



St Paul Regional High School

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022

School Calendar 2022-2023

- Dec 23—Christmas Luncheon / Dismiss @2 pm
- Dec 26-Jan 8—Christmas Break

- Jan 9—School Begins
- Jan 18—Last Day of Regular classes
- Jan 19—Final Core Exams Begin
- Jan 26—School Council Meeting @7pm
- Jan 31—PD Day (Semester Change)

- Feb 1—Semester Two Begins
- Feb 3—Last Day for Course Changes
- Feb 7—Second Semester Pictures
- Feb 15—PD Day
- Feb 16&17—Teachers' Convention
- Feb 20—Family Day
- Feb 23— School Council Meeting @7pm

- Mar 1-3—Graduation Pictures
- Mar 7—Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mar 13—PD Day
- Mar 16— Grade 9 Orientation Night @6:30 pm
- Mar 23—School Council Meeting @7pm
- Mar 27-31—Spring Break

- Apr 3—School Begins
- Apr 6—Graduation picture retakes
- Apr 7-10— Easter Break
- Apr 11—PD Day
- Apr 19—Report Cards Issued
- Apr 27—School Council Meeting @7pm

- May 19—PD Day
- May 22—Victoria Day—No School
- May 25—School Council Meeting @7pm

- Jun 14—Last Day of Regular Classes
- Jun 15—Final Core Exams Begin
- Jun 24—Graduation
- Jun 28—PD Day

POWERSCHOOL APP

Stay informed of students' progress -
Login to your

PowerSchool Parent Portal today!

Visit <https://powerschool.sperd.ca/public/>



- Download the **POWERSCHOOL App**
- **LOGIN** using the username and password you previously created online, or contact the office if you aren't sure
- **DO NOT create a new account**—accounts are created by the office
- **VIEW** attendance, schedule, marks, assignments and more
- Easily email teachers directly
- View school announcements and upcoming events.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees have been calculated and appear in your Parent/Student Portal.

Fees are payable online through **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.**

See page 9 for more information

CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 24 - January 8

Spirit Days

- Thurs. Dec 1 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- Fri. Dec 9 - Saints Gear Day

**Christmas Week
Activities TBA**



Attendance Phone
text

780 - 614 - 3731

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to contact the office to report any absences for a student.



Principal's Message

Mark Tichkowsky, Principal

It is hard to believe that three months of school have passed and we are coming into the last month of preparation before final exams. Students tend to relax as semester one comes to a close. It is critical that our students remain focused, that parents continue to monitor progress, and that staff continue quality instruction.

arriving at the school, please call to pass this information on to the exam supervisor.

Saints' athletics are still going strong at Regional. Boys and Girls volleyball hosted the North Eastern Zones. Lions Football went on to Provincial Finals in Calgary—Only to lose by one point to the Drumheller Titans. Two new sports will get underway in December: Basketball and curling will begin their pursuit of green banners and a place on the Provincial stage.

When students return in January they will begin the first of several diploma exams starting with English 30-1 and 30-2 on Thursday, January 12th. The final day for regular classes will be on Wednesday, January 18th with final exams for all core classes starting Thursday, January 19th. A copy of the exam schedule is enclosed in this newsletter. If for some reason a student is delayed in

At St. Paul Regional High School, we are the headquarters for Santa's Elves. The program organizes gifts for children ages 0 – 17 and ensures something special under the tree from Santa. We are accepting gifts (including monetary donations) until December 16th.

Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

DEC. 23, 2022

Join your fellow Regional students and staff for Christmas lunch (no cost) followed by 2pm early dismissal.

Open to CURRENT students and staff.

DECEMBER 2022				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
			1 Chicken Nuggets & Wedges	2 Sweet & Sour Pork w/ Rice
5 Cheeseburger w/ Fries	6 Perogies & Smokie	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Fries	8 Taco in a Bag	9 Mac & Cheese
12 Loaded Burger & Ice Cream Sandwich	13 Chicken Caesar Salad	14 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs	15 Chicken Burger w/ Fries	16 Ginger Beef w/ Rice
19 French Toast, Strawberries & Whip'd Cream	20 Chicken Wrap w/ Tossed Salad	21 12" Pepperoni Pizza Sub	22 BBQ Rib Patty on a Bun w/ Fries	23 Christmas Dinner
24	25	26	27	28
CHRISTMAS BREAK				
31				

Curling PROVS!

