

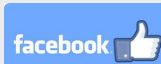


# École Mallaig School

## Newsletter

Box 90, Mallaig, AB T0A 2K0  
Ph:780-635-3858/Fax:780-635-3938

Webpage: [www.mallaigschool.ca](http://www.mallaigschool.ca)  
Email: [mcs@sperd.ca](mailto:mcs@sperd.ca)



Sept. 13, 2019



For school policy information, calendar of events, newsletters, and more, visit our website at: <https://www.mallaigschool.ca> or follow us on facebook  
There is also a link to our webpage if you log on to <https://www.stpauleducation.ab.ca>.

**Student absences**-Please call the school if your child will be absent. If we do not get a call, we will be contacting the parent to verify the students absence. Call-780-635-3858 (messages can be left at this number)

### Notice to Parents and Visitors

All school doors, except the front (west) office doors are locked at 8:50 a.m.

**ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS** are asked to use the west doors and **report to the office** as to the reason for being at the school. We are doing our best not to disturb the learning that is going on during class time.

### NEWSLETTER

This will be the final copy of the newsletter until the current years subscription is paid. The cost to mail is \$30.00. Students cost is \$5.00. The newsletter is available at no cost online at [www.mallaigschool.ca](http://www.mallaigschool.ca).

School fees are due immediately. Please contact Glenda at 780-635-3858 as to amount owing. Payment options are available and can be made by cash, cheque or by our new online system- SchoolCash Online.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS



School pictures will be taken on **Monday, October 7**. Forms will be sent home with your child later in September.

This will be an French instruction day for ECS, therefore the students in ECS taking English instruction will have to be brought in at the time provided by Mr. Leroux.

### Signing In/Out

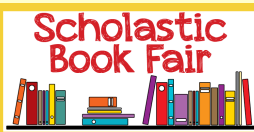
We ask that **ALL** students, from ECS to Grade 12 sign in if they are late arriving to school or if they are returning to school.

If students are leaving during school hours students are either to be signed out by the parent, have a parent note or the parent must call the office. If the student is getting picked up by someone other than the parent please let us know.

Mallaig School Parent  
Council AGM  
Sept. 24 @6:30pm  
All are welcome!

On the agenda we will be assisting anyone that would like help to register for the new SchoolCash Online payment system.

Mark your  
calendars for  
the  
École Mallaig  
School Library



October 16-28

Thank you to Mrs. Bourgeois and the Sr. Foods class for making all the bannok that was enjoyed by all students and staff.



Don't forget to get  
the new  
**ALERTUS bus app**



**2019/2020 Staff**  
**École Mallaig School**

<b>AMYOTTE, Anne-Marie</b>	<b>Admin Assistant</b>
<b>ANDERSEN, Renee</b>	<b>Educational Assistant</b>
<b>BERNARD, Clemence</b>	<b>Custodian</b>
<b>BOURGEOIS, Colleen</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>CATUDAL, Steven</b>	<b>Custodian</b>
<b>CORBIERE, Charlene</b>	<b>Educational Assistant</b>
<b>COTE, Claude</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>DECHAINED, Glenda</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>DECHAINED, Pauline</b>	<b>Librarian</b>
<b>FELAND, Candace</b>	<b>Educational Assistant</b>
<b>FELAND, Roxanne</b>	<b>Educational Assistant</b>
<b>FINLAY, Garth</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>HALL, Gisele</b>	<b>Principal</b>
<b>HAMALIUK, Nicole</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>HANDFORD, Kellie</b>	<b>Assistant Principal/Teacher</b>
<b>KAPROWSKI, Margie</b>	<b>Career Counsellor</b>
<b>KWIATKOWSKI, Becky</b>	<b>Educational Assistant</b>
<b>KWIATKOWSKI, Danielle</b>	<b>Educational Assistant</b>
<b>LAMBERT, Hannan</b>	<b>FSLW</b>
<b>LEROUX, Jordan</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>LILJE, Sylvie</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>LOCKE, Marcy</b>	<b>Educational Assistant</b>
<b>MARTIN, Kelly</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>MATHIOT, Jack</b>	<b>Head Custodian</b>
<b>MEGER, Mindy</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>MICHAUD, David</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>MOISEY, Yvette</b>	<b>Vice Principal /COSS/Teacher</b>
<b>OUELLETTE, Monique</b>	<b>Educational Assistant</b>
<b>SIMPSON, Margaret</b>	<b>Educational Assistant</b>
<b>SLOAN, Laura</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>ST. ARNAULT, Danica</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>STEPP, Alycia</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>STINN, Ryan</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>TURCOTTE, Colette</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>WARD, Leon</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>WASHBURN, Raedean</b>	<b>Teacher</b>



## FAQs

I've forgotten my password

Click on the "Forgot your password?" link to reset your password. A temporary password will be sent to the email address registered with your account.

