



Glen Avon Panther Pride

Text this number for student
absences and pick-ups
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October 2024

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Early Morning Drop-offs

All entrance doors remain locked until 8:15 a.m. This ensures that we have the proper supervision for students when they arrive. Please continue to drop off students at the designated entrances and avoid dropping off in the staff parking lot in front of the school. If your children are coming in to school late, they must enter through the front doors. All other doors are locked at 8:33, to ensure the safety of our students.

After School Routines

A reminder of some afterschool procedures:

- School is dismissed at 3:17 and the students riding our first round of busses are dismissed at this time.
- Students who walk or are being picked up are dismissed at 3:19.
- If you don't usually pick up your child(ren), send a message to our text line (780-547-5772) when you arrive and your child(ren) will be sent out. In your message, please include the name of the child(ren) you are picking up, their homeroom, and the wing outside which you are waiting (1-3, 4-6 or Jr. High alley).

Important Dates:

Oct. 2 - Picture Day Kin- Gr.9
Oct. 10- PJ Day
Oct. 11- PLC Day (No School)
Oct. 14- Thanksgiving Day (No School)
Oct. 21- 25- BOOK FAIR
Oct. 24 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Oct.31- Halloween
Nov. 8 - Remembrance Day

Fall School Pictures

(beginning at 9:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, Oct. 2: Kin and Gr. 1 - 9

*RETAKES are scheduled for Monday,
November 4.

LIFETOUCH COUPON CODE BELOW

FREE GIFT WITH PURCHASE (FOR CONSUMERS)









Families receive a free gift from Shutterfly with their school picture purchase on mylifetouch.com/.ca. Redemption instructions are emailed to qualifying customers; GWP is not available in Quebec. The promotion is featured across many consumer and host marketing touchpoints.

The Fall '24 gift is **\$30 off AND a free 8x11 photo book!**

Glen Avon School

October 2024



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				1	JV V-ball 3:17-4:30	2	Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00  Picture Day K-9	3	Game @ FG Miller vs. FG Miller & Glendon JV V-ball 3:17-4:30	4		5	
6	7	8	Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00	9	JV Game @ Myrnam	10	Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00	11	Game @ Two Hills & KAS JV V-ball 3:17-4:30  PJ DAY	12	PLC DAY NO SCHOOL		
13	14	15	Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL 	16	JV V-ball 3:17-4:30	17	Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00	18	Home Game vs. Sommet JV. & Sr. 	19	FG Miller Tournament JV. & Sr. 		
20	21	22	Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00	23	Home Game vs. Racette & Ashmont JV Game @ Myrnam	24	Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00	25	JV V-ball 3:17-4:30 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS Sr. Teams Only 	26	Vegreville Tournament Sr. Teams Only 		
27	28	29	Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00	30	JV V-ball 3:17-4:30	31	Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00 HALLOWEEN 						

October 2024

S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S
		1 Chicken, Bacon, Ranch or Cheese Pizza \$3.00 Garden Salad \$4.00 Hearty Beef Vegetable Barley Soup \$3.00	2 Club Pita \$5.50 / Combo \$5.50 Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00 Cheesy Cauliflower Soup 3.00	3 Penne Alfredo \$5.00 Cobb Salad \$5.00 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich \$3.00 Assorted Soups \$2.00	4 Ham & Cheddar Sub \$4.00 Combo \$4.00 Greek Salad \$5.00 Egg Salad Sandwich on WW \$4.00 Assorted Soups \$2.00	5
6	7 Teriyaki Chicken with Ramen/Veg \$6.00 Tuna Salad Sandwich \$3.00 Chicken Caesar Salad \$5.00 Cream of Mushroom Soup 3.00	8 Hawaiian Pizza or Cheese \$3.00 Garden Salad \$4.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	9 Turkey Pita \$5.50 Combo \$5.50 Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00 Wicked Thai Soup \$3.00	10 Express Baked Lasagna \$5.00 Cobb Salad \$5.00 Peanut Butter and Jam Sandwich \$3.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	11 PD Day No School	12
13	14 Thanksgiving No School	15 Chicken Fajita Cheese Pizza \$3.00 Garden Salad \$4.00 Tomato Ravioli soup \$3.00	16 Chicken, Bacon, Ranch Pita \$5.50 Combo \$5.50 Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00 Klondike Chili Small-\$3.00 Large-\$4.00	17 Express Baked Spaghetti \$5.00 Cobb Salad \$5.00 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich \$3.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	18 Roast Beef & Cheddar Sub \$4.00 Combo \$4.00 Greek Salad \$5.00 \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	19
20	21 Sukiyaki Beef with Rice \$6.00 Chicken Caesar Salad \$5.00 Tuna Salad Sandwich \$3.00 Cream of Mushroom Soup \$3.00	22 Chicken Alfredo or Cheese Pizza \$3.00 Greek Salad \$5.00 Chicken Noodle Soup \$3.00	23 Donair Pita \$5.50/Combo \$5.50 Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00 Beef Stew sm - \$3.00 Lg - \$4.00	24 Penne Alfredo \$5.00 Cobb Salad \$5.00 Peanut Butter and Jam Sandwich \$3.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	25 Smoked Chicken & Havarti Cheese Sub \$4.00 /Combo \$4.00 Garden Salad \$4.00 Egg Salad Sandwich on WW \$4.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	26
27	28 Teriyaki Chicken with Rice \$6.00 Salmon Salad Sandwich \$4.00 Caesar Salad \$5.00 Hearty Vegetable Soup 3.00	29 Taco pizza or cheese \$3.00 Garden Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	30 Chicken Caesar Pita \$5.50 Combo \$5.50 Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00 Potato Bacon Soup \$3.00	31 Express Baked Lasagna \$5.00 Cobb Salad \$5.00 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich \$3.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	1 Nov Roast Beef & Cheddar Sub \$4.00/Combo \$4.00 Egg Salad Sandwich on WW \$4.00 Greek Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	2nd

