

# Glen Avon Panther Pride



**November 2024**

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www.glenavonschool.ca**



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Glen Avon School is having a ceremony this year at **10:45 a.m.** on Wednesday, November 8th. Students are encouraged to wear black, white or red on that day.



## Daylight Savings Time

**Sunday, November 3**

Turn your clocks **BACK** before bed on Saturday night

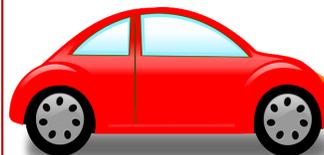


## Important Dates:

- Nov. 3—Daylight Savings Time
- Nov. 4– Picture Retakes KIN-Grade 9
- Nov. 8 - Remembrance Day Celebration  
- Locker Clean up
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day (No School)
- Nov. 11– 15 FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 19 - SPAA Volleyball Championships
  
- Dec. 6- Report Cards Sent Home
- Dec. 12– Christmas Concert @ 6:00 pm
- Dec. 20- Locker Cleanup
- Dec. 20- Christmas Brunch—11:30 am
- Dec. 21- Jan. 5—Christmas Break



**Parking /pick-up areas** Thank you to our parents for dropping off in the roundabouts instead of the staff parking lot. It is much safer for our students! These roundabouts can get congested after school, so it is really important to



be mindful of how your vehicle impacts traffic flow and other drivers. You should not leave your vehicle if it is in the roundabout nor park behind the vehicles that are parked in the stalls on either side.

## Attendance Phone

If your child is absent or late, please text our 'text only' number **780-547-5772** or call in **780-645-3237** by **9:30 a.m.** to let our office staff know that your child is safely at home and will not be attending school.

## Busing Changes

Please communicate your after-school plans to your child (and child's teacher for younger grades). If there are any changes throughout the day, let us know as early as possible in the office so we have time to deliver messages.

# Panther Update



Our senior teams participated in 2 tournaments throughout October, achieving impressive results. The Boys volleyball squad has been putting in significant effort during both practices and matches. The boys finished strong in the FG Miller Tournament and placed 2nd in the Vegreville Pumpkin Smash Tournament. The coaches are truly impressed by your dedication and work ethic! Similarly, our Girls team competed in 2 tournaments this month, securing 2nd place at both the FG Miller Tournament and the Vegreville Pumpkin Smash Tournament. Excellent job, Panthers! Your hard work and commitment have truly paid off! The SPAA championships are scheduled for November 19th.

The GA Junior Team has been having a great season and have been working hard. At the FG Miller Tournament they took home 1st Place. Great job Panthers!!



# 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](https://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/](https://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](https://stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival).

## Online

Go to [home.schoolmessenger.ca](https://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](https://stpauleducation.ab.ca/parents/safe-arrival) or scan the QR code.



# Parents/Guardians

The school has 3 separate Apps for parents/guardians to use.:

- SafeArrival—Absence Reporting
- PowerSchool Parent Portal – to access Gr. 7-9 marks, attendance and more. Kin– Gr. 6 attendance only.
- Bus Alert— Bus notifications



**Jr. High Only (Gr. 7-9): Instructions for parents to be able to access their child's marks, attendance and more.**

## PowerSchool Parent Portal

### Step 1: Create an access account

You can access the portal on our website at [www.stpauleducation.ab.ca](http://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca) by choosing the **Parents/Students** tab, then clicking the **Parent Portal Access** Button. This will open a new window and link you directly to the website. You can also access it directly at <https://powerschool.sperd.ca/public>. You may want to bookmark the access page to make it easy to find on future visits.

A screenshot of the PowerSchool "Student and Parent Sign In" page. It features two tabs: "Sign In" and "Create Account". A red arrow points to the "Create Account" tab. Below the tabs are input fields for "Username" and "Password", and a "Sign In" button at the bottom right.

Click on the **"Create Account"** tab

A screenshot of the PowerSchool "Create an Account" page. It shows the "Create Account" tab selected. Below the tabs is a section titled "Create an Account" with a "Create Account" button at the bottom right. A red arrow points to this button.

Choose the blue **"Create Account Button"**

You will be directed to a page that outlines the terms and conditions of using the Parent Portal. You are required to "Agree" in order to continue.

A screenshot of the PowerSchool "Create Parent Account" page. It shows a form titled "Parent Account Details" with fields for "First Name" (Average), "Last Name" (Parent), "Email" (averageparent@anyschool.com), "Desired Username" (averepare), "Password" (masked with dots), and "Re-enter Password" (masked with dots). A "Strongest" password strength indicator is visible. A note at the bottom states "Password must: \*Be at least 10 characters long".

Enter the required information.

If the username you choose is already in use, you will be prompted to choose another one.

A working email address is important as it will be the one used by our system to help you find a forgotten username or reset a forgotten password.

# Instructions for PowerSchool parent portal continued . . .

## Step 2: Add your children

The screenshot shows the top portion of the registration form. It includes fields for Email (averageparent@myschool.com), Desired Username (averagepare), Password, and Re-enter Password. A note states 'Password must: -Be at least 10 characters long'. Below this is the 'Link Students to Account' section, which has a heading and a sub-heading: 'Enter the Access ID, Access Password, and Relationship for each student you wish to add to your Parent Account'. The first entry is numbered '1' and has fields for Student Name, Access ID, Access Password, and Relationship (a dropdown menu with '-- Choose' selected).

