



Glen Avon Panther Pride

February 2025

Contact us:
4402-42 St.
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A3

Phone: 780-645-3237
Text Only: 780-547-5772
www.glenavonschool.ca

Our main front doors near the flags automatically unlock from 8:15 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The wing doors are locked after 8:30 a.m. If students are dropped off after 8:30 a.m., please drop them off at the main doors so that they can enter the school and sign in at the office.

Important Dates:

Feb. 2—Groundhog Day

Feb.12—Dress in Red/ Pink

Feb.12—Early Dismissal at 2pm

Feb. 13 & 14—Teachers' Convention—No School

Feb. 17—Family Day—No School

Feb. 20— 100th Day of School Celebration

Feb.26—Pink Shirt Day

Feb. 27—Parent Teacher Interviews

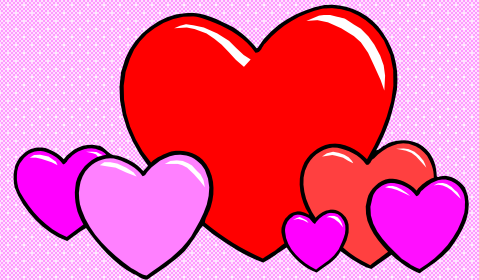
Mar. 7 & 8—SPAA Basketball

Mar. 10—PLC Day—No School

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for:
February 27th

Parents will be able to book online through our website glenavonschool.ca. If you have any questions, please call the office at 780-645-3237

REPORT CARDS will be sent home on: Friday, March 21.



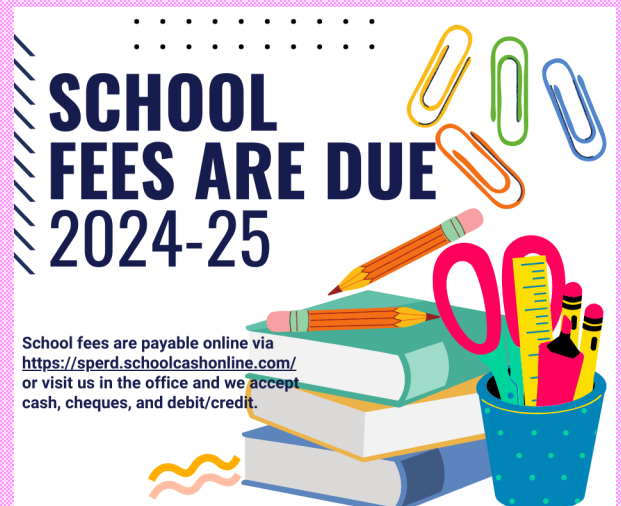
ATTENDANCE PHONE:

If you have not already signed up for School Messenger please do so to enter absences. If your child is late or absent, please text our "text only" number 780-547-5772 or call 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.

BUSSING 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.

DOORS OPEN AT 8:15 A.M.



School fees are payable online via <https://sperd.schoolcashionline.com/> or visit us in the office and we accept cash, cheques, and debit/credit.



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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP FINDING BUS DRIVERS!



Dear Parents,

We're on the lookout for new bus drivers, and we need your help!

Finding regular and casual school bus drivers is proving to be quite challenging. So, we are turning to our parent community to help us navigate our recruitment journey.

Why become a bus driver? Well, besides being the captain of the coolest ride in town, here are a few perks:

- Work just a few hours a day
- No evenings and weekends
- Same holidays as students
- Preschoolers can ride with you
- Paid training and safety courses
- Health Benefit Spending Account
(dependent on eligibility)

If you know someone with a passion for safety and a knack for keeping the good vibes rolling, please encourage them to apply. It could be a neighbor, a friend, or even yourself – no prior bus-driving experience required, just a willingness to embrace the adventure!

To express interest or learn more, please contact our transportation department at 780-645-3323.

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.



St. Paul Education



stpauleducation.ab.ca

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 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/. 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.

Online

Go to 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
or scan the QR code.



JANUARY 22, 2025

BOARD MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS



Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools

Parent feedback strongly supports a policy to restrict mobile devices use during school hours to reduce distractions, protect student well-being, and enhance learning. Key considerations, including enforceable rules, differentiation by grade levels and educational purposes, consistent consequences, and addressing communication needs, have been incorporated into the new [administrative procedure](#), which is now in effect.

Alberta Education Satisfaction Surveys

The Ministry of Education will conduct its annual satisfaction telephone and online surveys to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. These surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the public, high school students, teachers, principals, and school board trustees, as well as employers of recent high school graduates. Advanis Inc. will begin survey administration of the telephone/online surveys on January 20, 2025, with an expected conclusion in May 2025.

Early Learning Report

Director of Inclusive Education and Early Learning, Sha Tichkowsky, shared an overview of the Division's Early Learning Program, which serves children in Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten. Nine schools offer Kindergarten, with full-day programs at four locations, and preschools also operate in two schools. Early intervention supports include speech and language services, occupational therapy, and literacy programs.

