

Educating Men for Others



June 21, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to provide information about the 2024–2025 school year, the calendar, school supplies, and dress code.

A detailed calendar of events is enclosed to aid families in planning for the upcoming academic year at St. Paul's High School. Please review carefully and note on your family calendar the key dates provided on the following pages. A "year-at-a-glance" calendar and Bell Schedules are also enclosed for your reference and a detailed monthly calendar will be available online in August.

Daily school attendance is critical to student success and formation. In addition to attending regular classes, **participating in school liturgies, assemblies, retreats, and school activity days are compulsory for all students.** The school expects all students to attend these events as they are integral to our school's mission and building community at St. Paul's. Please avoid scheduling appointments or excusing your son's absence from these events. Days with late starts for students (highlighted yellow on the year calendar) and no school days (highlighted orange on the year calendar) should be used for appointments or activities that would otherwise result in school absences. The school strongly discourages planning family trips or other activities that result in multiple-day absences while school is in session.

Please ensure your son is available for all exam dates as indicated. Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning requires grade 12 students to write provincial standards assessments in Grade 12 English and Mathematics. Alternative dates are not available for these exams. Alternate exam dates for school-based exams will be granted only under exceptional circumstances and must be approved by the principal well in advance of the exam date.

Additional information about the opening of school, including your son's timetable, will be mailed in late-August. I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you at one of many school events in the coming school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'B. Lewin'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'B' and a stylized 'Lewin'.

Bob Lewin
Principal

2024–2025 School Year: Key Dates

First Week of School

- Tuesday, September 3: Admin Day (No Classes)
- Wednesday, September 4: Grade-level Assemblies and Textbook Distribution
 - 8:30–10:30AM: Grade 10 Students
 - 11:00AM–1:00PM: Grade 11 Students
 - 1:30–3:30PM: Grade 12 Students
- Thursday, September 5: Orientation and Textbook Distribution for Grade 9 Students
- Friday, September 6: Regular Classes for all students

School Liturgies / Assemblies / Community Events – **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE**

- Wednesday, September 11 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Friday, September 13: Grade 9 Camp Day (Grade 9 Students)
- Thursday, September 19: St. Paul's Annual Walk Day
- Wednesday, September 25 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- Friday, October 4 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Monday, October 7 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- Wednesday, November 6: Career Day (Grade 10, 11, 12) and Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
- Friday, November 8 (8:30–9:45AM): Remembrance Service
- Monday, November 18 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- Wednesday, December 4 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- December 12–13: The Freshman Retreat (Grade 9 Students)
- Wednesday, January 22 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Friday, February 21: Grade 10 Retreat Day (Grade 10 Students)
- Monday, March 3 (8:30–9:25AM): Grade 9–10 Fr. Crouch, S.J. Pancake Breakfast
- Tuesday, March 4 (8:30–9:25AM): Grade 11–12 Fr. Crouch, S.J. Pancake Breakfast
- Wednesday, March 5 (8:30–9:45AM): Ash Wednesday Service
- Friday, March 7 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- Tuesday, March 18: Winter Sports Day
- Wednesday, April 16 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Wednesday, April 23 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Tuesday, April 29: (1:00–3:15PM) Bing Crosby Speech Competition and Paul Herriot Spelling Bee
- Thursday, May 1 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- Tuesday, May 6 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- Friday, May 2: "Men for Others" Day (Grade 9 Students)
- Friday, May 9 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy (Grade 9, 10, 11)
- Wednesday, May 28 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- Friday, June 6 (8:30–9:45AM): Crusader All-Sports Breakfast
- Friday, June 20 (8:30AM–12:00PM): School Closing Liturgy and Assembly (Grade 9, 10, 11)

Note: Other school activities may be added throughout the school year and will be communicated to students and parents in advance.

Exams - Alternate exam dates for school-based exams may be granted under exceptional circumstances.