How to Report a Student Absence

Report your child's absence in advance with 3 convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App *Recommended* – Using your mobile device, download and install the "SM Home" app (NOT 'SchoolMessenger' app) from the [Apple](#) or [Google Play](#) Stores: <https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/>

- The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account.
- Make sure you select *Canada* and use the email address your school has on file.
- Once SafeArrival has been activated at a school, parents will be able to, select **Attendance** (at the bottom of the screen) and then **Report an Absence**.
- If you do not see the students you expect in your contact list, please contact the school and ask them to add your email to your SchoolMessenger record(s). Once updated with the school, please try again after 24 hours.

2. SafeArrival website – <https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/>

- The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** (top right corner) to create your account.
- Make sure you select *Canada* and use the email address your school has on file.
- Select the three lines in the top left corner of the page and then **Attendance**.
- Select **Report an Absence** in the top right corner of the page.

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

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

FIRE DRILL EVACUATION & LOCKDOWN:

This month we will be practicing fire drills and lockdowns. Here are the other drills that may be called throughout the year, but not necessarily practiced.

CLASSROOM HOLD—Used to keep students in classrooms for medical situations, RCMP arrests, etc.

SHELTER IN PLACE– Used to move and keep staff and students indoors due to environmental situations such as chemical.

HOLD AND SECURE– Used to move and keep staff and students indoors for ongoing situations outside of the school that involve potential danger including security threats or criminal activities.

Welcome to SchoolCashOnline

Fast. Safe. Convenient.

For safety and efficiency reasons, St. Paul School Division would like to reduce the amount of cash & checks coming into our schools. 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.



Step 1
Register

Go to <https://sperd.schoolcashionline.com/>

and click on **Register**.

- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications



Step 2
Confirm 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 (check spam).

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site, prompting you to **sign into your account**. Use your email address and password to log in.



Step 3
Add a Student

This step will connect your child to your account.

- a) Enter the **School Board Name**.
- b) Enter the **School Name**.
- c) Enter Your Child's **Student Number, Last Name and Birth Date**.
- d) Select **Continue**.
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the **Agree** box and select **Continue**.
- f) Your child has been added to your account.

Here are just a few examples of some of the purchases you can make through SchoolCashOnline

\$25.00 SNACK BAR PUNCH CARDS

No need to send money with your child to school to purchase lunch every day! Glen Avon has \$25 Snack Bar punch cards available for purchase through SchoolCashOnline or at the office. Your child can either carry their own card or leave it safely in the snack bar for convenience. The cards can also be used for the purchase of milk.



