based experience.

Instructions for downloading the Bus Status 4 App are available [here](#).

Loving God,

Our creator, our savior, our companion,
Bless this journey of a new school year
that we undertake today.

Refresh our souls and renew our spirits
as we embrace the beautiful ministry
You have called us to.

We welcome those who are new to this community
and ask that You strengthen them to share the
wonderful gifts You have given them.

Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the
return of students to this school,
and may You guide them to return with
open hearts and minds eager to learn.

We ask this in Your name,
Amen

Journey to Communion



Classes, Retreat & Celebration dates for 2024-25

Reconciliation classes	Sept. 8, 22, 29, Oct. 20	
Reconciliation Retreat & Celebration!	Saturday, Oct. 26th with the *Sacrament of First Reconciliation	
Confirmation classes	Nov. 3, 24, Dec. 8, Jan. 12	
Confirmation Retreat	Saturday, Jan. 25th	
Confirmation Celebration!	Friday, Feb. 7 @ 6:30pm	
Holy Communion classes	Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 16, Apr. 6	
Holy Communion Retreat	Saturday, April 12th	
Holy Communion Celebration!	Sunday, April 27th	

Children can receive their *First Holy Communion on any Saturday or Sunday mass after their retreat.


Ecole St. Paul Elementary School
Hot Lunch Program

Hello Parents!

We are excited to be offering our hot lunch program fundraiser again this year. Parents/Guardians will place their hot lunch orders online using **MunchaLunch.com!** You can pay for your orders online by credit card (Visa/Mastercard), debit-credit card, pre-paid credit card, cash or cheque. Please keep in mind when sending payment to school with your child that payment needs to be handed in to the office by the cutoff date or the order will be cancelled. We are hoping to have the program up and running for Oct. Please stay tuned for more details. In the meantime please follow the directions below to register.

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/stpaul>
2. Click the "Register Here" button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
3. After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
4. Next time, just click the "Login Here" button to access your account.



Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch by 11:45am; otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have a lunch. Consistent with previous years, there are **NO REFUNDS** as this is a fundraiser. We appreciate your support to our hot lunch program, as the funds go towards makerspace, playground equipment, sports equipment, musical instruments and general fundraising within the school.

We are always in need of Volunteers! Pizza Day will be on Wednesday's this year. It is essential that we have parent volunteers to come in and help sort on this day. Please email specsfundraising@gmail.com for details.

Our thanks to the SPECS parent community for supporting this important fundraiser and to our wonderful Volunteers who help make this program a success!

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.



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



COMING SOON



Olymel Fresh
Extra Thick Cut
Bacon 6/8



Gordon's Fresh
Medium Bacon
14/16



Fresh Sliced
Thick Bacon
10/12

Fill your freezer with products you use everyday! In addition to the bacon products we've sold in the past you can also enjoy other meats, sausages, cheese boxes, perogies, desserts and more! This fundraiser has been extremely profitable for the fundraising council and we are hoping to grow it each time we run it. Please join when the information is sent out late September or early October.

Profits:

- Campaign #1 – Dec 2022 - \$2,937.00
- Campaign #2 – April 2023 - \$2,176.00
- Campaign #3 – October 2023 – \$2,622.00
- Campaign #4 – March 2024 - \$4,142.00

We will continue to give \$50 gift cards to the top 3 sellers.

Did you know?... On behalf of our school community, our parent fundraising council is raising funds for more playground equipment to give better recess play access to our students. We can use everyone's help to reach our goal faster!

Current fundraiser : Cash Raffle

Upcoming: The Popular Bacon Fundraiser

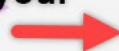
SPECS Parent Fundraising Council Playground

Cash Raffle Fundraiser!

