



# École Élémentaire St. Paul Elementary School

Live Learn Lead like Jesus  
Vivez Apprenez Menez comme Jésus

October 2024

## PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE

Supervision begins at **8:20 a.m.**

ALL students are expected to wait at the doors until the supervisor arrives.

## A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,  
We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.  
For each one, we are grateful.  
For each one, we are blessed.  
For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.  
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.  
We praise you.  
We rejoice in you.  
We give you thanks.  
Amen.



## SPECS SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS

Grade levels will have their photos taken on the following days:

**Tuesday, Oct. 1**

ECS, Maternelle, Gr. 1 & 2

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**

Gr. 3, 4, & 5



REMINDER

## PARENTS

### IT'S THAT TIME...



**PLEASE USE THE FRONT DOORS AND STOP AT THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE.**

FOR STUDENT SAFETY, TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTIONS TO LEARNING AND TO HELP OUR KIDS DEVELOP INDEPENDENT SKILLS, WE ASK THAT PARENTS NO LONGER COME DOWN THE HALLWAYS WITH THEIR KIDS IN THE MORNING.

We welcome you into the school by volunteering with our...

- hot lunch program
- special events
- book fairs
- parent council
- fundraising council
- connecting with the teachers



## Catholic Education Week 2024 October 19 - 25

"But in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you."

1 Peter 3:15





## Use of Cellphones & Access to Social Media in Schools



On June 17, the Alberta government announced new restrictions on personal mobile device use and social media access in schools. Starting this fall, students will be prohibited from using personal mobile devices in classrooms and accessing social media on school networks. In the coming months, our school division will develop procedures and policies that align with the new Ministerial Order. For more information, please view Alberta's Education's Letter to Parents at:

<https://bit.ly/3W2PgV2>



**MunchaLunch**  
School Lunch Ordering and Fundraising Online!

Ecole St. Paul Elementary School  
Hot Lunch Program

Hello Parents!

We are excited to announce that the SPECS Hot lunch program is opening for orders Sept 16th to Sept 23rd at 10 PM.

Important Hot lunch program reminders:

- You need to create an account on [munchalunch.com](http://munchalunch.com) to order milk and hot lunch menu items for your child/children. Refer to the Munchalunch registration steps. If you created an account last year it will still be active. However if you created it and then let it sit dormant it will most likely have been discontinued.
- Ordering is open for approximately 1 week each month. Dates will be posted in the school newsletter and once you have signed up with munchalunch, you will receive an email.
- The closing date is the absolute last day to order and payments must be made online by 10 PM MST. Cash or cheque must be sent to the school office no later than 8:30 AM the following morning or orders will be cancelled. If the payment is lost in transit, the order will be cancelled.
- Cheques must be payable to S.P.E.C.S fundraising council. Include student's name in memo.
- Orders after the closing date are not accepted because reports for vendors and classrooms have been created.
- Milk is listed on the first menu day of each month. You will select Milk once and this will provide your student with milk for the entire month.
- If your child is ill on their lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch by 11:45 a.m; 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. Confirm your students schedule prior to ordering.
- Our program is ran entirely by parent volunteers. We cannot run without volunteers, so please contact our hot lunch coordinator at [specsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:specsfundraising@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering.**

We appreciate the support as funds raised go towards various areas of the school such as; makerspace, the music room, playground and gym equipment as well as school performances and subscriptions.

Any questions or concerns can be directed towards our email. [specsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:specsfundraising@gmail.com)

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


# October 2nd - 8th



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

GIVING THANKS & GIVING TO OTHERS

**THANKSGIVING  
FOOD DRIVE**



**THE TERRY FOX**  
For cancer research  
**HOMETOWN RUN**

We surpassed our goal and raised \$689.30 for Cancer Research.

Way to Go SPECS!!!



**FIRE**

**PREVENTION WEEK**

**October 6—12, 2024**

THE QUEEN OF KNIGHTS CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE KINGDOM OF BOOKS ANNUAL FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR. THERE WILL BE DISPLAYS OF BOOKS ON SALE FROM SCHOLASTIC AS WELL AS FROM OUR LOCAL HEAVEN SENT CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE.

WHEN: OCTOBER 21 -23, 2024 \*PARENTS CAN COME AND SHOP FOR BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILD DURING THEIR SCHEDULED BOOK FAIR VISIT WITH THEIR CLASSMATES. AS WELL, YOU CAN STOP BY THE SCHOOL FOR EVENING SHOPPING HOURS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH FROM 3:15 UNTIL 6:00

WHERE: SPECS GATHERING ARE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THIS ROYAL AFFAIR!



## Parent Resources

[St. Paul Education  
2024-2025 Learning Calendar](#)

[Safe Arrival](#)

[Bus Status](#)

[School Bell Times](#)

[École Elementaire St. Paul  
Elementary School Website](#)



## School Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.

All are Welcome!

## NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

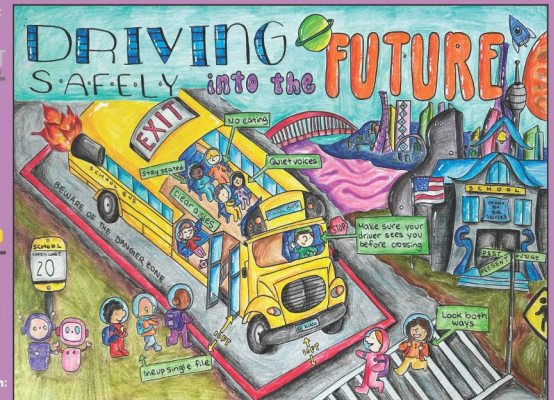
October 21-25, 2024

Program hosted by:



Artwork by  
Melissa Yang  
Bethlehem Central  
Middle School  
Delmar, NY

Love the Bus Month:  
February 2025



## SCHOOL FEES

SCHOOL FEES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR ARE NOW DUE. CASH OR CHEQUE PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ANY TIME AT THE OFFICE OR SIGN UP FOR

[SchoolCash Online](#)



Register for SchoolCash Online

Registration is fast, safe, and convenient

## Halloween Activities

We are dressing up for Halloween on Thursday, October 31.

Please keep accessories at home.

Gory/violent/bloody costumes should be avoided





**Youth Program Hosted at SPECS**

If you're in grade 4 or 5, join us for fun after school at Ecole Elementaire St. Paul Elementary School! Each week we will offer a variety of games, crafts, activities & more. Snacks will be included too!!

Parent registration/ consent to be completed prior to start.

Contact St Paul Regional FCSS for more information & to register @ 780-645-5311



*Lakeland*  
FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK



**Thursdays**  
Starting October 17  
**3:30PM-5:30PM**  
@ Ecole Elementaire St. Paul Elementary School

**FREE TO REGISTER CALL 780-645-5311 GRADES 4 & 5 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE**



**COME JOIN OUR FILL YOUR FREEZER FUNDRAISER!**  
**INCLUDES PREVIOUS 3 BACON OPTIONS AND MORE!**

Visit: <https://stpaulementaryschool.myteamfund.ca>

We are continuing to raise funds to purchase more playground equipment. With increasing enrollment more equipment is necessary. Help us reach our goal by participating in this fundraiser! Be sure to stock up as this fundraiser will not be back until the spring of 2025. Gift cards will be given to the top 3 sellers.

Share your personal link with others!

Our fundraiser is open until: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 11pm with pickup on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

 All Natural Chicken Breasts \$110.00	 Gordon's Fresh Medium Bacon 14.75 \$95.00	 36 Fresh GF All Beef Burgers \$130.00	 Potato, Romano, Bacon Penne \$37.50	 Bacon Wrapped Scallop Medallions \$135.00	 Portuguese Custard Tarts \$110.00	 Gordon's Fresh Sliced Thick Bacon 30/12 \$95.00	 Bickman's Cheese Box \$65.00
 Snack Size Potato & Cheddar Fries \$37.00	 Santitas Chicken Apple 5.5 kg \$145.00	 Chicken Carbon Bleu \$65.00	 32 Lean Bacon Burgers \$140.00	 Tasty Boneless Pork Ribs \$75.00	 24 Real Deal Steak & Gravy Asses Pie \$150.00	 Grandmother Lemon Tart \$55.00	 16 Top Sirloin Center Cut Beef Steaks \$145.00
 Pub Style Chicken Tenders \$105.00	 Boneless Breaded Chicken Wings \$90.00	 Oyster Fresh Extra Thick Cut Bacon 6/8 \$95.00	 Mini Teriyaki Cakes \$50.00	 Asian Assortment - Variety Pack \$100.00	 Certified Angus Beef Meatballs \$105.00	 30 AAA New York Strip Steaks (Box) \$150.00	 30 AAA Flat Iron Steaks (Box) \$135.00

Scan Here to Join



If you have any questions or are having difficulty ordering, please call or text Stephanie at 780-614-7202. Thank you for your support!



**We have more tickets left to sell out for our playground fundraiser raffle. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets! Every ticket sold helps!!**

**SPECS Parent Fundraising Council Playground Cash Raffle Fundraiser!**  
We appreciate your support with our last fundraiser of this school year.  
Draw date: December 20, 2024 or when sold out

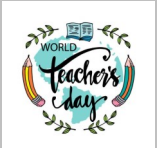




Message Carrie with any questions 780-210-7711

To purchase tickets, scan this code with your phone camera

[www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/eespecsfc](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/eespecsfc)



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Day 3	2 Day 4 Food Drive Collection Oct 2—8th	3 Day 5	4 Day 6  Gr. 4 Bible Presentations	5 World Teacher Day! 
<b>Picture Day</b> 						
6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3  Faith Ministry assembly with Chris Bray 2:15pm	10 Day 4  Faith Formation Day—No School	11  PLC Day No School	12
13  Hot Lunch Ordering Opens Oct 14— 20th	14  	15 Day 5  Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19
20  Catholic Education Week	21 Day 3	22 Day 4  Catholic Education Liturgy - 1:00 pm	23 Day 5	24 Day 6  Wear blue for Catholic Education	25 Day 1	26
<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> 						
27	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4	31 Day 5  Dress up for Halloween 	<b>Upcoming Events:</b> Nov 4—Picture Re-takes Nov 6—Report Cards go Home Nov 7—Parent Teacher Interviews Nov 11—15 Remembrance Day and Fall Break	

SPECS is an ALLERGY AWARE Zone