

December 2024

Important Dates:



Dec. 6—Report Cards Sent Home

Dec. 19—Locker Clean Up

Dec. 12—Christmas / Band Concert @ 6:00 pm

Dec. 20—Christmas Meal 11:30 am

Christmas Break—Dec. 23—Jan. 6

Jan. 6—School Begins

Jan.28—New Semester Begins

Attendance Phone

If your child is absent or late, please enter it on safe arrival or text our 'text only' number 780-547-5772 or call in 780-645-3237 by 9:00am to let our office staff know that your child is safely at home and will not be attending school.

Busing Changes

Please communicate your afterschool plans with your child (and your child's teacher for K-6).

If there are any changes throughout the day, let us know before 3pm so we have time to deliver messages.

Christmas Concert Information

Our Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 12th, at 6:00pm.

All students will be able to watch the concert in the afternoon.

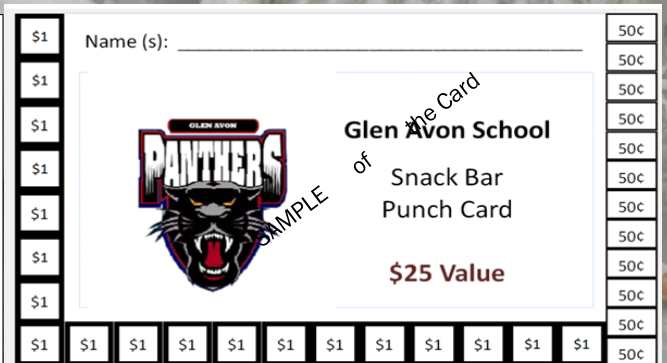
On the evening of the concert, students will stay in their classrooms until their performance and after for the duration of the performance.

The doors will be open to their classrooms at 5:45 pm

Students will be ready for pick up at the end of the concert or earlier if you choose

Please keep in mind when parking that teachers park in the main parking lot in their reserved spots.

Are you tired of sending lunch money or making lunches for your child? Glen Avon has \$25 Snack Bar punch cards available for purchase online or at the office. Your child can either carry their own card or leave it safely in the snack bar for convenience.



SPAA CHAMPIONS!!

After a remarkable 32 years, the Glen Avon Boys' team has finally brought home the championship banner! This momentous achievement is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and teamwork. Glen Avon School is bursting with pride for these young men who have shown perseverance and sportsmanship throughout their journey. The entire school community celebrates this victory, cherishing the resilience and spirit that led them to this outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to the Glen Avon Boys on their well-deserved success!





SR Girls Volleyball:

Our girls ranked 1st in the league leading up to the SPAA championship. They played hard all day but ultimately lost out in the final against Racette. Way to go Panthers! We wish all the players the best of luck next volleyball season! Thank you, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Parsons and Ms. Nickason for coaching these vibrant athletes throughout a great season!



Art Cards



ART CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

If your child has submitted any artwork an order form will be coming home.

Orders can be placed online through <https://sperd.schoolcashionline.com>

or forms and payment can be submitted to the office.



SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that all school fees are now due. You can remit payment online via:

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

or

You are welcome to pay school fees in the office. Also shop project fees are due as well.



Glen Avon School is in search of gently used skates and helmets for their Junior High Skating Program

If you have any equipment you are willing to donate please contact the school 780-645-3237



Glen Avon School

Be the Best You Can Be

Dear Parents:

Glen Avon Grade six physical education classes will be starting their skating unit in December. Students will need the following items for skating:

1. A pair of skates
2. Gloves or mitts
3. Proper clothing to wear to and from the arena
4. A CSA approved helmet.

Alberta Education has mandated safety guidelines for physical education activity in Alberta Schools, so it is mandatory for all students participating in skating to wear a CSA approved helmet. Please assist your son/daughter in attaining a properly fitted helmet so that they may enjoy recreational skating with their classmates.

The school does have a limited number of helmets as well as skates for those students who do not have any.

Also if there are any parents that can come and lend a hand to help tie skates, please call me to let me know.

Below is a schedule of the skating times.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school, 780 645 3237.

Thank you

Mrs. Randall

Grade 6's

Dec 5th	1:00-2:00 @ CAP
Dec 10th	2:00-3:00 @ Clancy
Dec 13th	1:00-2:00 @ Clancy



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Principal

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Grade 7's

Dec. 5th - 10:15-11:15 @ CAP
Dec. 10th - 9:15-10:15 @ Clancy
Dec. 18th - 1:00-2:00 @ Clancy

Grade 8's

Dec. 6th - 9:15- 10:15 @ Clancy
Dec. 11th - 9:15-10:15 @ Clancy
Dec. 16th - 9:15-10:15 @ CAP

Grade 9's

Dec. 4th - 9:15-10:15 @ CAP
Dec. 9th - 9:15-10:15 @ CAP
Dec. 17th - 9:15-10:15 @ Clancy



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NOVEMBER 13, 2024

BOARD MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS



Remembrance Day

Schools across the Division held ceremonies to honor the sacrifices made for our freedom. We extend our gratitude to the special guests who joined us, making these moments of remembrance truly meaningful.

Kutryk Presentation

Two community members from Two Hills approached the Board of Trustees seeking support for a tribute recognizing the accomplishments of Canadian astronaut and Two Hills School alumnus, Joshua Kutryk. Trustee Rajoo will represent the Division on the tribute planning committee.

Council of School Councils Meeting

The Board is hosting a Council of School Councils Engagement Meeting on November 25, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Education Division Office.

Criminal Record Check Bylaw

New provincial rules for local elections are resulting in boards and municipalities needing to decide whether to implement a bylaw requiring a criminal record check for individuals submitting nomination papers before running in an election. Such a bylaw would need to be passed before December 31, 2024. The new rules state that a conviction does not necessarily disqualify a candidate. Given the tight timeline, St. Paul Education trustees chose to defer the Board's response until after the next election and consider addressing a criminal record check requirement in policy for any elected trustees.