Scroll down to the section called  
“Link Students to Account”

This is a detailed view of the 'Link Students to Account' form. It contains three numbered sections. Section 1 is pre-filled with: Student Name: 'Any Student', Access ID: 'Your child's Alberta Health Care number', Access Password: 'Your child's birthdate', and Relationship: 'Mother'. Section 2 has empty fields for Student Name, Access ID, Access Password, and Relationship (dropdown with '-- Choose'). Section 3 has empty fields for Student Name and Access ID.

Enter your child's first and last name.

The **Access ID** is your child's Alberta Health Care number without any dashes or spaces in it.\*

The **Access Password** is your child's date in the format **yearmonthday**. Month and day must be entered as two digits, so the birthdate of January 1, 2006 would be entered **20060101**.

Choose your relationship to your child from the drop down list.

Repeat for all of your children.

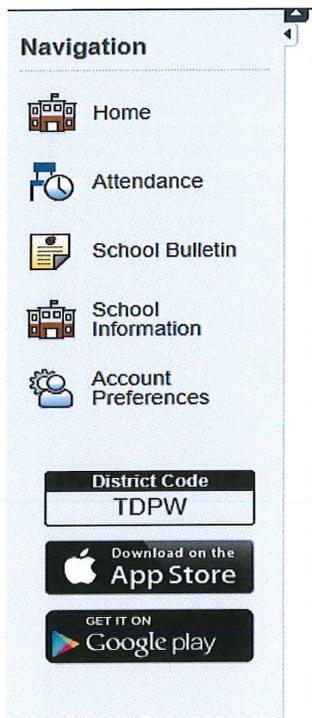
\*If you have not provided an Alberta Health Care number to your child's school or have difficulty adding students, please contact the school office.

A close-up of the bottom right corner of the form, showing the 'Relationship' dropdown menu and a blue 'Enter' button. A red arrow points to the 'Enter' button.

Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click “Enter” when you are finished and you will be taken back to the “Sign In” page where you can enter your username and password.

# Parent Portal View for Students in ECS—Grade 6

**Grades:** 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.



The screenshot shows a vertical navigation menu on the left side of a web page. At the top, it says "Navigation". Below this are five menu items, each with an icon: "Home" (house icon), "Attendance" (clock icon), "School Bulletin" (document icon), "School Information" (school building icon), and "Account Preferences" (person with gear icon). Below the menu items are three buttons: "District Code" with the text "TDPW" below it, "Download on the App Store" with the Apple logo, and "GET IT ON Google play" with the Google Play logo.



## St. Paul Education Regional Division No.1

The navigation menu on the left side of your screen will allow you to go to different areas and you can switch to the information for different children by selecting each child's name in blue on the left near the top of your screen.

### Attendance

- This page will show you a detailed list of your child's attendance.
- School absences (school sporting events and special activities) are NOT counted as absences in your child's total because he/she is participating in a school-sanctioned event.

### School Bulletin

- This tab will allow you to see current school announcements.

### School Information

- The school address, phone and fax numbers as well as a link to the school webpage are all located on this tab.

### Account Preferences

- Here you can change the email account, username, and password that is linked to your access account.
- By clicking on the "Students" tab, you can link other children to your account.

### Installing the app on your mobile device

- The tabs that encourage you to download the app at the "App Store" or "Google play" are live links that should take you directly to the correct app. You will need the District Code that is listed above the links in order to connect to our PowerSchool portal through the app.
- There are many customization options available to you within the app itself that will allow you to control what information you do and do not see.

## BUS ALERT NOTIFICATIONS



Bus Status is the school division's system that will push notifications to your cell phone advising you of any delays/cancellations or other significant changes to respective bus routes. Download the free App using the QR codes below or find the quick link on our home page on our website <https://www.glenavonschool.ca/>



## Dress For The Weather

Winter has officially arrived! All students from Kindergarten to Gr. 6 are required to go outside at recess and they must be dressed appropriately for at least 30 minutes of outdoor recess time. Gr. 7-9 students walk outside to get to Home Economics and Industrial Arts. As the cold weather comes, check that your child is leaving home with a jacket, mitts, and a hat.



REMINDER NOVEMBER 4TH IS PICTURE RETAKES

# SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES

NOVEMBER 4 2024  
ONE DAY ONLY



**Card Art**

Christmas Card Art Fundraiser order forms will be sent home with all students from **Kindergarten to Gr. 6** along with some **Jr. High classes**. Order forms must be returned along with payment of \$2.10 per card with a minimum order of 5 cards (\$10.50). The final deadlines are listed on the forms that are going home. Cards will be ready around the end of November.



# 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.**

# 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.



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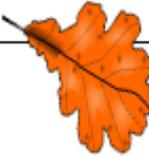


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# Glen Avon School

# November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Sommet Tournament JV ONLY	2
3	4 Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00 Picture Retakes 	5 JV V-ball 3:17-4:30	6 High School SPAA	7 Game @ Kehewin JV Wind-Up 3:17-4:30	8 Remembrance Day Celebration @ 10:45am 	9
10	11 	12 <b>FALL BREAK</b>	13	14	15 	16
17	18 Girls V-ball 3:17-5:00 Boys V-ball 3:17-5:00	19 SPAA Volleyball Boys @ Glen Avon Girls @ Sommet/Racette	20	21 Sr. Wind-Up 3:17-5:00	22	23
24	25 Girls B-Ball Try-outs 3:17-5:00 Boy B-Ball Try-outs 5:00-6:30	26 Boy B-Ball Try-outs 3:17-5:00 Girls B-Ball Try-outs 5:00-6:30 Parent Advisory Meeting @ 7pm	27	28	29 JV B-ball 3:17-4:30 Swap a Playground 	30