We are hosting the 2023 ASAA Curling Provincial Championship from March 1-4 and are looking for donations to make the event a success. We need items to fill 160 player bags, raffle table items, and 30 team door prizes (5-6 matching items).

If you know a business that is willing to donate to this event, please contact Mrs. Angela Noel at the school.

Thank you for your support!

#GOSAINTSGO

Our SPAA teams played in the SPAA Championship on November 16. The boys were in second place after league play and the girls were in third place. Both teams came in second place after the Championship round robin play and advanced to the semi finals, however, lost in three sets which brought their season to a close.

Our Senior teams advanced to zones with the girls ranked second and the boys ranked fifth (the ranking of the top five boys teams was very close). Both teams won their round robin play (the boys lost one match and the girls team went undefeated), and received the bye to the semi finals. The semi finals were once again very close and resulted in both teams losing in a third set. This was fairly disappointing for both teams but they regrouped and prepared to play for bronze. Both teams out-performed their opponent -The girls defeated JA. Williams from Lac La Biche and the boys defeated McTavish from Fort McMurray—and secured the bronze medal in two sets. Holy Rosary won the zone championship which was hosted in St. Paul. A big shout out to all our gym supervisors and minor officials who did a great job all weekend!

Both teams are saying farewell to a number of grade 12 players: Jessie Smyl, Caitlyn Quinton, Sydni Fedoruk, Kammi Feland, Brooklyne Zarowny and Kayla Mangatal.

We will miss these students next year!



SPAA VOLLEYBALL

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?



Men's & Ladies'

ALUMNI VS. VARSITY

SAINTS Basketball Fundraiser

SCAN Code or follow link if interested in playing:
<https://forms.gle/k6C3gk2BnHA7MhJS7>

CHEER TEAM

Bake Sale



Help our brand new Cheer Team raise some funds
at their Bake Sale on
**Wednesday, December 14 &
Thursday, December 15**
over lunch by the main office!



Check out our **SCHOOL STORE** for amazing Saints Swag and UnderArmour gear. New stock arriving weekly. Makes **GREAT** Christmas gifts!

10 - 40% off ALL STOCK all of December!

Gift Certificates are also available.

Open daily over the lunch break—located across from the cafeteria.



SPRING SKI TRIP in Jasper March 9-11

Lift only - \$360 Lift & Rental - \$410

Limited spots are available.

Forms and more important information available in the office.

THANK YOU Special Thanks to our generous 2022 Academic Award Sponsors:



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Canalta
Chez Elle
Extra Foods
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GETTING TIRED OF STREAMING...

WE CAN HELP!

Come to the library to view available books, or request them using the Regional Library Learning Commons web page

OR

Borrow audio and eBooks from SORA - link available on the school website under the students tab.
<https://www.sprhs.ca/>

<https://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php>

Username: regional Password: (not required)

or find us on the school webpage, under the students tab.

After searching and finding a book you'd like to read, simply click the "request hold" button, then enter your name and email. I'll get the book ready for pick up.

*Call the Library at 780-645-4491
and talk to Mrs. Della if you have questions.*

YEARBOOK

Did you miss out on the 2021 - 2022 Yearbook? We have a few extras!

See Mary Trach in the office to purchase.

