

Educating Men for Others

June 24, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to provide important information about the 2026–2027 school year, including the calendar, school supplies, and dress code.

A “Year-at-a-Glance” calendar is enclosed to assist your family in planning for the upcoming school year at St. Paul’s High School. Please review it carefully and mark key dates on your family calendar. A comprehensive list of key dates and the Bell Schedules are also included. A detailed monthly calendar will be available online in August, along with a version that can sync with most calendar apps.

Attendance and Student Formation

I want to take a moment to reinforce the importance of regular attendance and punctuality, which make a significant difference in a student’s learning, growth, and overall formation. While many of our students are consistently present and engaged, we’ve noticed some emerging concerns this year around absences, late arrivals, and early departures. My intention in writing is to encourage a renewed focus on the value of daily attendance and the many ways it supports student success.

At St. Paul’s, we believe that daily presence at school supports more than just academic progress. It helps students develop responsibility, build character, and foster a deep sense of community—qualities that are central to our identity as a Catholic, Jesuit school. Participation in classes, assessments, liturgies, assemblies, retreats, and community events is not optional. These experiences are essential to forming young men of faith, compassion, and integrity.

We understand that there will be times when circumstances require a student to miss school. Parents have the right to make those decisions, and we trust those choices are made thoughtfully. That said, the school reserves the right to review all absences and determine whether they are considered excused.

We expect students to be present on days when assessments are scheduled. These experiences are key to reinforcing academic responsibility, time management, and integrity, while also allowing students to demonstrate what they have learned. Being present for assessments supports a consistent learning process and ensures fairness for all students.

Examples of School-Excused Absences:

- Illness (with parent/guardian notification)
- Family emergencies (e.g., bereavement)
- Medical appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours
- School-sanctioned activities (e.g., field trips, sports, service opportunities)

Non-Essential Absences that Impact Student Progress

- Family vacations during school days and exams
- Extended long weekends
- Leaving early or arriving late for non-essential reasons
- Skipping classes, missing assessments, or choosing not to attend school events



If concerning attendance patterns arise—such as frequent absences, repeated late arrivals, or missed community events, parents will be initially contacted by the student’s counsellor. Ongoing concerns will result in further follow-up, including a formal meeting with the student, parent(s), and school leadership. Vice Principal Students, Mrs. Cindy Kochanski, oversees student attendance and will follow up in such cases to ensure alignment with school expectations.

Please avoid scheduling appointments or travel during school days whenever possible. Days with late starts for students (highlighted yellow on the enclosed calendar) and non-instructional days (highlighted orange) should be used for appointments or other personal commitments.

Exams and School-Year Commitments

Please ensure your son is available for all scheduled exam dates. Grade 12 students are required to write provincial standards assessments in English and Mathematics as mandated by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. Alternate dates are not available for these exams. For school-based exams, alternate dates will be granted only in exceptional circumstances and must be approved by the principal in advance.

School Supplies and Technology for Learning

Students are expected to arrive on the first day of school with essential supplies to support their learning: pens, pencils, binders, paper, and other basic materials. Teachers will clarify any course-specific items during the first week of classes.

We also strongly encourage families to purchase an appropriate laptop to support academic work both in and out of the classroom. While a laptop is not mandatory at this point for grades 10-12, students will find one extremely beneficial for tasks such as essay writing, projects, research, and using Microsoft 365 tools, including Word, Excel, and Teams (all provided by the school). Please note that a mobile phone is not an adequate substitute for this kind of work. See the attached letter with suggested laptop specifications.

The school library has a limited number of laptops available for one-day loans, intended only for short-term needs (e.g., if a student forgets their device or it is temporarily out for repair). These are not intended for daily or ongoing use. For laptop specifications and recommendations, please refer to the enclosed guidelines.

Further details about the opening of school, including your son’s timetable, will be mailed in late August.

Thank you for your partnership in ensuring a successful and formative school year. I wish you and your family a safe and restful summer, and I look forward to seeing you at the many school events that bring our community together in the year ahead.

