



**École St. Paul**  
429 Ross Haven Drive  
Fort McMurray,  
Alberta  
T9H 3P3  
780-799-5760

## School Hours and Bell Times

1 <sup>st</sup> bell	8:50	EEP/Premiers Pas	
2 <sup>nd</sup> bell-Classes start	8:55	Morning Group	8:50 - 11:45
		Afternoon Group	12:40 - 3:30
Nutritional Break	11:05 – 11:20	Kindergarten	
		Morning Group	8:50 - 11:45
Recess	11:20 – 11:35	Afternoon Group	12:40 - 3:30
Recess	1:35 – 1:50		
Nutritional Break	1:50 – 2:05		
Classes Resume	2:05 – 3:35		

## Principal's Message

Bonjour and hello to all our École St. Paul School families! I feel blessed to be starting my fourth year as Principal at this very wonderful school! Our school continues to grow and flourish! We warmly welcome five new teaching staff - Mr O'Hearn in Music, Mme Sieben in grade 5 Middle Immersion, Mme Erin in grade 6 Middle Immersion, Mr Michaud in 5/6 English and Ms Simpson in 4 English.

Here are few important dates:

- Sept. 12 1<sup>st</sup> day for Kindergarten
- Sept. 14 1<sup>st</sup> Day for EEP/ Premier Pas
- Sept. 15 Family BBQ and Meet the Staff night beginning at 5:00 pm. Our Parent Teacher Council is hosting the BBQ - please bring a picnic blanket as we will sit outside on the grassy areas. Meeting the staff will follow, beginning at 6:45 pm.
- Sept. 20 Parent Council Meeting in the Meeting Room at 7pm– babysitting will be provided
- Sept. 20 Opening Liturgy in the school gym at 2:30 pm. All families are welcome.
- Sept. 28 Leadership Assembly at 2:15 pm
- Oct. 4 Lifetouch School photos
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I encourage all parents be involved in our Parent Teacher Council group by either signing up as a Classroom Rep or by attending the monthly meetings as a parent at large. Babysitting will always be provided and meetings are informative. We are very grateful to our Parent Teacher Council who have purchased school agendas for students in grades 1 to 6. Take a look at the insert at the front of the Agenda for more school information.

Classroom teachers will introduce, again this year the Student Code of Conduct. We believe that students need clear and concise expectations presented to them and then reminded regularly until it becomes habit. Coming home with your child(ren) for you to read and sign and return to school is the Student Code of Conduct, it is a yellow sheet. Please look for it!

Please visit our District webpage at [www.fmcsd.ab.ca](http://www.fmcsd.ab.ca) as well as clicking onto our school webpage. The École St. Paul School calendar has all important dates and activities for the coming year.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to meet with me at the office. We will work together in the best interest of our children! Have a great month of September!

Claudette Fidler, Principal

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**Here are some reminders:**

- Please sign in at the office when you enter the building and before going to your child's classroom. Keeping our children safe is our number one concern and we need to know who is in our hallways. If you are volunteering, we will ask that you wear a volunteer lanyard.
- Parking and dropping off students must be done safely for all. Please consider using the large parking lot and have your child(ren) walk around to the playground. If you are dropping off from the Ross haven Drive road (adjacent to the bus loop) it must only be a drop off; parents cannot leave their vehicle to bring their children in. Please note, Bylaw will be monitoring this.
- We encourage our staff and students to eat healthy snacks and lunches as per our operating policy 138 for healthy schools. Information is also shared in the Agenda Insert
- Our Parent Council will continue to organize the Hot Lunch program on Thursdays. These lunches meet the requirements on the Choose Most Office food list. Information will be sent home soon.
- We are a nut safe school and remind parents not to send snack or lunch items containing any type of nut. Our Choose Most Often snack list will be revised and given out at Meet the Staff night.
- Classes begin at 8:50 for all children. Students may participate in the Morning Wellness program at 8:30 in the gym or go outside to playground at the back of the school when supervision begins at 8:35am. Please do not drop off your child at school before 8:30 am.



**Peanut/Nut Restricted School**

Our school is a peanut/nut restricted school as we have many students with life-threatening allergies. We ask that you do not send any products that contain or may contain nuts or peanuts.