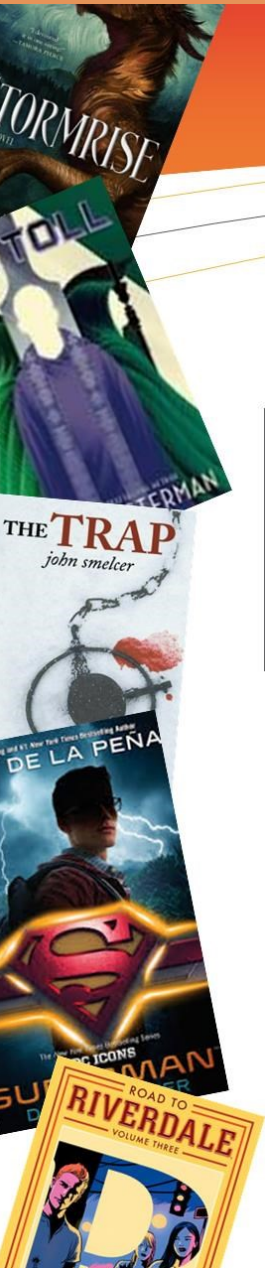
This year's 2022-2023 yearbook can be ORDERED ONLINE THROUGH LIFETOUCH. Simply scan the code to the right. There is also a link on our school website under the 'students' tab.

SCAN CODE



BUY A BOOK

\$50.00 each



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 H, E, A, L, T, H,
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Cheryl Quinton
 Family School Liaison Worker
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Digital Detox December

Disconnect from your devices to reconnect with yourself, friends, and family.

- Turn off notifications
- Put your device on "Do Not Disturb"
- Limit your time on social media

"Wherever you are, be all there" - Jim Elliot

#lestweforget

On November 9, 2022, Regional High School hosted a thoughtful tribute in honour of Remembrance Day.

Members of Central Office as well as the School Board were present as well as a number of honoured guests and members of the armed forces.



Clearout!

THE KEY

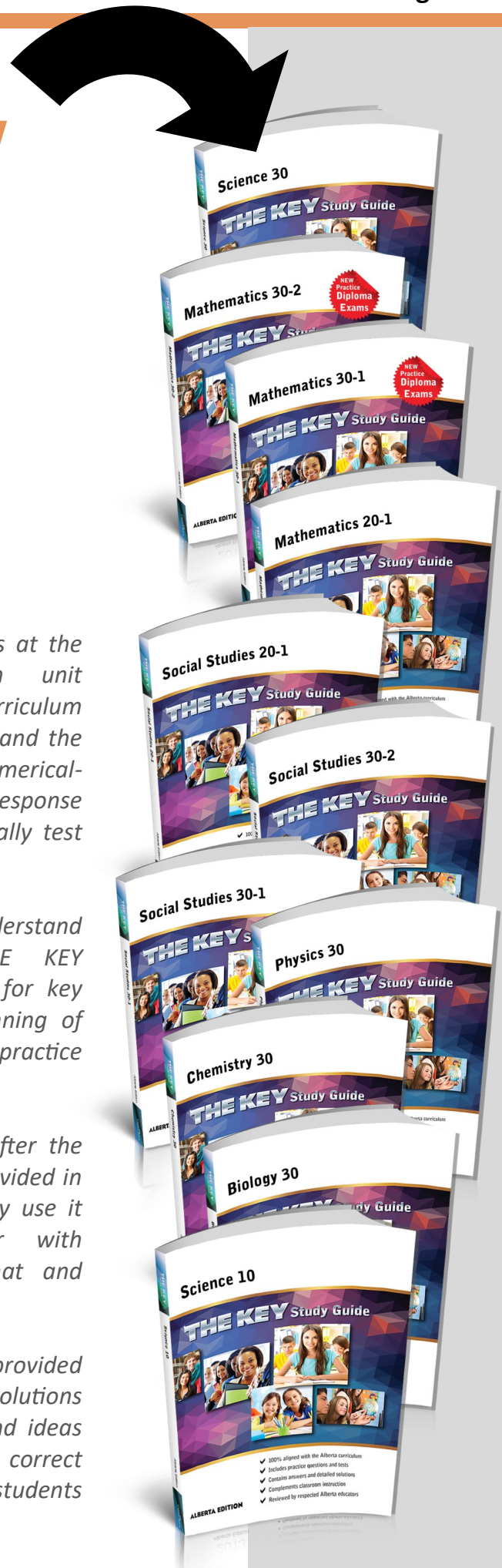
Study guides*

\$15.00 each

Available in the office.
*Not all subjects available

THE KEY Study Guide is specifically designed to assist students prepare for quizzes, unit tests, and final exams throughout the year. It is 100% aligned with the current Alberta curriculum .