How secure are my purchases?

KEV Group's top priority is to keep your personal information safe. Go to <https://helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com> and see Security for Security Policy and Privacy Policy.

What if I can't find my student?

Contact your school to confirm your student's details (sign up criteria) to ensure it matches exactly with what was entered in your school's records.

What if I can't see any items?

Each school creates their own items for purchase and assigns them to students. Once assigned, they will appear online under the student tab.

## Need Help?

Go to [helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com](mailto:helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com)



Contact your school office directly for the following issues:

- ✓ You require a refund for items purchased on School Cash Online
- ✓ When adding to the cart, the item displayed prevents you from completing your purchase correctly
- ✓ You made a purchase on an item incorrectly and want to change your order
- ✓ You are missing items that you thought were available to purchase. Items are created by the school and School Cash Online displays those items for parents to purchase

How To Make Online Payments  
for Your Student Fees using

**SchoolCashOnline**

Powered by **KEVGROUP**

Fast, safe, convenient.

# SchoolCashOnline

NEW

### NOTE!

Occasionally there may be a couple days delay in payments being made online and the payment showing up on reports-eg. Newsletter, milkcard, etc. Therefore we will have firm deadlines set for certain catalogue items as we move forward.

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

## Welcome to SchoolCashOnline



School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

- ✓ Conveniently make payments for student fees online
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more

All you have to do is register, attach your students and in no time, you will be able to make payments online.

## How to Register

1. Go to <https://sperd.schoolcashonline.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

2. A confirmation email will be sent to you

- Check spam

3. Follow the instructions in the email.

Your email is used as your username in your profile.



### How to Add a Student

1. Sign In to School Cash Online
2. Go to MY ACCOUNT.
3. From the drop down menu, select My Students.
4. Click to add a student.
  - a. Type in your School Board Name
  - b. Select School Name from the list.
  - c. Enter Student Criteria (as set by your School Board)
  - d. CONFIRM

You can add up to 8 students on your profile.

### How to Make a Payment

1. You will be able to view any available items attached to your students that are set up on your account.
2. Select the item that you would like to purchase and click "add to Cart".
3. Once you have finished adding items to your cart, select "Check Out" to make payment.

You can pay for multiple student's items in one Check Out.

### Payment Types Accepted

Credit Cards eCheck



Stay connected by receiving email notifications of new fees.



Never miss out on field trips, yearbook sales, and school events.



Pay required fees any time, any where.



Students no longer risk carrying cash and checks to school in their backpacks.

The first bell of the day is 8:30, therefore, we ask that students walking or being driven to school arrive no earlier than 8:30A.M as there will be no supervision before that time. If they are in the school before that time they must remain on the bench by the office or by the Jr/Sr entry.

<b>Senior/Junior High</b>		<b>Elementary</b>	
<b>Buses</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>Buses</b>	<b>8:30</b>
<b>First Bell</b>	<b>8:42</b>	<b>First Bell</b>	<b>8:42</b>
<b>Announcements</b>	<b>8:42</b>	<b>Announcements</b>	<b>8:42</b>
<b>Block 1</b>	<b>8:45 - 9:27</b>	<b>Block 1</b>	<b>8:45 - 9:27</b>
<b>Block 2</b>	<b>9:27 - 10:09</b>	<b>Block 2</b>	<b>9:27 - 10:07</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:09 - 10:17</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>10:07 - 10:19</b>
<b>Block 3</b>	<b>10:17 - 10:59</b>	<b>Block 3</b>	<b>10:19 - 10:59</b>
<b>Block 4</b>	<b>10:59 - 11:41</b>	<b>Block 4</b>	<b>10:59 - 11:41</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:41 - 12:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:41 - 12:00</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>12:00 - 12:18</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>12:00 - 12:18</b>
<b>Block 5</b>	<b>12:20 - 1:02</b>	<b>Block 5</b>	<b>12:20 - 1:02</b>
<b>Block 6</b>	<b>1:02 - 1:44</b>	<b>Block 6</b>	<b>1:02 - 1:42</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>1:44 - 1:52</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>1:42 - 1:54</b>
<b>Block 7</b>	<b>1:52 - 2:34</b>	<b>Block 7</b>	<b>1:54 - 2:34</b>
<b>Block 8</b>	<b>2:34 - 3:16</b>	<b>Block 8</b>	<b>2:34 - 3:16</b>