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

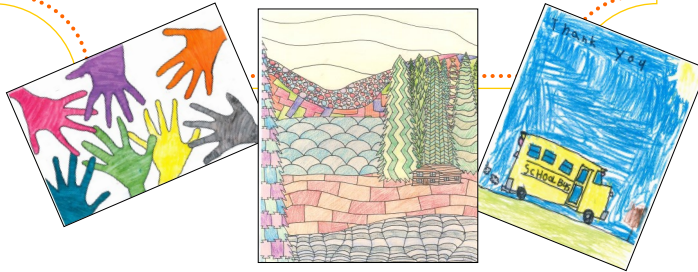
A light breakfast is available at school every morning to all students. Cereal, smoothies and single packaged toast are offered. Whether your children missed breakfast, weren't hungry at home or had breakfast, but can't resist the welcoming smell of toast, they are welcome to partake as breakfast is for everyone!



What is Card Art?

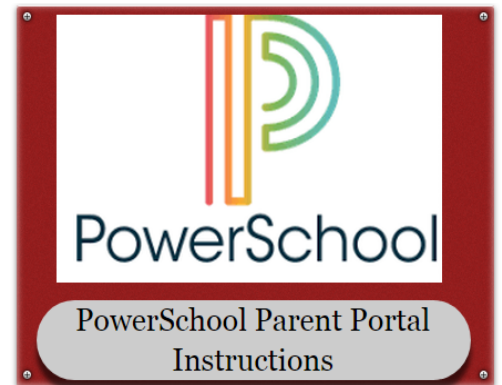
Card Art is a project that originates with a sample of your child's art. It is scanned and printed onto high quality cardstock to become a personalized greeting card with your child's name printed on the back. Money raised from the sale of these cards is used in various ways to enhance our school.

Art Card order forms showing your child's art will be sent home with students as the art for their class is completed, so the order forms for all grades will not be sent at the same time. Orders will be completed and ready for pick up in November. Check your child's backpack for your form!



PowerSchool Parent Portal

Create or sign in to your account in PowerSchool's Parent Portal to view your child's attendance and grades for students in Grades 7-12. Please note that due to the outcome format of elementary reporting, grade information is currently not available on line for students in Grade 6 and lower. Find full instructions on our website www.glenavonschool.ca, click on **For Parents** and then on the **PowerSchool Parent Portal Instructions** button.



OCTOBER 24/2024

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

BOOKINGS WILL BE MADE ONLINE—
STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Glen Avon School

BOOK FAIR

Reading books is a window
to the world



October 21-25th, 2024

Students can preview and purchase from the fair with permission from their teacher during school hours and it will be closed during lunch and lunch recess break (11:30-12:30.)

Make sure to check out all the books and goodies during our Parent Teacher interview night from 4:30-7:30pm.

Fair wraps up at noon on the 25th!



SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

BOARD MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS



Enrolment Update

Overall enrolment is slightly higher than projected. The official student count will occur at the end of September.

Mallaig Planning Update

The Board approved the design plan for the Mallaig replacement school, which includes provisions for a future daycare addition.

Education Plan Review

The Board approved amendments to the 2024-2025 Education Plan, including hiring a division literacy consultant, collaborating with Dr. Emily Milne to apply for a grant addressing systemic inequities for Indigenous and equity-deserving students, and developing a framework and policy for using Generative AI to enhance teaching and operational efficiencies.

Historical School Sites

Earlier this year, the Province requested a complete list of Division-owned properties, revealing the ownership of three small historical school sites in the County of St. Paul. The Board will assess their potential for future use or disposal.

Cell Phones & Other Personal Devices in Schools

The Alberta government has introduced restrictions on the use of personal mobile devices and social media in schools, which have been in effect since September 1, 2024. The Division will establish a committee to develop procedures and policies that align with the new Ministerial Order, with the final policy due by January 2025.

Educational Assistant Project

The Division is pleased to offer training for Educational Assistants, facilitated by an EA Coach who will lead participants through seven modules. The program is designed to strengthen their skills and support their roles. Training includes video modules with reflection, a community of practice led by the EA Coach, and on-the-job coaching from the EA coach.



New Attendance Reporting System

The Division launched SafeArrival, a new attendance reporting system, on September 3. This system simplifies reporting and managing student absences. Key benefits include automated notifications for unexplained absences and multiple options for parents to report absences in advance via a mobile app, website, or toll-free phone line. If no reason for an absence is received promptly, the system will contact parents through text, email, or phone. More details are available on our Division and school websites.

Staff Wellness Day

On August 28, staff participated in a division-wide professional development day focused on wellness. Keynote speaker Ariel Haubrich provided valuable insights on self-care and the afternoon featured wellness-focused sessions for staff, followed by an opening mass for Catholic schools.