- Each unit includes essential teaching pieces, practice questions, unit tests, answers, and detailed solutions.
- Challenger Questions provide students difficult questions that test their depth of knowledge.
- The complete solutions show problem-solving methods, explain key concepts, and highlight potential errors.
- The resource is ideal for yearlong use by students, teachers, and parents at home or at school.
- A Table of Correlations at the beginning of each unit identifies the curriculum outcomes for the unit and the multiple-choice, numerical-response, and written-response questions that specifically test those concepts.
- To help students understand the curriculum, THE KEY provides explanations for key concepts at the beginning of each unit and practice questions.
- Final tests modelled after the diploma exams are provided in THE KEY. Students may use it to become familiar with provincial exam format and rigor.
- Detailed solutions are provided for all questions. Solutions show the processes and ideas used in arriving at the correct answers and may help students





SchoolCashOnline

SCHOOL CASH

School fees will be accepted using School Cash Online in an effort to minimize traffic in our schools and increase efficiency.

School Cash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily.

The new system puts all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase. You can then choose to pay

these fees online through different methods, including credit cards, credit/debit cards and eCheck. You can also stay informed and keep track of which school fees require your attention.

You are able to register – a simple task that takes less than five minutes – by visiting :

<https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com>

(If you do not receive an email verification please check your spam folder.)

Please note: You do not need your child's student number. For security purposes St. Paul Education is not using unique student identification numbers. Please ensure "I do not have the student number" is selected when registering.

Also, upon registration you will be asked if you would like to receive notifications via email. **We strongly encourage you to say yes to this request in order to receive future notification of items available to purchase online.**

1 Create an account

2 Add students

3 Make a payment or complete a form

How to create an account

- Go to <https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com> and click **Register**. You can set a default language at the bottom of the SchoolCash Online site.
 - Type your first name, last name, and email address, and create a password.
 - Select a security question.
 - Select YES to receive email notifications. You will **not** receive any marketing emails. Selecting YES enables the system to send you notifications about school fees and items.
- SchoolCash Online will send you a registration confirmation email. If you do not receive it, check your Spam folder.
- Use your email address and password to log in.

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How to add a student to your account

- Sign in to SchoolCash Online through <https://sperd.schoolcashonline.com>.
- From the menu at the top of the page, navigate to MY ACCOUNT.
- From the dropdown menu, select My Students.
- Click to add a student.
 - Type in your School Board Name.
 - Select your school name from the list.
 - Enter student details. The system is fully secure, with [PCI certification](#).
 - Click Confirm.

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How to make a payment or complete a form

- You will be able to view any available items or forms attached to your students that are set up on your account.
- Select the item which you would like to purchase/complete and click "Add to Cart."
- Once you have finished adding items to your cart, click "Continue".

You can pay or submit a form for multiple students' items in one checkout.

SPRHS

CAREER CORNER

Mrs. Morrison Ph: 780-614-7458 morange@sperd.ca | Mrs. Kaprowski Ph: 780-645-4491 kaprmarg@sperd.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 1: USask deadline to apply for admission to be eligible for the Best & Brightest Scholarship

Dec 12: Augustana Campus virtual presentation @ 5-6pm

Dec 12: RCMP virtual info session

Dec 13: UAlberta Scholarships 101 online info session @ 6-7pm

Dec 19: NAIT Health & Life Sciences Interview Prep Workshop @ 10am (also happening on Jan 5 @ 10am)



Stay in the loop about important dates and upcoming events. To sign up, please download the **REMINd** app and join our class using this code: **@sprhs12**

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dec 1: UCalgary Prestige Awards
- Dec 9: Terry Fox Humanitarian Award
- Dec 15: Deadline to apply for the USASK Best & Brightest Scholarship
- Jan 11: UAlberta entrance scholarships (webinar Dec 13)
- Feb 28: Don Mazankowski Scholarship

More scholarship information can be found on our school website at www.sprhs.ca/scholarships



DIPLOMA PREP

Rock the Diploma is offering both in person (in Edmonton) diploma prep courses and online diploma prep help for grade 12 students. See attached sheets for a full schedule and pricing breakdown.

