



# École St. Paul Elementary January 2025

*Live, Learn, & Lead Like Jesus*      *Vivez, Apprenez, et Menez comme Jésus*

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## Our Mission:

*Working together to live, learn and lead like Jesus so that we grow as servant leaders and lifelong learners.*

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen



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## SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY MADE YOUR  
PAYMENT, PLEASE DO SO  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
PAYMENTS ARE PAYABLE BY CASH,  
CHEQUE, DEBIT, CREDIT OR**

**SCHOOLCASHONLINE**

Silent Auction  
Thank you!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT  
DONATED ITEMS TO OUR SILENT AUCTION. IT  
IS DUE TO YOUR GENEROSITY THAT WE WERE  
ABLE TO RAISE ALMOST \$1400.00 TO GO  
TOWARDS THE SPECS CHOIR FIELD TRIP AND  
THE FOOD BANK.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!





for participating in the candy cane sale that was organized by Mrs. Mahe's grade 3 class. It was a huge success. A donation in the amount of \$1,075.59 was made to Santa's Elves.

## EXTREME WEATHER

### Is my child's bus running? Coming home early?

Throughout the winter, weather and road conditions are constantly monitored with the safety of students and staff at the center of all of our decisions. We strive to inform parents of any delays or cancellations as quickly as possible. Here's how you may be notified:

- Bus driver contact
- Call/text from your school
- Local radio stations
- Bus Status app
- Division social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Division website <https://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca/transportation/bus-status>

#### How we decide:

When temperatures and/or wind chill is -40 or colder, buses are CANCELLED. Notice may be given the night before or in the morning.

**-40°C**

Buses may run in the afternoon during extreme cold weather under certain circumstances.

Weather checks start very early with The Weather Network and phone calls to designated staff living in each local area.

Even if buses are cancelled schools remain OPEN.

- If your child attends: meaningful learning still occurs
- If your child is absent: efforts will be made to ensure they do not fall behind

Decision is based on:

- Local road conditions
- RCMP travel advisories
- Weather and wind warnings
- Local municipality

Your bus driver also has complete discretion to cancel a route should they feel travel is unsafe.

If a decision is required around temperature and/or road conditions, the Director of Transportation consults with:

- Local bus drivers
- School principals
- Superintendent of Schools

Parents always have the final say about their child's safety and well-being and can always choose whether or not to have their child take the bus.

The Nations of Saddle Lake, Whitefish Lake and Frog Lake make independent decisions about their buses. Please contact them directly for any questions regarding their transportation policies.

## WINTER WEATHER WEAR

**A hat**

Several layers of loose-fitting, thermal wear

Sleeves that are snug at the wrist

Boots or shoes that are waterproof and have a flexible sole

A scarf or knit mask to cover face and mouth

A water resistant or tightly woven coat

Insulated or waterproof mittens or gloves

Two layers of socks

## 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.

## Bus Status App

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

The Bus Status 4 App will replace the Alertus App that was previously used by the division to communicate bus delays and cancellations. The new app will provide families with a faster and more reliable experience when receiving bus notifications.

Bus Status 4 is free to download on Google Play and the App Store.

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](#).



# DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

*The Advent Season*



Christmas Concert



Telus World of Science



Getting Into the Holiday Spirit

Door Decorating





# UPCOMING GROUPS

FOR STUDENTS IN GR. 1-5

RUN BY MRS. FILIPCHUK (FSLW) & MS. RACHAEL  
(SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST)

## Social Connections

Meet weekly at lunch for students who need support in developing friendships. Will begin in February.

## Formal Social Skills

For students who struggle understanding social cues, difficulties with perspective taking, resolving conflict, and how to make and maintain friendships. Will run weekly for 8-10 weeks starting in February.

## Interested in your child participating?

Email either Rachael Upham (School Psychologist) at [upharachasperd.ca](mailto:upharachasperd.ca) or Olga Filipshuk (FSLW) at [filiolgasperd.ca](mailto:filiolgasperd.ca) to register. All groups are during school hours. Parent letter and consent forms will be sent home for parents to review.

## Executive Functioning

Students will focus on learning strategies to support organization, impulse control, goal setting, emotional regulation, and working memory. Group begins in February and runs weekly for 8-10 weeks.

## Big Emotions

For students who have difficulty identifying and coping with big feelings. Group will begin in February and run for 8-10 weeks.

# Off on the Right Foot

A day of fun & discovery for children 2 to 5

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

École du Sommet Gymnasium

4609 40<sup>th</sup> St.

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Free consultations from Health & Educational Professionals**

- ◆ « Ages & Stages » Questionnaires
- ◆ Early Childhood Professionals
- ◆ Speech & Language Pathologist
- ◆ Occupational Therapist



**Community organizations & information on family well-being.  
Childcare service onsite.**

**Call 780-645-5050  
to book your appointment**



This event is made possible due to funds from the Public Health Agency of Canada

[pageborders.org](http://pageborders.org)



The next School Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan 21st at 6:30 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!



Celebrate 25 years of *Family Literacy Day* and learning together as a family by having a party!

[FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://FamilyLiteracyDay.ca)

#FamilyLiteracyDay





# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Upcoming events:</b> February 6 — Parent/Teacher Conferences February 12—Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m. February 13 & 14—Teacher’s convention February 17—Family Day February 18—PLC Day February 24—28 Book Fair February 26—Grade 5 Ski Trip			1	2	3	4
						
5	6 Day 1 	7 Day 2 <b>Epiphany Liturgy— 1:00 p.m.</b>	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11
12	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18
19	20 Day 5 <b>Hot Lunch Ordering Opens Jan 20th— 26th</b>	21 Day 6 <b>School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.</b>	22 Day 1	23 Day 2	24 Day 3	25
26	27 Day 4 	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30 Day 1	31 PLC Day	