Election Update

Nomination packages for individuals who might be interested in running in the October 2025 school board election will be available in January 2025. The Board is not planning any changes to its ward structure.

New Curriculum Update

Alberta's government is working with education partners this fall to develop the junior high and career education curriculum. Drafts for Grades 7-9 mathematics and social studies, Grades 7-10 physical education and wellness, and Career and Life Management (CALM) will be created this school year, with input from teachers, system leaders, and subject experts. A public release of the refined curriculum is anticipated in spring 2025, and schools will have the option to pilot it in the 2025-26 school year.



Education Act Changes

Bill 27: Education Amendment Act, 2024, was introduced by the provincial government to improve transparency and support student choice regarding topics of gender identity, sexual orientation, and human sexuality. The bill also establishes a right to education during emergencies, emphasizing access to in-person learning, with new requirements for emergency learning plans. If passed, these changes are expected to take effect for school authorities on September 1, 2025.

December Board Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. at the Division Office. A livestream will be available on the Division's [YouTube](#) channel.



Literacy Update

A literacy consultant has been hired to provide direct support to teachers and staff, enhancing their ability to build early literacy and reading skills. The Acadience tool has been instrumental in identifying areas where students need support, allowing for the development of targeted interventions. To further support a systemic approach to literacy, a speech-language pathologist has also been hired to aid language development.

Enrolment Update

Enrolment is down 70 students compared to last year but is 32 higher than projected, which will positively impact funding.

**For more information,
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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>



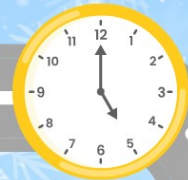
How we decide:

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.

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S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S
1	<p>2 Teriyaki Chicken & Rice \$6.00</p> <p>Chicken Caesar Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Tuna Salad Sandwich \$4.00</p> <p>Beef Vegetable Soup \$3.00</p>	<p>3 BBQ Chicken or Cheese Pizza \$3.00</p> <p>Garden Salad \$4.00</p> <p>Assorted Soup \$2.00</p>	<p>4 Club Pita \$5.50 Combo \$5.50</p> <p>Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Chicken and Wild Rice Soup \$3.00</p>	<p>5 Express Spaghetti & Meat Sauce \$5.00</p> <p>Cobb Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Peanut Butter/Jam Sandwich \$3.00</p> <p>Assorted Soup \$2.00</p>	<p>6 Turkey Swiss Sub \$4.00 Combo \$4.00</p> <p>Greek Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Egg Salad Sandwich \$4.00</p> <p>Assorted Soup \$2.00</p>	7
8	<p>9 Sukiyaki Beef with Noodles \$6.00</p> <p>Caesar Salad \$4.00</p> <p>Salmon Salad Sandwich \$4.00</p> <p>Chicken Vegetable Noodle Soup \$3.00</p>	<p>10 Greek Donair or Cheese Pizza \$3.00</p> <p>Garden Salad \$4.00</p> <p>Assorted Soup \$2.00</p>	<p>11 Turkey Pita \$5.50 Combo \$5.50</p> <p>Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Klondike Chili Large - \$4.00 Small -\$3.00</p>	<p>12 Express Baked Penne Alfredo \$5.00</p> <p>Cobb Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Peanut Butter/Jam Sandwich \$3.00</p> <p>Assorted Soup \$2.00</p>	<p>13 Ham & Cheddar Sub \$4.00 Combo \$4.00</p> <p>Greek Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Egg Salad Sandwich \$4.00</p> <p>Assorted Soup \$2.00</p>	14
15	<p>16 Teriyaki Chicken with Noodles \$6.00</p> <p>Chicken Caesar Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Tuna Salad Sandwich \$4.00</p> <p>Tomato Soup \$3.00</p>	<p>17 Chicken Tropicana or Cheese Pizza \$3.00</p> <p>Garden Salad \$4.00</p> <p>Assorted Soup \$2.00</p>	<p>18 Chicken Bacon Ranch \$5.50 Combo \$5.50</p> <p>Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Assorted Soup \$2.00</p>	<p>19 Express Baked Lasagna \$5.00</p> <p>Cobb Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwich \$3.00</p> <p>Assorted Soup \$2.00</p>	<p>20</p> <p>CHRISTMAS BRUNCH</p>	21
<p><i>Christmas Break Enjoy!</i></p>						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Girls B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Boy B-Ball 5:00-6:30	3 JV B-ball 3:17-4:30	4 Boy B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Girls B-Ball 5:00-6:30 Gr. 9 Skating 9:15-10:15	5 JV B-ball 3:17-4:30 Gr. 7 Skating 10:15-11:15 Gr. 6 Skating 1:00-2:00	6 High School B-Ball Tourney Gr. 8 Skating 9:15-10:15	7 High School B-Ball Tourney
8	9 Girls B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Boy B-Ball 5:00-6:30 Gr. 9 Skating 9:15-10:15	10 Gr. 7 Skating 9:15-10:15 Gr. 6 Skating 2:00-3:00	11 Boy B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Girls B-Ball 5:00-6:30 Gr. 8 Skating 9:15-10:15	12 Christmas Concert @ 6pm	13 Gr. 6 Skating 1:00-2:00	14
15	16 Girls B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Boy B-Ball 5:00-6:30 Gr. 8 Skating 9:15-10:15	17 Gr. 9 Skating 9:15-10:15	18 Boy B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Girls B-Ball 5:00-6:30 Gr. 7 Skating 1:00-2:00	19	20 Christmas Meal Early Dismissal @ 2pm	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Merry Christmas