**Take  
Note**

A reminder to parents that should it be necessary to contact your child via text or voice call during the school day please do so during their breaks and lunch. We are trying to minimize the distraction during class time as much as possible. If you are picking up your child early from school, we would appreciate if you could advise the school by calling (780)635-3858.

# FIVE TIPS FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH:

## 1. BE PRESENT BY COMMITTING TO LESS SCREEN TIME.

Real life is happening right now. We are missing more and more moments of real-life engagement with ourselves and others by constantly being distracted and tethered to a phone. Make a choice to be present. Dedicate some time at least once a week to being phone-free. Try turning your phone off from 5pm Friday till noon on Saturday and take advantage of that time to be entirely present with your friends, family, partner or yourself. You're not missing anything online, you're missing out on real life.

## 2. GET OUT AND SOCIALIZE!

Don't let yourself [prematurely hibernate](#). Call that friend to reconnect over a coffee and a walk. It's not winter yet, so don't let a chilly day deter you – dress appropriately (layers are key!). Wondering what to talk about? See tip #3.

## 3. GET INSPIRED!

Plan your winter getaway. Imagine yourself snowshoeing in the mountains or walking along a sandy beach. Where do you want to explore? What do you want to do? Planning a trip gives you something to look forward to and acts as excellent motivation to get moving now, so you can be happy, strong and energized for your adventures!

## 4. GET A GOOD SLEEP!

Sleep is critical to our moods—aiming for [7-8 hours per night is best](#). Are you feeling well-rested? If not, try to start your nighttime routine earlier by turning off screens (tip #1!) and cue your mind to relax by reading a book, listening to music or taking a bath. Can't sleep because you have a busy mind that just won't slow down? See tip #5.

## 5. GET MOVING!

Movement clears the head. Think about movement as a tool to flush away stress and anxiety. Getting your heart rate up releases feel-good endorphins. Start small, with little bits of movement built into your day. Walk 15 minutes by getting off public transit a few stops earlier. Take the stairs at work. Add a 20-minute lunch break walk outside to your daily routine (even connect with a pal, tip #2!)—it will do wonders for your mental health.

[www.participation.com](http://www.participation.com)

CRISIS SERVICES CANADA- [www.crisisservicescanada.ca](http://www.crisisservicescanada.ca)

1-833-456-4566 or TEXT 45645

KIDS HELP PHONE- [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

1-800-668-6868 or TEXT 686868

First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Hotline- 1-855-242-3310



# career corner

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### WELCOME

Hello, and welcome back! I hope that you and your family had a relaxing summer. My name is Mrs. Margie Kaprowski, and I am excited to be the new Career Counsellor at Ecole Mallaig School. This being my first year at Ecole Mallaig, I am excited to get the year started and meet the students, parents and staff. My hope is that this school year will be full of fun and successful experiences for all students. As school counsellor, I will be meeting with all the grade 10's, 11's, and 12's to help them with course selections, as

these will have an impact on post-secondary programs. As career counsellor we will begin the student planning process with each student. This component consists of engaging in one-on-one meetings with all students in an effort to assist with the development of personal goals and the establishment of future plans. We encourage students and parents to visit [alis.alberta.ca](http://alis.alberta.ca) which provides career planning, post secondary education and training, educational funding and employment information that helps students achieve success. I will be available in person for a full week of each month and will post it at the school. Students can e-mail or call me throughout the year for any questions or concerns.