Did you know RAP students can earn a \$1000 scholarship?

Luc Billo, an AIT Officer, stopped by SPRHS on Nov 23rd to talk to our high school students about trades, how an apprenticeship works and the RAP program. If students have more questions, please connect with your Career Counsellor.

DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know we have partnerships with Portage College, Lakeland College and Olds College of Agriculture & Technology? Students in our division are able to take a post-secondary course and earn both high school and post-secondary credits. It's a great way to get a head start on your post-secondary and ease your way into the first year of

university. It's also a great way to try a course and see if you are interested in the subject before committing to a full program. Portage offers many university courses that students can take for FREE while in high school. They will be starting in January, so please talk with your Career Counsellor if you are interested.



COMPUTER SCIENCE CODING AND ROBOTICS

This project-based course will have you exploring the areas of computer science, coding, and robotics. This class will challenge your problem-solving abilities and equip you with an understanding of how some of the computer programs you use on a regular basis were made. In addition to building fundamental programming skills, you'll be developing projects that have both digital and physical aspects, driven by a Micro:bit single-board computer and a set of basic robotics electronics components.

Classes starting February 2023 | Dual Credit | Free to high school students

To enroll, contact your high school career counselor.





ROCK THE DIPLOMA

January 2023

STUDY SMARTER FOR YOUR DIPLOMA EXAMS

Build Your Exam-Writing Confidence • Keep Your Mark Transcript Sparkling

Outstanding Teachers

Experienced, effective, and caring teachers make a difference!

All the Study Materials You Need

Expertly developed and laser-focused on exactly what you need to know.

More Learning Options

Study with us evenings, weekends or on-demand online!

Two Edmonton Locations:

MAIN – MacEwan University Robbins Centre 10910 104th ave nw

SOUTH – Delta Hotel South Conference Centre 4404 Gateway Blvd nw

rockthediploma.com
(Part of RTD Learning)

January 2023 Diploma Prep

	Jan 7 Sat	Jan 8 Sun	Jan 13 Fri	Jan 14 Sat	Jan 15 Sun	Jan 17 Tue	Jan 19 Thur	Jan 20 Fri	Jan 21 Sat	Jan 22 Sun	Jan 23 Mon
English 30-1 Main - MacEwan	9:15a 3:45p	9:15a 3:45p			Part B 8:30a 10:45p						
Social 30-1 Main - MacEwan	9:30a 4:30p	11:00a 5:30p		Social Part B Q&A 8:30a 10:45p							
Social 30-2 Main - MacEwan	9:30a 4:30p	9:00a 2:30p									
Math 30-1 MacEwan <i>Option 1</i>		4:00p 9:00p		10:30a 5:00p	10:30a 5:00p	Math Drop In Q&A 4:00-6:15p					
Math 30-1 MacEwan <i>Option 2</i>			5:00p 9:30p	10:30a 5:00p	10:30a 5:00p	Math 30-1 Written Response Workshop 6:30-9:30p					
Math 30-2 Main - MacEwan			5:30p 9:30p	1:30p 6:45p	9:30a 3:45p						
Math 30-1 South - Delta Hotel			6:00p 9:30p	9:15a 3:30p	9:15a 3:30p						
Math 30-2 South - Delta Hotel			4:00p 6:30p	3:30p 9:30p	3:30p 9:30p						
Chemistry 30 MacEwan <i>Option 1</i>				9:15a 1 1:15p	4:00p 2 8:00p	5:30p 3A 9:30p			9a 3B 1:30p	10a 4A 2:45p	5:30 4B 9:30p
Chemistry 30 MacEwan <i>Option 2</i>				9:15a 1A 1:15p			5:30p 1B 9:30p	9:00a 3 2:45p	9:00a 4 2:45p		Science Drop-in Q&A 6:30p 9:00p
Biology 30 Main - MacEwan								4:00p 9:30p	3:00p 8:00p	3:00p 8:00p	
Physics 30 Main - MacEwan								4:30p 9:30p	9:30a 2:45p	9:15a 2:45p	
Science 30 Main - MacEwan									3:00p 8:15p	3:00p 8:15p	3:45p 7:00p
Biology 30 South - Delta Hotel								4:15p 9:30p	9:15a 2:15p	9:15p 2:15p	
Chemistry 30 South - Delta Hotel							5:30p 9:00p		2:30p 8:30p	2:30p 8:30p	