- January 27–31: Semester 1 Exams
 - Grade 12 Provincial Assessments
 - English: January 7–10, 2025
 - Pre-Calculus Math: January 23, 2025
- June 11–17: Semester 2 Exams
 - Grade 12 Provincial Assessments
 - Pre-Calculus Math: June 10, 2025
 - Essential Math: June 11, 2025
 - Applied Math: June 12, 2025

Class of 2025 Graduation Events

- Wednesday, January 15: Grad Ring Ceremony
- Friday, May 2: Mother-Son Liturgy and Celebration
- June 8: Graduation Mass, 10:00AM
- Friday, June 20: Dinner/Dance and Safe Grad
- Tuesday, June 24: Convocation Ceremony, 1:00PM
- Thursday, June 26: Ernie Ostermann '57 Graduation Golf Tournament

Advancement Office and Other School Events (Attendance is encouraged)

- Friday, September 20: Homecoming
- Tuesday, November 12: Tribute Dinner
- Tuesday, November 26: Advent Music Concert
- December 5, 6, 7: Semester 1 Drama Production
- Thursday, January 9: Open House & Information Evening
- Wednesday, April 9: Fashion Show
- May 8, 9, 10: Semester 2 Drama Production
- Tuesday, May 27: Evening of Performing and Visual Arts

Holidays

- Monday, September 2: Labour Day
- Monday, September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Monday, October 14: Thanksgiving Day
- Monday, November 11: Remembrance Day
- December 23–January 3: Christmas Break
- Monday, February 17: Louis Riel Day
- March 31 – April 4: Spring Break
- Friday, April 18: Good Friday
- Monday, April 21: Easter Monday
- Monday, May 19: Victoria Day

No School (Admin/Staff Professional Development) – USE THESE DAYS FOR APPOINTMENTS

- Tuesday, September 3: Admin Day
- Friday, September 27: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, October 25: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, November 22: Semester 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Monday, November 25: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, December 20: Admin Day
- Friday, February 14: Catholic Schools Day
- Friday, April 11: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, April 25: Semester 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, May 16: Staff Professional Development

Parent Meetings

- Thursday, September 12: Grade 9 Parent Orientation
- Thursday, October 17: Grade 9 Parent Evening (Mission and Ignatian Identity)
- Thursday, November 21 (evening): Semester 1 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Friday, November 22 (day): Semester 1 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, February 18: Information Evening for Grade 9, 10, 11 Parents
- Thursday, April 24 (evening): Semester 2 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Friday, April 25 (day): Semester 2 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, April 29: Parent Retreat (all parents welcome)

School Supplies

Students are expected to have standard school supplies such as a 3-inch binder to hold course notes, loose-leaf paper, dividers, pens, and pencils, as well as a standard scientific calculator with DAL (Direct Algebraic Logic); teachers may be explaining other requirements to students on the first day of classes. Students are encouraged to purchase a laptop for use at school. St. Paul's provides wi-fi access and a Microsoft 365 account to all students to support their learning.

Dress Code I (Regular Dress Code)

- Effective: November 1–April 30
- Dress shirt with collar; tie optional
- Dress pants, socks, and dress belt
- Sport-coat, blazer, or suit-jacket
- Dress shoes

Dress Code II: Warm Weather Dress Code

- Effective: September 6–October 31 and May 1–June 27
- Dress Code I with the following optional changes.
 - Option A: no suit-jacket
 - Option B: St. Paul’s polo may be worn in lieu of a shirt, tie, and suit-jacket.
 - Option C: St. Paul’s polo worn with dress (chino) shorts (beige, navy, or black). Dress shoes are replaced with athletic (gym) shoes for this option.

Dress Code V: Formal Dress Code

During formal occasions, including all Masses and other special events designated by the school, students will be required to dress more formally.

- All elements of Dress Code I will be required with the following addition:
 - **A tie must be worn.** Standard neckties or bowties are acceptable.