Margie Kaprowski

Division Career Counsellor

[kaprmarg@sperd.ca](mailto:kaprmarg@sperd.ca)

780-614-1365

### Important Dates

Sept 27: USask Open House

Oct 1: Most Post Secondary schools open their applications for fall of 2020

Oct 3: Sait & Portage College open their applications for fall of 2020

Oct 5: King's University Open House

Oct 18: Nait's Open House

Oct 19: U of A and Concordia Open House

Oct 25 & 26: Lakeland College Open

### Save the Date

Post-Secondary Night

Date: November 5, 2019

Time: 6:30 to 7:30

Where: St. Paul Regional High School

Recruiters from various post-secondary schools throughout Alberta will be in attendance (also the RCMP and Canadian Forces) and each will have a table set up in the gym. Parents and students are encouraged to attend and learn about various schools, and programs.

## Post Secondary Open House Dates 2019-2020

School Name	Location	Important Dates
Alberta University of the Arts	Calgary	List of events found here: <a href="https://www.auarts.ca/future-students/campus-tours-and-events">https://www.auarts.ca/future-students/campus-tours-and-events</a>
Ambrose University	Calgary	November 1 & 2, 2019
Augustana Campus (UAlberta)	Camrose	October 18, November 23, February 8, & March 20
University nuhelot'j[ne thalyots'] nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills	St. Paul	Visit the campus or call 780-645-4455 for questions
Bow Valley College	Calgary	October 19, 2019 @ 10am-3pm
Concordia University of Edmonton	Edmonton	October 19, 2019 @ 10am-2pm ** FREE APPLICATIONS **
Grande Prairie Regional College	Grande Prairie & Fairview	November 8, 2019
Keyano College	Fort McMurray	Book a campus tour by calling 780-791-4884
Kings University	Edmonton	October 5, 2019 @ 10am - 2pm ** FREE APPLICATIONS **
Lakeland College	Vermilion & Lloydminster	October 25 & 26, 2019 @ 9am - 3pm ** FREE APPLICATIONS **
Lethbridge College	Lethbridge	November 7, 2019 & February 8, 2020
MacEwan University	Edmonton	November 2, 2019
Medicine Hat College	Medicine Hat	Check out campus events and sign up for a tour at <a href="https://www.mhc.ab.ca/FutureStudents/ExperienceMHC/Visit-MHC/VisitUs/VisitUs">https://www.mhc.ab.ca/FutureStudents/ExperienceMHC/Visit-MHC/VisitUs/VisitUs</a>
Mount Royal University	Calgary	October 26, 2019
NAIT	Edmonton	October 18, 2019 @ 9am-3pm & October 19, 2019 @ 10am - 3pm
NorQuest College	Edmonton	October 26, 2019 @ 9am-3pm
Olds College	Olds & Calgary	October 18, 2019 @ 10am-3pm (in Olds) & October 19, 2019 @ 10am - 2pm (in Calgary)
Portage College	Various Locations	St. Paul: October 3, 2019 @ 4:30-6:30pm Lac La Biche: October 7, 2019 @ 4:30-6:30pm Cold Lake: October 9, 2019 @ 4:30-7:00pm
Red Deer College	Red Deer	November 2, 2019 @ 10am-1pm
SAIT	Calgary	October 18 & 19, 2019 @ 9am-3pm
St. Mary's University	Calgary	November 2, 2019 @ 10am-2pm
University of Alberta	Edmonton	October 19, 2019
University of Calgary	Calgary	October 5, 2019 @ 10am-3pm
University of Lethbridge	Lethbridge	October 26, 2019
University of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	September 27, 2019
<b>Post-Secondary Night on November 5, 2019 @ 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the gym of St. Paul Regional High School. Come learn about different post-secondary schools and explore your options!!</b>		



# 2019/2020

## School Calendar

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**St. Paul Education**  
Regional Division No.1

### MALLAIG, RACETTE and ST. PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020

#### Important Dates

- Aug. 28 Teacher P.D. Day (individual schools have the choice to work either of August 28 or June 29)
- Aug. 29 & 30 - Teacher P.D. Days
- Sept. 2 Labour Day
- Sept. 3 First Day of School
- Sept. 27 Teacher P.D. Day
- Oct. 10 Teacher P.D. Day
- Oct. 11 Teacher P. D. Day / Local ATA P.D. Day
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 8 In-lieu-of-reporting Day
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 12 Teacher P.D. Day
- Dec. 20 Early Dismissal - 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 - Christmas Break
- Jan. 31 Teacher P.D. Day
- Feb. 12 Early Dismissal - 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13 & 14 - Teachers' Convention
- Feb. 17 Family Day
- Mar. 9 Teacher P.D. Day
- Mar. 23 to Mar. 27 - Spring Break
- April 3 Catholic Education Faith Formation Day for Mallaig Racette, SPECS (regular school day for all other schools)
- Apr. 9 Teacher P.D. Day
- Apr. 10 Good Friday
- Apr. 13 Easter Monday
- May 15 Teacher P. D. Day
- May 18 Victoria Day
- June 5 Teacher P.D. Day
- June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 26 Last Day of School
- June 29 Teacher P.D. Day (individual schools have the choice to work either of August 28 or June 29)