**Allergen Restriction Policies**



**Attendance and Absences**

Please call the office staff with any absences for your child. It is important that you call prior to 9:00am before attendance is taken. If your child is not present and we have not received a call from the parent to indicate an absence, our child check staff will be calling your home to confirm the reason of the absence. You can call our school number 780-799-5760 and leave a message before 8:00am or you can e-mail the teacher to let them know your child will be late or absent

# Honor Roll List

4N
David Beniamen
Myra Emblau
Brooklyn Muir
Osy Okocka
Keira Reddy
Keira Stevens
Rebekah Yeshaw
Isaac Fatokun
Danika McCann

5M
Sophia Aparicio Lasso
Andrea Ferris
Sydney McCann
Kayla Napierala
Hannah Nolan
Margaret Quayson
Arthur Zhang

4P
Haohen Cheng
Sidney Kolmel
Grace MacDonald

5K
Nate Downey
Jayce Dupuis
Wynter Holloway-Poirier
Kennedy Kalinin
Abbi Saunders
Akwa Ukaigwe
Grace Williams
Liv Zobel
Tomi Dancer

6P
Megan Blake
Daniel Bouliane
Layla Dillon
Jean Luc Eric
Angelica Ferriss
Zachary Gauthier
Lailatu Ibrahim
Jacob Moores
Draven Muir
Jacey Munn
Michelle Oke
Samuel Sabine
Daelynne Stevens

5/6M
Stephen Joseph
Abigail Kelly
Manan Pachuri
Taknoa Solomone

**Please note the changes to our schedule. We now have two nutritional breaks in our day**

		Master Classroom Schedule			
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	8:50	First bell rings			
8:55	9:05	Homeroom			
9:05	9:35				
9:35	10:05				
10:05	10:35				
10:35	11:05				
11:05	11:20	Nutritional Break			
11:20	11:35	Recess			
11:35	12:05				
12:05	12:35				
12:35	1:05				
1:05	1:35				
1:35	1:50	Recess			
1:50	2:05	Nutritional Break			
2:05	2:35				
2:35	3:05				
3:05	3:35				

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## A message from our FMNI

Tansi-( Hello)

Welcome back to all our students and families!

My name is Bev Pierce- FNMI Liaison (First Nations, Metis, Inuit Liaison).

As your FNMI, my role is working with the Aboriginal students and their families. Giving support, resources, culture awareness, and maintaining involvement within the aboriginal communities. Working with teachers and staff helping the understanding of and respect for the diversities of Aboriginal cultures, languages, histories and worldview is integral to the success of Aboriginal students. I will be at the school on Mondays and Wednesdays, alternating Fridays with St. Gabriel school.

Please drop by my office say hello and have a coffee.

I can be reached at St. Paul school [780-799-5760](tel:780-799-5760) Ext: 5844

All My Relations,

Believe In Yourself- Quote:

There may be days when you get up in the morning and things aren't the way you had hoped they would be, that's when you have to tell yourself that things will get better.

## Terry Fox Run

Thursday September 29 in the afternoon. Students can donate a toonie for Terry. Division one students will begin walking on the soccer field at 3:10pm. Division two students will begin at 3:00pm for a Birchwood Trails walk.



## Indoor/Outdoor Shoes

We ask that students wear their outdoor shoes/boots to and from school as well as during recesses. Indoor shoes need to be worn at all times while in the school. They should have a non-scuffing sole. If your child does not yet have their indoor shoes, please make this a priority. Please let me know if we can help if needed.

Thank you, merci!

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# PTC Highlights

On behalf of the Parent Teacher Council for École St. Paul, we would like to welcome all of you to what we know will be an amazing year. Our parents volunteer with the teachers and administration to help support the teaching staff and to provide students with extras to make their school year even more special.

First off, we'd like to send a huge thank you to the parents who were able to help with start up this year. We realize that you may have ended up doing a different job than you signed up for, but your help was invaluable with getting the school ready for the students. We truly appreciate your assistance!

## Breakfast Program

Our "grab and go breakfast program" is offered to all students in the mornings. We offer choose most often foods consisting of cereal, fruit, muffins and cheesestings. In the next few weeks please watch for a sign up genius that will be emailed to you. If you are able to volunteer, parent helpers are needed every morning from 8:30-9:00am to set up the carts and distribute the food to the students.

## Hot Lunch

The hot lunch program is run by PTC and begins October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you purchased hot lunches last year, a credit will be in your hot lunch account (online) for lunches from May 5<sup>th</sup>-June 24<sup>th</sup>.

More information about this year's hot lunches will be sent home by September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Questions? Contact Cathie at [cathie\\_langmead@telus.net](mailto:cathie_langmead@telus.net)

## PTC Welcome BBQ & Meet the Teacher Night

Bring a picnic blanket and join us for a BBQ & Bouncy castles before meeting your child's teacher.

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

BBQ & Bouncy Castles 5:00pm-6:30pm

Meet the Teacher 6:45pm-8:00pm

It is FREE to all Ecole St. Paul students and their families.