RTD courses are delivered by outstanding proven teachers, with backgrounds in curriculum and exam design, diploma exam marking and textbook writing.

RTD exam prep courses can also be accessed online



Visit our website for more info

Diploma Prep Course Fees

Register Before December 10th for early-bird pricing:

\$119 For your first course

\$109 For each additional course

After Dec. 10 each course is \$129



You'll Receive:

- 13 to 17 hours of instruction over 2 to 4 classes, plus scheduled drop-in Q&As.
- Detailed Study Guides, Exam-Style Practice Exams, and online resources.
- **Flexible Access to all classes** Attend any class for your course at either location, or access instruction online. (Perfect solution if you can't make it to every class)

Math 30-1 EDGE Workshops:

Written Response Skills \$39 (in-person)

Trigonometry (online) \$29

Perms & Combs (online) \$29

Extra more in-depth review! Materials are from our Math 30-1 EDGE Study Guide (separate from our diploma prep) provided as PDFs or sent by mail.

Accompanying e-learning (instructional videos and additional practice exams) are accessed online on-demand.

Math 30-1 **EDGE**

Register Online or Call: 403-774-7431 or 1-888-665-8803 rockthediploma.com/math30-1edge.com

Take your next **mathematics** or **coding** course with us / at your own pace online – and receive your high school credits!



RTD MATH ACADEMY
Accredited Online School

RTD Math Academy is a new provincially accredited online high school, distinct from Rock the Diploma but sharing the same philosophy that students learn best when the teachers are both highly skilled and caring, and the learning materials **exceptional**. There is **no cost** for most students. Learn more at rtdacademy.com



RTD EXAM PREP

January 2023

ONLINE
Diploma
Prep

STUDY SMARTER FOR YOUR DIPLOMA EXAMS

Rock the Diploma (RTD) is Alberta's most reputable prep team, and we've been delivering online diploma prep since 2011. Find out why students rave about our online learning experience.

Outstanding Instruction

Experienced and caring teachers make a difference! RTD instructors know how to get the best of students.

Exceptional Learning Content

What you study matters! Our materials are laser-focused on the curriculum and provide all the clearly laid out **notes** and **practice questions** you'll need.



Fee Per Course: **\$89**



You'll
Receive ...

- Comprehensive Learning Materials** (Course Study Guide and Practice Exams)
Price is for PDF access – course learning materials can also be mailed directly to you
- Access to all on-demand Instructional Videos**
Videos are fully aligned to student learning materials and are designed to provide the same learning experience as attending our in-person classes. (With the added benefit of being paused or re-watched!)
- An Instructor-lead Q&A in January 2023**
Each online course will also have a scheduled Q&A class in January – students will be able to ask questions directly to their instructors and communicate with other students.

NEW: For January 2023 we will be piloting the **livestreaming** of some of our in-person diploma prep classes. Online students taking ELA 30-1, Math 30-1, and Chemistry can join at *no additional cost*.

Note: Joining a livestream is **not required**, as the same instructional content is found in the on-demand videos all online students will have access to. Livestreams are offered as a added option for students who prefer a structured pace and classroom experience.