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School Year	Instructional Days
179.5 Instructional Days	90.75 Semester I
16.5 Teacher Days	8.75 Semester II
196 Total Operational Days	179.5 Total Instructional Days

#### LEGEND

- ★ First Day/Last Day of School
- Teacher Day - No Students
- Holiday
- Early Dismissal

DIPLOMA EXAMS - November 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 January 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 April 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 June 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26  
ACHIEVEMENT TEST administration window - January 15-22 & January 23-31 (Gr. 9) Dates determined by individual schools  
ACHIEVEMENT TEST administration window - May 4-8 & June 15-26 (Gr. 6 & 9) Dates determined by individual schools

Approved: March 13, 2019



# Terry Fox Walk/Run

We would like to welcome the community to join us to walk/run in support of the Terry Fox Foundation - Date to be determined so check the school calendar on our website or watch for an update on our Facebook page.

A great way to show support is to visit the Terry Fox Foundation website and purchase a 2019 t-shirt -

<https://shop.terryfox.org/>

*Cancer has touched the lives  
of so many, either directly or  
indirectly, so please support this  
very important event.*



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30

Please remember to wear orange on  
September 30

If you would like to order a t-shirt, they are available at the following website: <https://store.nelson.com/orange-shirt-day>

\*\*\*Order before September 18 and shipping charges will not apply. Cost -\$9.95/shirt



“Reconciliation should be ReconciliACTION. We need to see more hands-on reconciliation. This image portrays the strength of our people, holding on to sacred drum songs for the future generations. A pride was lost in the residential school system. CHILDREN taken from their families, hair cut off, are the connection to our past. Stripped of their identity... told to believe a new world. This image shows a young woman drumming and singing healing songs that were passed on from grandparents who suffered residential school terrors, but never lost their PRIDE, hiding their tears so the next generation could be proud of who they are and where they came from, protected by the eagle.” - Kalum Teke Dan

## "Families of Mallaig"

École Mallaig School has created a "Families of Mallaig" school bulletin board and we are looking to add your family portrait to it. Simply email a copy of your photo to [bourcoll@spurd.ca](mailto:bourcoll@spurd.ca) and we will gladly add it to the display.



*Elementary Milkcards are  
available for students in  
ECS-Grade 6*

*\$20 for 22 milk cartons*

# MALLAIG FLYING NEEDLES

If you have a quilting or craft project that you would like to work on come out to the

Mallaig Seniors Hall

Every Thursday beginning October 17

9:00-3:00

Bring a lunch



# Elementary Art

## Jr/Sr Cafeteria

There will be grilled cheese and veggies & dip available on a daily bases with specials for the week being offered.

We really appreciate the support that is given to our cafeteria as the profits help support our the Athletics program.







**By-election:** There will be a by-election for Ward D (St. Paul South) on November 12, 2019. Nominations will be accepted from September 12th until 12 noon on October 1st. The Board is considering a complete review of its electoral ward distribution for the 2021 general election.

**Enrollment Update:** The Division's current enrollment is 3765 students. This does not include Outreach students who are often blended or part-time. The Division is currently up 90 students from projections but only up 28 students from the 2018 September 30th count. Trustees were pleased to see that the enrolment decline trend of the past four years may be turning around.

**Audit Committee:** The newly implemented Education Act requires the Board's audit committee to include a member from the business community and a member of the adult learning community. Given the short time frame of when our audit needs to be completed by (November 30, 2019) and the concern of finding and preparing two outside committee members, administration has verified that we can defer this implementation until 2020.

**Education Act & Regulations:** Trustees reviewed a letter from Deputy Minister of Education, Curtis Clarke, regarding the standardization of jurisdiction names. Going forward, for all legal purposes, the name St. Paul School Division will be used. However, it is not immediately necessary to change letterhead, websites, signs and other branding.