Warm regards,



Kevin Sterner
Interim Principal

2026–2027 School Year: Key Dates

First Week of School

- Tuesday, September 8: Admin Day (No Classes)
 - Wednesday, September 9: Grade 9 Orientation
 - Thursday, September 10: Textbook Distribution
 - 8:30–9:45AM: Grade 9 Students
 - 10:00–11:15AM: Grade 10 Students
 - 12:15–1:30PM: Grade 11 Students
 - 1:45–3:00PM: Grade 12 Students
 - Friday, September 11: Opening Assembly and Regular Classes for all students (Day A)
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School Liturgies / Assemblies / Community Events – **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE**

- Wednesday, September 16 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Friday, September 18: Grade 9 Camp Day (Grade 9 Students)
- Thursday, September 24: St. Paul's Annual Walk Day
- Tuesday, September 29 (8:30–9:30AM): School Assembly, Truth and Reconciliation Week
- Friday, October 16 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Wednesday, November 4: Career Day (Grades 10, 11, 12) and Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
- Tuesday, November 10 (8:30–9:45AM): Remembrance Service
- Monday, November 30 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- December 10–11: The Freshman Retreat (Grade 9 Students)
- Wednesday, January 20 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Tuesday, February 9: Fr. Crouch, S.J. Pancake Breakfast
- Wednesday, February 10 (8:30–9:45AM): Ash Wednesday Service
- Wednesday, February 17 (8:30–9:45AM): Grad Ring Ceremony (Grade 12 Students)
- Friday, February 19: Grade 10 Retreat Day (Grade 10 Students)
- Tuesday, March 16: Winter Sports Day
- Wednesday, March 24 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Wednesday, April 7 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy
- Monday, April 26: (1:00–3:15PM) Bing Crosby Speech Competition and Paul Herriot Spelling Bee
- Thursday, April 29 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly (Grades 9, 10, 11)
- Tuesday, May 4 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly (Grades 9, 10, 11)
- Friday, May 7 (8:30–9:45AM): School Liturgy (Grades 9, 10, 11)
- Friday, May 14: "Men for Others" Day (Grade 9 Students)/Mother-Son Liturgy (Grade 12 Students)
- Monday, May 31 (8:30–9:25AM): School Assembly
- Friday, June 4 (8:30–9:45AM): Crusader All-Sports Breakfast
- Wednesday, June 23 (8:30AM–12:00PM): School Closing Liturgy and Assembly (Grades 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 25–29: Semester 1 Exams
 - Grade 11 Students will write English or Canadian History on Friday, January 22.
 - Grade 12 Provincial Assessments
 - English: January 12–15, 2027
 - Applied Math: January 26, 2027
 - Essential Math: January 27, 2027
 - Pre-Calculus Math: January 28, 2027
 - June 11–17: Semester 2 Exams
 - Grade 11 Students will write English or Canadian History on Thursday, June 10.
 - Grade 12 Provincial Assessments
 - Pre-Calculus Math: June 15, 2027
 - Essential Math: June 16, 2027
 - Applied Math: June 17, 2027
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Class of 2026 Graduation Events

- Wednesday, February 17: Grad Ring Ceremony
 - Friday, May 14: Mother-Son Liturgy and Celebration
 - Sunday, June 6: Graduation Mass, 10:00AM
 - Friday, June 25: Dinner/Dance and Safe Grad
 - Tuesday, June 29: Convocation Ceremony, 1:00PM
 - Wednesday, June 30: Ernie Ostermann '57 Graduated Golf Tournament
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Advancement Office and Other School Events (Attendance is encouraged)

- Saturday, September 26: Homecoming
 - Thursday, November 12: Centennial Gala Dinner
 - Tuesday, November 24: Advent Music Concert
 - December 3, 4, 5: Semester 1 Drama Production
 - Thursday, January 14: Open House & Information Evening
 - Monday, March 22: Fashion Show
 - May 6, 7, 8: Semester 2 Drama Production
 - Tuesday, May 25: Evening of Performing and Visual Arts
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Holidays

- Monday, September 7: Labour Day
- Wednesday, September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Monday, October 12: Thanksgiving Day
- Wednesday, November 11: Remembrance Day
- December 21–January 1: Christmas Break
- Monday, February 15: Louis Riel Day
- March 26 – April 2: Spring Break
- Monday, April 5: Easter Monday
- Monday, May 24: Victoria Day