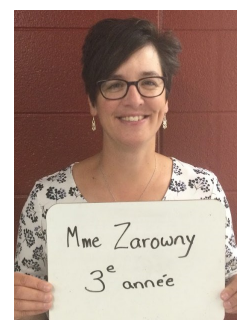
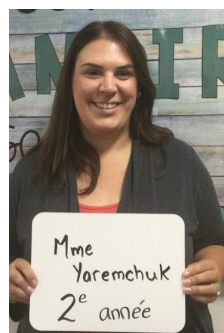
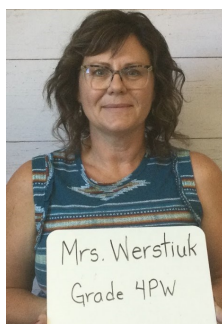
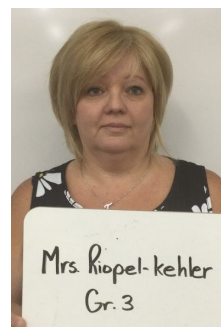
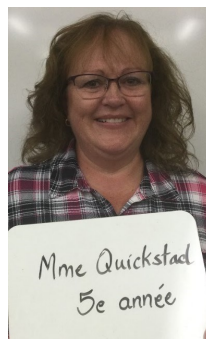
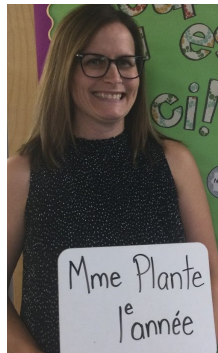
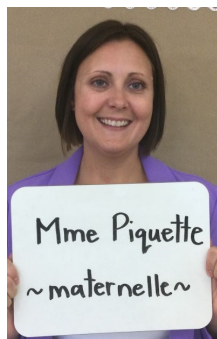
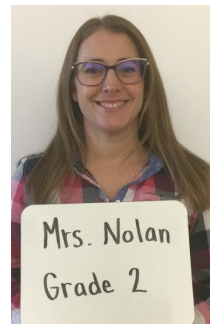
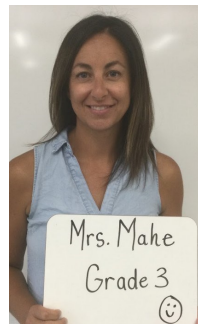
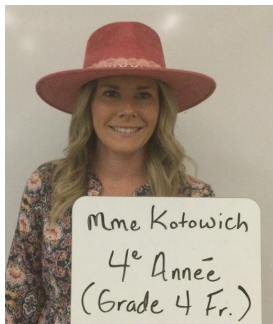
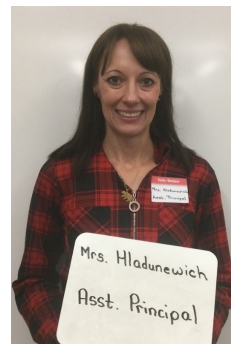
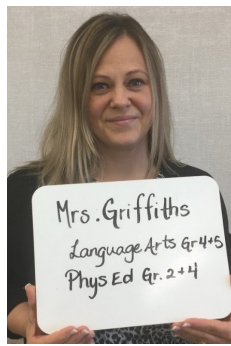
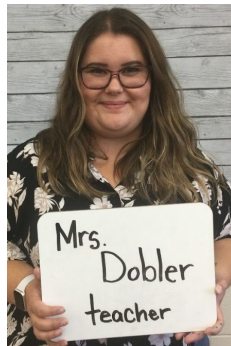
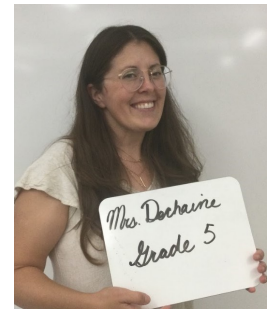
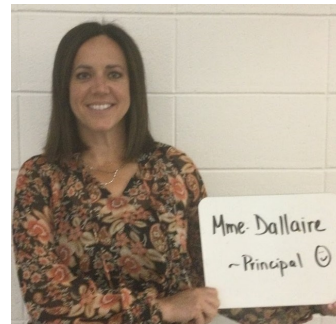
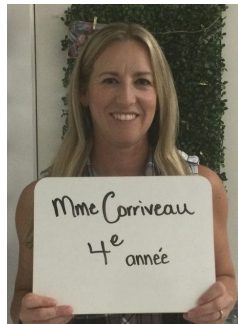
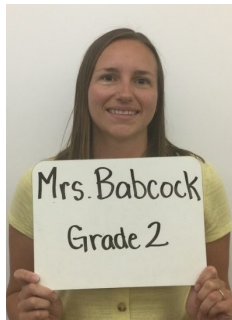
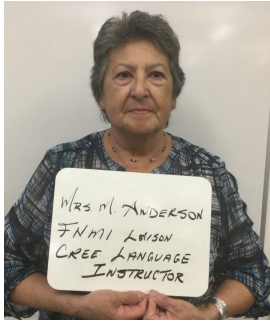
Draw Date: December 20, 2024



To purchase tickets,
scan this code with your
phone camera








SPECS Teaching Staff





September

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 Labour Day	3 Day 1 First day of School 	4 Day 2 First Day of Kindergarten 	5 Day 3 Welcome Assembly— 2:10 pm	6 Day 4 Opening Mass— 11:00 am 	7	
8	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14	
15 	16 Day 4 Hot Lunch Ordering Opens	17 Day 5 Parent Council AGM— 7:00 pm	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21	
22 Hot Lunch Ordering Closes	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1	28	
29	30 Day 2 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Wear  Orange	Upcoming Events: October 1 & 2—Picture Day October 10—Faith Formation Day (No School)				