**School Fee Changes:** School divisions no longer require permission from the ministry for school fees so long as they fall within the regulations. However, at this point, SPERD is not anticipating any significant changes to school fees for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Blue Ribbon Panel Report:** Trustees heard a brief review of the Blue Ribbon panel report. Senior administration has concerns surrounding the validity of some of the report findings. In particular, the claimed percent of spending on governance and administration seems inflated in the report due to the inclusion of transportation, plant operations and maintenance. SPERD spends 4.2% on administration and governance, not 24.6% as reported in the report. Trustees have concerns with the panel recommendation to link performance measures with funding. We serve all students and those that are vulnerable should not be penalized for their level of achievement in the classroom.

**ATA Participation:** The ATA Local will continue to attend regular Board meetings for the 2019-20 school year with the half-day substitute cost being shared by the Board.

**Lease Renewal at RHS Commercial Kitchen:** The Board formalized a lease renewal with SPAN for the cafeteria kitchen space in Regional High School to 2024.

**Policy 8 & 9 Review:** The Board tabled a review of Policy 8 Board Committees and Policy 9 Board Representatives until June 2020.

**Advertising, Canvassing and Commercial Solicitation:** Division schools are being inundated with requests to permit advertising and promotion of outside activities and organizations. Superintendent Glen Brodziak reviewed AP 521 for the Board of Trustees. He will bring AP 521 forward to the Admin council meeting for review and revision.

**Heinsburg Community School request for Out of Province Field trip:** HCS is requesting that students be able to attend an out of province field trip to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to attend a SADD event on Oct 18th, 2019. This request was approved by the Board of Trustees.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- The Nutrition Grant has been renewed for the 2019-20 school year. SPERD will receive \$335,000 for our breakfast programs.
- Due to poor weather, the School Division Pow Wow is regrettably postponed until spring 2020.
- Orange Shirt Day activity planning is underway.
- AB ED reps will be touring the New Myrnam School, CTEC, and the St. Paul Elementary school on Sept. 24th, 2019.
- The final CIF report has been completed and submitted.
- All principals will now be attending interagency meetings in their communities.
- The previous ban has been rescinded on seclusion rooms and new regulations have been recently released stipulating how they can be used moving forward. However, SPERD does not currently have rooms used for seclusion purposes.

#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- The increase in enrollment is positive.
- The 2019-2020 Provincial budget is still unavailable as is the status of several grants.
- The interim audit has been completed and the year-end audit is planned for October with a presentation to the Board of Trustees to follow on November 27th, 2019.

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

- Administration provided a status report on summer IMR projects. Trustees thanked the maintenance department for their ongoing dedication.
- THMS remedial work on sidewalks is underway.
- Work is still on hold at Ashmont school pending agreement between the Province and receiver.
- Myrnam CTEC building will be ready for use by the end of October.

#### **INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

- **ACSTA:** Trustee Wiebe provided his report.
- **Trustee Attendance Schedule:** Trustees reported on committee and event attendance.
- **STAR Correspondence:** Trustees reviewed a letter of concern shared by St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic School Division regarding AB ED announcements of new schools as it relates to site availability.
- **Pembina Hills Correspondence:** Trustees reviewed a letter from the Pembina Hills School Division Board Chair.
- **MELT Extension:** The deadline for school bus drivers to attain their MELT requirements has been extended. School bus drivers must pass the Class 2 MELT enhanced tests by July 31, 2020. All school bus drivers must have an S Endorsement on their driver's licence by July 31, 2020.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Day 1 Welcome Back!	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7
8	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14
15 This weeks Jr/Sr cafeteria special – Taco in a Bag	16 Day 4 Sr. Golf Zones- Mundare	17 Day 5 Jr. Golf SPAA	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2 Sr. Vball Bonnyville Jr. Vball St. Paul	21 Sr. Vball Bonnyville Jr. Vball St. Paul
22 This weeks Jr/Sr cafeteria special – Chicken Caesar Wrap	23 Day 3 Sr. Golf Provs	24 Day 4 Sr. Golf Provs Parent Council @ 6:30	25 Day 5	26 Day 6 Jr/Sr Cross Country	27 PD-No School	28
29	30 Day 1 Orange Shirt Day			