Live Diploma Prep Schedule Online instruction is accessed through on-demand e-learning and videos, along with the scheduled supports listed below

English 30-1	LIVESTREAM: 1 – Jan 7 th 9:15am – 4:15pm 2 – Jan 8 th 9:15am – 2:45pm 3 – Jan 15 th 8:30am – 10:45am	Q&A Mon January 9 th , 7pm – 9:30pm
English 30-2	<i>Students are welcome to join the ELA 30-1 livestream</i>	Q&A Monday January 9 th , 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Social 30-1	Q&A Tuesday January 10 th , 7pm – 9:30pm <i>Focus is on approaching the written response section of the exam</i>	
Social 30-2	Q&A Tuesday January 10 th , 5:30pm – 6:30pm <i>Focus is on approaching the written response section of the exam</i>	
Math 30-1	LIVESTREAM: 1 – Jan 6 th 10am – 4:30pm 2 – Jan 7 th 4pm – 8pm 3 – Jan 14 th 3pm – 8pm 4 – Jan 15 th 5pm – 9pm	Q&A Mon January 16 th , 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Math 30-2	Q&A Monday January 16 th , 6:30pm – 9:00pm	
Biology 30	Q&A Sunday January 22 nd , 6:30pm – 9:00pm	
Chemistry 30	LIVESTREAM: 1 – Jan 16 th 5:30 – 9:30pm 2 – Jan 17 th 5:30 – 9:30pm 3 – Jan 19 th 5:30 – 9:30pm 4 – Jan 23 rd 5:30 – 9:30pm	Q&A Mon January 23 rd , 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Physics 30	Q&A Monday January 23 rd , 6:30pm – 9:00pm	
Science 30	Q&A Wednesday January 25 th , 6:30pm – 8:30pm	

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January 2023 Exam Schedule

Thursday, January 12	9:00—12:00	English 30-1 Part A English 30-2 Part A	Room 29,33,39
		French 30 - Part A	Room 220
Friday, January 13	9:00—12:00	Social St 30-1 Part A Social St 30-2 Part A	Room 29,33,39
Thursday, January 19	9:00—12:00	Math 30-1 Math 30-2 Math 20-1	Gym
	1:00—3:30	Math 20-2 Math 20-3 Math 30-3	Gym
Friday, January 20	9:00—12:00	English 30-1 Part B English 30-2 Part B	Room 29,33,39
		English 10-1 English 20-1	Gym
	1:00—3:30	English 10-2 English 20-2	Gym
Monday, January 23	9:00—12:00	Social St. 30-1 Part B Social St. 30-2 Part B Social 10-2	Gym
	1:00—3:30	Social 20-1 Social 20-2	Gym
Tuesday, January 24	9:00—12:00	Chem 30 Chem 20 Math 10C	Gym
	1:00—3:30	Math 10-3	Gym
Wednesday, January 25	9:00—12:00	Biology 30 Biology 20	Gym
	1:00—3:30	Science 24 Social 10-1	Gym
Thursday, January 26	9:00—12:00	Physics 30 Science 10	Gym
	1:00-3:30	Physics 20 Science 14	Gym
Friday, January 27	9:00—12:00	Science 30 Science 20	Rm 220, 230



FNMI Trustee Appointment: Mr. Melvin Abraham, a nominated representative from Tribal Chiefs Venture Inc., was sworn in and welcomed as the FNMI Trustee. Mr. Abraham spoke to the importance of education as a path forward.

ASBA Strategic Planning Engagement: The ASBA is seeking feedback on how they are doing as an organization. School boards will have an opportunity to participate in a sharing session and survey.

Holiday Food Trays: Trustees supported the delivery of holiday trays to each of the schools as staff appreciation and in celebration of the season.

Bishop Masses: Bishop Terrio's retirement mass will be held on November 21 at 7 p.m. Bishop-elect Franken's welcoming mass will be held on December 12, 2022.

Superintendent's Report

Remembrance Day: On November 9 schools across the division held ceremonies with a moment of silence in advance of Remembrance Day on November 11. Thank you to staff for creating meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Alberta Rural Education Symposium: Robert Tymofichuk, recipient of the Prime Minister's Award in Teaching Excellence in STEM, has been invited to speak at the Rural Education Symposium in March.