Please see the sign up genius for all of the wonderful opportunities to volunteer for this event:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4baba72caa8-ptcwelcome>

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## Parent Teacher Council Meetings

**All Parents Welcome! We have fun! We learn! We help make decisions on our children's education!**

Please join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month (\*except December) for our PTC Meetings. Our meetings are scheduled for:

September 20th, October 18th, November 15th,  
December 13th\*, January 17th, February 21st,  
March 21st, April 18th, May 16th, June 20th

Meetings are always at 7:00pm and childcare is provided.  
We look forward to seeing you there!

## Are You Able to Help?

Throughout the year, the school depends on parents to help. Here are some great ways to be involved in your child's education, and help out:

Breakfast Program  
Handy Moms & Dads  
Parent Class Reps

Paper Recycling  
Busy Bees  
"Fun"tastic Fridays

Hot Lunch Program  
Special Events  
Christmas Shop

Please look for PTC members on Meet the Staff Night (Sept 15) to find out more!  
Please feel free to contact us with your questions or for more information about volunteering.

## PTC Contact

Do you have an idea, a question or a comment? Please join us on  
Facebook - Ecole St. Paul School Parent Council  
Twitter- @ecolestpaulsch

Please feel free to contact Renee Hurley- [rhurley@shaw.ca](mailto:rhurley@shaw.ca)

Julianne Bourque- [franjul@shaw.ca](mailto:franjul@shaw.ca)

Cathie Langmead- [cathie\\_langmead@telus.net](mailto:cathie_langmead@telus.net)



Confirmation & First Holy Communion Celebration dates that have yet to be completed from the spring. Bishop Paul will be here for 3 days. Celebrations have been set as follows:

St. John- October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.

St. Paul- October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM - PLEASE READ

Did you know that each day last year our parent volunteers served a "grab and go" breakfast to approximately 140 of our students!

Our Parent Teacher Council is currently looking for a parent to organize this worthy initiative. Parents are also needed to pop in on a school morning to volunteer for 30 minutes, greeting and serving students.

Please contact the school if you would be willing to volunteer. Thank you in advance!

## School Fees

The 2016/2017 school fees are as follows:

EEP/PP fees: \$500

Material fees: School Fees are being waved for the 2016/2017 school year

Fees can be paid online at <http://fmcschools.ca/online-fee-payment> or at the office by cash, cheque, money order, debit or credit cards. Thank you to all the families that have paid their fees to date.

## Bussing Fees

\$250 per student. For families with more than two children the third and sequential are half price.

## Crossing Guards

**There will be a crossing guard at the crosswalk from 8:35 to 8:55 each morning. From 3:35 to 3:50, the crossing guard will be there to assist students.**



## Phone usage:

Students with phone messages will be called down to the office just before lunch and just before final dismissal. Please call before 3:00pm if you want to get a message to your child or to the teacher. In case of emergency, we will try all the phone numbers available and call again. Students are not allowed to have cell phones in the classrooms. Students are allowed to use the classroom phone with the teacher's permission, or use the phone in the office.



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## PICKING UP STUDENTS

Always communicate to the teacher of any changes to your child's routine for the day. To pick up your child for appointments and earlier dismissal, please stop by the office to report that you have arrived. Your child will then be asked to come to the office for his/her pickup. Please do not go directly to the classroom as this disrupts teaching.

## AT THE END OF THE DAY

All students must use their exit door whether they are walking home, taking the bus or being picked up by a parent.

Parents can meet their child(ren) by their exit door or at the front of the school

Merci!



## BUSSING EXPECTATIONS

It is vital that each student be at his/her designated stop at least 5 minutes in advance in order to avoid causing delays. The bus driver may not be able to wait which will then mean that you will have to drive your child to school.

Remember that bus drivers follow their company's protocols so please call their office if problems arise (780-790-3960).

Please assure that there is someone to meet your child at his/her stop at the end of the day if they are in the earlier grades. Kindergarten students are required to have someone at the stop. A written permission note from the parent is required if your child is to be picked up at school instead of taking the bus. If we do not have a note or a phone call the student will be sent home on the bus. Bus rules need to be followed strictly in order to ensure safety for all students. A student who is on the bus continues to be the responsibility of the school under the School Act. Bussing is a privilege and students can be detained from using the bus if behavior is disruptive.



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## Message from Sparksman:

### Safety is our number one priority

Student safety is our number one priority and ensuring that students get from home to school and school to home is of the utmost importance.

You are able to check for late busses or signup to receive direct e-mails about your school bus for St. Paul School

For temporary route changes or schoolbus delays, please visit My School Bus Monitor <http://www.myschoolbusmonitor.ca>

For direct e-mails sign up by going to web site:

[sparksman.ca](http://sparksman.ca)

choose – Services

then choose schoolbus

Fill in your information to receive direct e-mail

There will be no microwaves in the classrooms for the school year for many reasons: safety, time constraints, and electrical issues. Please send in a lunch with your child that does not require heating up in the microwave. Additional suggestions for lunch ideas are available on the Apple School website.