**For more information,
contact:**

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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.

Download the **Bus Status** App

1. Search "Bus Status" on the App Store or Google Play, or use the QR codes below:

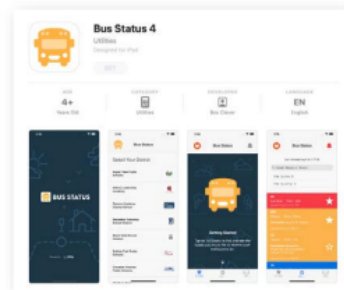


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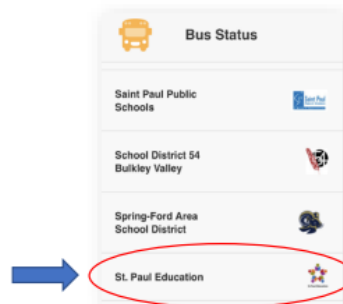


Android

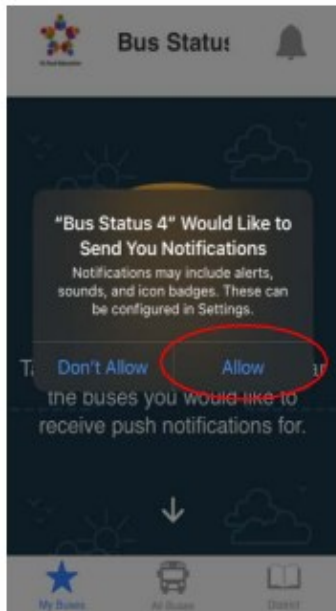
2. Download the *Bus Status 4* app by Box Clever.



3. Open the app and select *St. Paul Education*.



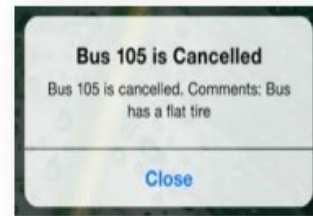
4. Select "Allow" to ensure you receive notifications.



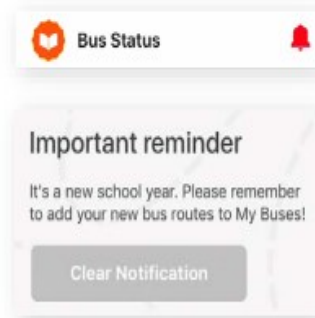
5. Go to *All Buses*. Tap the star to add a bus to *My Buses*.



6. You'll receive a notification when one of your buses is Delayed, Cancelled, or Early.



7. Tap the bell icon to see general Notifications.





Healthy Albertans.
Healthy Communities.
Together.



A Message from *St. Paul Public Health*

Dear Parent/Guardian;

As always Public Health Nurses require parental consent before providing any service to children in schools.

As outlined in the provincial [School Immunization Standard \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](http://albertahealthservices.ca) once consent is obtained from the parent/guardian, it remains in effect until consent is withdrawn or the student's condition has changed. To be clear, consents signed during one school year may be used until the immunization/immunization series is complete, as long as the consent has not been withdrawn by the parent/guardian and the student's condition has not changed.

Interruptions in the delivery of routine school immunizations due to the COVID-19 pandemic have made catch-up immunizations in many schools a necessity, therefore our Public Health school teams may be immunizing some students using consents obtained in previous years.

Although COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to be safe and effective vaccines, they will **NOT** be offered during routine school immunization clinics.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at **780-645-3396**.

St. Paul Education Learning Calendar 2024-2025

August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024
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December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025
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April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	LEGEND
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St. Paul Education

Approved School Holidays	
Labour Day	Sept 2
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 14
Remembrance Day	Nov 11
Fall Break	Nov 12-15
Christmas Break	Dec 23-Jan 3
Family Day	Feb 17
Spring Break	March 24-28
Good Friday	April 18
Easter Monday	April 21
Victoria Day	May 19

Important Dates	Public Schools	Catholic Schools
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
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	

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, 2024 May 26-29 June 3-6, 9-13, 17-19

Connecting youth in our community.



Youth Program

Hosted at Glen Avon

If you're in grades 7-9, join us for fun after school at Glen Avon!

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

Tuesdays

Starting October 8

3:30PM-5:30PM

@ Glen Avon School



TO REGISTER CALL

780-645-5311

GRADES 7-9

15 SPOTS AVAILABLE



Lakeland

FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