2025–2026 Calendar

Two draft calendars for the upcoming school year have been presented to the Board for consideration. Shaped by input from staff, parents, and students gathered through recent surveys, the drafts will now be shared with principals and school councils for additional feedback.

Science Fair

The St. Paul and District Steam Society is hosting its third annual Science Fair on Saturday, April 12, 2025. More information is available [here](#).

Legion Remembrance Day Contest

Schools participated in the Legion's annual Remembrance Day contest, with 27 students recognized for their outstanding work in visual art and writing. Presentations are happening this month to celebrate their achievements, with some winners advancing to the national level. Thank you to the St. Paul Legion for organizing this meaningful contest and fostering the tradition of remembrance in our community.



New Myrnam School Delegation

A delegation of students and staff from New Myrnam School delivered an engaging and informative presentation about the school's recent Skills Canada Exploration Day. The event featured a design challenge centered on creating a sustainable dwelling, with the planning process incorporating various skills to provide a valuable learning experience.

École Mallaig Construction Update

Alberta Infrastructure is managing this project, with tenders closing on January 28 and an award is expected in early February. Construction is anticipated to begin within three weeks of receiving a letter of intent from the province which is projected to take just over two years to complete. The Division and County will be reaching out to community stakeholders to continue evaluating daycare options. The Province has confirmed the project will be receiving the standard \$250,000 for playground development.

February Board Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Division Office. A livestream will be available on the Division's [YouTube](#) channel.

PowerSchool Data Breach

The Division's Student Information System provider recently experienced a data breach. Investigations by PowerSchool and St. Paul Education confirm that **no** data belonging to our students, staff, or parents was affected.

**For more information,
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S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S
				30 Jan Express Spaghetti & Meat Sauce \$5.00 PB&J Sandwich \$3.00 Cobb Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	31 Jan PD Day No School	1
2	3 Sukiyaki Beef with Rice \$6.00 Salmon Salad Sandwich on \$4.00 Chicken Caesar Salad \$5.00 Tomato Ravioli Soup \$3.00	4 Chicken Fajita or Cheese Pizza \$3.00 Garden Italian Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	5 Ham or Falafel Pita \$5.50 Combo \$5.20 Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00 Beef Stew Sm - \$3.00 Lg - \$4.00	6 Express Baked Penne Alfredo \$5.00 PB&J Sandwich \$3.00 Cobb Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	7 Roast Beef & Cheddar Cheese Sub \$4.00 Combo \$4.00 Egg Salad Sandwich on \$4.00 Greek Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	8
9	10 Teriyaki Chicken with Rice \$6.00 Tuna Salad Sandwich on \$4.00 Caesar Salad \$5.00 Beef Barley Vegetable Soup \$3.00	11 Chicken Alfredo Cheese Pizza \$3.00 Garden Italian Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	12 Club Pita \$5.50 Combo \$5.50 Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00 Early Dismissal 2pm	13 No School Teachers Convention	14 No School Teachers Convention	15
16	17 Family Day No School	18 PD Day No School	20 Turkey Pita \$5.50 Combo \$5.50 Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00 Chicken Rice Soup \$3.00 Klondike Chili Lg 4.00 Sm \$3.00	21 Express Baked Lasagna and Meat Sauce \$5.00 PB&J Sandwich \$3.00 Cobb Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	22 Smoked Chicken and Havarti \$4.00 Combo \$4.00 Egg Salad Sandwich on \$4.00 Greek Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	23
24	25 Sukiyaki Beef with Noodles \$6.00 Tuna Salad Sandwich on \$4.00 Caesar Salad \$5.00 Chicken Noodle Vegetable Soup \$3.00	26 Taco or Cheese Pizza \$3.00 Garden Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	27 Chicken, Bacon Ranch Pita \$5.50 Combo \$5.50 Chicken Taco Salad \$5.00 Chicken Corn Chowder \$3.00	28 Express Spaghetti & Meat Sauce \$5.00 PB&J Sandwich \$3.00 Cobb Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	28 Turkey and Swiss Sub \$4.00 Combo \$4.00 Egg Salad Sandwich \$4.00 Greek Salad \$5.00 Assorted Soup \$2.00	1

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Girls B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Boy B-Ball 5:00-6:30	4 Home Game vs. Summit(BOYS)	5 Boy B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Girls B-Ball 5:00-6:30 JV Game @ Racette	6 JV B-ball 3:17-5:00	7 Bonnyville Tournament	8 Bonnyville Tournament
9	10 Girls B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Boy B-Ball 5:00-6:30	11 JV B-ball 3:17-5:00 Game @ Ashmont	12 Early Dismissal @ 2 PM Dress 'Lovely' Red or Pink	13 Teachers' Convention	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL	18 PLC DAY	19 Boy B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Girls B-Ball 5:00-6:30	20 Home Game vs. TTES 100th Day of School Dress Up	21	22
23	24 Girls B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Boy B-Ball 5:00-6:30	25 JV B-ball Wind-Up 3:17-5:00	26 Boy B-Ball 3:17-5:00 Girls B-Ball 5:00-6:30 PINK SHIRT DAY 	27 Parent/Teacher Interviews	28	