## School Yard Supervision

School staff members are the only adults that supervise the school ground during recesses. Staff has been advised to approach each parent or stranger that may be present on the school grounds. The person will be directed to report to the school office or to leave the school grounds. This is a precautionary measure to ensure child safety.

Students are reminded to report any stranger to the office. Please remember that a parent to one child is a stranger to all other students.

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## CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS!

Follow the tips below to protect yourself from any dangerous construction zones you may encounter in your neighbourhood!



**#1 DON'T PLAY IN CONSTRUCTION SITES** Please don't walk, run, hide or play in a construction area (dirt piles, around construction equipment, etc.)

**#2 USE SIDEWALKS** Always walk on the sidewalk or designated walkway.

**#3 AVOID DISTRACTIONS** Do not use cell phones, headphones, video games or other hand held devices in construction zones.

**#4 AVOID CONSTRUCTION SITES** When possible, don't go near a construction zone, as heavy machinery and debris can hurt you!

**#5 BE AWARE OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT** Stop, look and listen for construction vehicles like bulldozers and dump trucks, and protect yourself by staying out of their way!

**#6 SEE AND BE SEEN** Remember, you are smaller than most pieces of equipment and they may not see you, so make eye contact with drivers before going near equipment.



**#7 READ SIGNS** Slow down and follow signs that tell you where to walk, skateboard or bicycle.

**#8 BE AWARE OF FALLING OBJECTS** Work on construction sites can take place at higher levels and this can sometimes cause objects to fall and bump you on the head...ouch!

**#9 OBEY THE RULES** Always listen to any instructions given by those working on the construction site. If they say you can't be there, then leave the area immediately, as you could get hurt by staying!

**#10 STAY OUT** Stay outside of orange cones, construction fences and chain link fences.



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Given that many areas in Fort McMurray will be in close proximity to construction areas due to re-build activities, it's important that we all stay vigilant when it comes to protecting ourselves from the hazards of construction sites. The Fort McMurray Construction association has created this handout for kids to educate them on the dangers of construction zones. Please take the time to review this information with your children to make sure they are knowledgeable about the do's and don'ts of construction zones.



**ANSWER KEY**

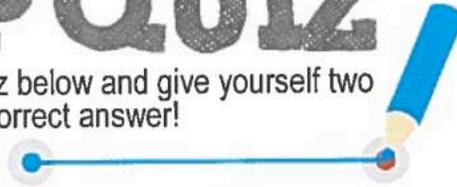
- QUESTION #5 Yes
- QUESTION #4 Yes
- QUESTION #3 Yes
- QUESTION #2 No
- QUESTION #1 No

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# CONSTRUCTION SAFETY POP QUIZ

Complete the quiz below and give yourself two points for every correct answer!



**QUESTION #1** Is it ever ok to play in a construction site? Yes or No



**QUESTION #2** When walking near a construction zone, should you use your cell phone or hand held device? Yes or No

**QUESTION #3** When you see heavy equipment, should you make eye contact with operators to make sure they see you? Yes or No

**QUESTION #4** If you see signage close to a construction zone, should you read and obey it? Yes or No

**QUESTION #5** If an adult or construction site worker tells you to stay out of the area, should you listen? Yes or No

## WHAT'S YOUR SCORE



**8 AND ABOVE** If you scored 8 or above, GREAT JOB! You can teach your friends about construction safety because you're so smart!

**4 TO 7** If you scored between 4 and 7, you are pretty smart when it comes to construction zone safety! I bet if you read the tips one more time and take the test again you'll get a perfect score!

**3 AND UNDER** You're almost a construction safety guru, but why don't you ask your mom or dad to talk to you about the construction zone safety do's and don'ts and then try the test one more time :)



# Fort McMurray Catholic Schools 2016-17 School Calendar

August 2016	September 2016	October 2016	November 2016
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**Notes**

- First & Last Day for Teachers
- First & Last Day for Students
- Stats/School Breaks-No School
- PLF Fridays-No School
- PD Days-No School
- ATA Convention-No School
- PTI-TIL-No School

February 16, 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2 Open house for students and families 1:30 – 3:30	3
4	5 Labour Day	6 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of school for Gr 1-6	7 Staggered Entry for EEP and K	8 Staggered Entry for EEP and K	9 Staggered entry for K EYE assessments for EEP	10
11	12 EYE Assessments for EEP  1s day of school for K	13 EYE Assessments for EEP	14 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of school for EEP	15 Family BBQ and meet the staff night 5:00	16 No School	17
18	19	20 Opening Liturgy 2:30 gym	21 PCT Meeting 7pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Leadership Assembly 2:30	29 Terry Fox Day	30 No School	