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

- Tuesday, September 8: Admin Day
- Friday, October 9: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, October 23: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, November 13: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, November 20: Semester 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, December 18: Admin Day
- Friday, February 12: Catholic Schools Day
- Friday, March 19: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, April 23: Semester 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, May 21: Staff Professional Development

Parent Meetings

- Thursday, September 17: Grade 9 Parent Orientation
- Thursday, October 15: Grade 9 Parent Evening (Mission and Ignatian Identity)
- Thursday, November 19 (evening): Semester 1 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Friday, November 20 (day): Semester 1 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, December 2: Parent Social Evening
- Thursday, April 22 (evening): Semester 2 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Friday, April 23 (day): Semester 2 Parent-teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, April 27: Parent Retreat (all parents welcome)

Parent Guild Meetings, 7PM, Aulneau Room

- Wednesday, September 16
- Wednesday, October 8
- Wednesday, November 4
- Wednesday, February 10
- Wednesday, May 5
- Wednesday, June 2

Bake Sales

- Thursday, October 15: Grade 12 Parents
- Thursday, November 12: Grade 11 Parents
- Thursday, February 18: Grade 10 Parents
- Thursday, April 15: Grade 9 Parents

Dress Code I (Regular Dress Code)

- Effective: November 2–April 29
- 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 11–October 30 and April 30–June 30
- 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, 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.
 - A St. Paul’s branded, non-hooded sweater may be worn in lieu of a St. Paul’s polo.

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.

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Bell Schedules 2026–2027

I

Schedule I: Regular Day			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
1	8:30 AM	9:35 AM	65
Prayer/Announcements	9:40 AM	9:50 AM	10
2	9:50 AM	10:55 AM	65
3	11:00 AM	12:05 PM	65
Lunch	12:05 PM	12:55 PM	50
4	1:00 PM	2:05 PM	65
5	2:10 PM	3:15 PM	65

II

Schedule II: Early Dismissal			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
1	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	55
Prayer/Announcements	9:30 AM	9:40 AM	10
2	9:40 AM	10:35 AM	55
3	10:40 AM	11:35 AM	55
Lunch	11:35 AM	12:25 PM	50
4	12:30 PM	1:25 PM	55
5	1:30 PM	2:25 PM	55

III

Schedule III: All School Assembly			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
All School Assembly	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	55
1	9:30 AM	10:25 AM	55
Prayer/Announcements	10:30 AM	10:35 AM	5
2	10:35 AM	11:30 AM	55
Lunch	11:30 AM	12:15 PM	45
3	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	55
4	1:20 PM	2:15 PM	55
5	2:20 PM	3:15 PM	55

Bell Schedules

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IV

Schedule IV: Late Start for Students - Staff Learning			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
Staff Learning	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	55
1	9:30 AM	10:25 AM	55
Prayer/Announcements	10:30 AM	10:35 AM	5
2	10:35 AM	11:30 AM	55
Lunch	11:30 AM	12:15 PM	45
3	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	55
4	1:20 PM	2:15 PM	55
5	2:20 PM	3:15 PM	55

V

Schedule V: All School Liturgy			
Period	Start	End	Duration (minutes)
All School Liturgy	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	75
1	9:50 AM	10:40 AM	50
Prayer/Announcements	10:45 AM	10:55 AM	10
2	10:55 AM	11:45 AM	50
Lunch	11:45 AM	12:30 PM	45
3	12:35 PM	1:25 PM	50
4	1:30 PM	2:20 PM	50
5	2:25 PM	3:15 PM	50



St. Paul's High School

2026-2027 School Calendar



AUGUST 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

SEPTEMBER 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
31	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11 ^A
14 ^B	15 ^C	16 ^D	17 ^A	18 ^B
21 ^C	22 ^D	23 ^A	24	25 ^B
28 ^C	29 ^D	30		

OCTOBER 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
			1 ^A	2 ^B
5 ^C	6 ^D	7 ^A	8 ^B	9
12	13 ^C	14 ^D	15 ^A	16 ^B
19 ^C	20 ^D	21 ^A	22 ^B	23
26 ^C	27 ^D	28 ^A	29 ^B	30 ^C

NOVEMBER 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
2 ^D	3 ^A	4	5 ^B	6 ^C
9 ^D	10 ^A	11	12 ^B	13
16 ^C	17 ^D	18 ^A	19 ^B	20
23 ^C	24 ^D	25 ^A	26 ^B	27 ^C
30 ^D				

DECEMBER 2026				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
	1 ^A	2 ^B	3 ^C	4 ^D
7 ^A	8 ^B	9 ^C	10 ^D	11
14 ^A	15 ^B	16 ^C	17 ^D	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

JANUARY 2027				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
				1
4 ^A	5 ^B	6 ^C	7 ^D	8 ^A
11 ^B	12 ^C	13 ^D	14 ^A	15 ^B
18 ^C	19 ^D	20 ^A	21 ^B	22 ^C
25	26	27	28	29

FEBRUARY 2027				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
1	2	3 ^D	4 ^A	5 ^B
8 ^C	9 ^D	10 ^A	11 ^B	12
15	16 ^C	17 ^D	18 ^A	19 ^B
22 ^C	23 ^D	24 ^A	25 ^B	26 ^C

MARCH 2027				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
1 ^D	2 ^A	3 ^B	4 ^C	5 ^D
8 ^A	9 ^B	10 ^C	11 ^D	12 ^A
15 ^B	16	17 ^C	18 ^D	19
22 ^A	23 ^B	24 ^C	25 ^D	26
29	30	31		

APRIL 2027				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6 ^A	7 ^B	8 ^C	9 ^D
12 ^A	13 ^B	14 ^C	15 ^D	16 ^A
19 ^B	20 ^C	21 ^D	22 ^A	23
26 ^B	27 ^C	28 ^D	29 ^A	30 ^B

MAY 2027				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
3 ^C	4 ^D	5 ^A	6 ^B	7 ^C
10 ^D	11 ^A	12 ^B	13 ^C	14 ^D
17 ^A	18 ^B	19 ^C	20 ^D	21
24	25 ^A	26 ^B	27 ^C	28 ^D
31 ^A				

JUNE 2027				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
	1 ^B	2 ^C	3 ^D	4 ^A
7 ^B	8 ^C	9 ^D	10 ^A	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

LEGEND	
	Holiday
	Admin / PD Day: No School
	Schedule II: Early Dismissal
	Schedule III: School Assembly
	Schedule IV: Late Start
	Schedule V: School Liturgy
	Exams

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St. Paul's Recommended Laptop Specifications

St. Paul's High School **recommends** a laptop for in class assignments, projects and research for grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Students at St. Paul's are provided a subscription to Microsoft 365 which includes Word, Excel and Teams. Microsoft Teams is used for school and course specific communication.

The school suggests the following **minimum specifications** for laptops:

CPU: Intel i5/Ultra 5 or AMD Ryzen 5 or Mac Neo A18Pro
RAM: 8GB
Storage: 256GB

The school suggests the following **preferred specifications** for laptops:

CPU: Intel i7/Ultra 7 or AMD Ryzen 7 or Apple M5
RAM: 16GB
Storage: 512GB

The following devices are recommended devices. These devices (with the recommended specifications from above) should last the student through their four years at the school. Extended warranty with damage protection is strongly recommended.

1. Windows 11 laptop (Recommended brands: Lenovo, HP, Microsoft, Asus)
2. MacBook Neo (minimum) or MacBook Air 13" (recommended)

St. Paul's High School is partnering with X10 Technologies to create a store where students can purchase Windows 11 laptops. More information will be sent out in the next few weeks as the store is finalized. Laptops do not need to be purchased from this store, but all laptops offered will meet the specifications listed above.

Chromebooks are not recommended due to limitations in software compatibility, offline functionality and processing power. If you have any questions, please message Jason Hurton at jhurton@stpauls.mb.ca.

St. Paul's Library Temporary Laptop Lending Policy

1. Library laptops are strictly for temporary and occasional use. They are not meant to be a student's personal note-taking device for everyday use. Library laptops may only be borrowed for one school day and must be returned to the library before the end of the day. A secure laptop charging station is available in the library for students to charge during spares, lunch hour and before or after school.
2. Library laptops are available only to students who:
 - Have forgotten their own device for the day.
 - Require a laptop because their personal device is under repair but will be returned to them in the very near future.