School Tours: Superintendent and Trustees toured schools in Elk Point and Heinsburg on October 25.

Alberta Education Meeting: A representative from Alberta Education met with Senior Leadership to review the Annual Education Plan.

CASS Fall Conference: Superintendent and Senior Leadership team attended sessions focused on educational leadership in Calgary at the end of October.

Succession Meeting: As part of the division's systematic approach to identifying and retaining leaders, Superintendent and Senior Leadership met with staff identified as succession team members on November 3.

School Awards: Superintendent attended awards ceremonies at the Regional, Ashmont and Mallaig schools.

Co-op Bags for Breakfast Donation: St. Paul Education thanks the Cornerstone Co-op for their generous donation of \$24,000 for our breakfast program.

Family Violence Prevention Month: Thank you to the Capella Centre, St. Paul Mayor Maureen Miller and RCMP Staff Sergeant Greg Stannard for facilitating a presentation on respect and kindness at the St. Paul Elementary School. The presentation is available to all elementary schools across the division during the month of November.

New Curriculum: The division provided two information releases about new curriculum and report cards.

French Immersion: Cinemagine will present French Language films for elementary students and junior high students on November 15.

Catholic Education: Catholic Education Sunday was on November 6. A team from NET Ministries will be leading a retreat for our Grade 9 religion students on November 17. Thank you to the three local families that have generously offered to host the team.

Science Fair: In collaboration with the St. Paul and District STEAM society, plans are underway to host a Science Fair in February 2023. There are nine schools interested and it is open to all students in grades 1-12. Projects are to be completed independently by students with support from teachers, parents and guardians.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Audit of Financial Statements: Trustees will be meeting with the auditors for the review of audited financial statements on November 23, 2022 which will be followed by a visit to Mallaig School.

Local Access Fee: The Town of St. Paul is increasing its utility access fees. These fees are a roundabout way of taxing school districts that are supposed to be tax exempt and cost the division over \$26,000 per year. The board committed to discussing with MLAs and other boards about the school district's exemption status and possibly closing this loophole.

Bus Driver Shortage: The division's ongoing bus driver shortage is unfortunately leading to the cancellation of some routes due to illness and no replacement drivers. St. Paul Education is exploring all solutions to ensure students are able to access their school and in doing so minimize the impact on students, families, and school communities. Anyone interested in training to be a bus driver is invited to call 780-645-3323. Parents are encouraged to sign up for the Alertus app to receive proactive communication about bus cancellations.

Information/Correspondence

Peace River PBCO Concern: Trustees reviewed a letter from Peace River School Division in regards to autonomy of school boards with staffing, professional development and other areas of operations.



Wolf Creek Budget Timing: Trustees reviewed a letter sent to the Premier by Wolf Creek Board of Trustees in regards to the timing of the release of the provincial budget, the release of the AB ED Funding Manual and the submission of school division budgets. They are asking for more alignment of dates to allow for stakeholder engagement.

Alberta Education Research Partnership: The Alberta Research Network was established by Alberta Education as a way for the Ministry to support the research needs of Alberta's education system, encourage secondary data analysis, and promote evidence-based decision-making. As a part of this initiative, Alberta Education also established the Research Partnerships Program, a funding opportunity to foster research collaboration between school authorities and post-secondary institutions. A new call for research proposals has been announced.

Emergency Test Alert: On Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 1:55 p.m., Alberta Emergency Alert will send out a test to Albertans. During the test, an alert will sound on compatible devices, with a message letting the user know that the sound is part of a test, and that there is no need for concern.

ACSTA: Trustee Andersen provided a brief update. AGM is next week so there is nothing to report at this time.

ASBA: No changes to zone membership fees. ASEBP board is seeking a new member. ASBA had another lengthy discussion on transportation challenges. School Councils are once again eligible for a \$500 grant. Trustee Wiebe provided an update on the upcoming ASBA fall general meeting. MLAs will be invited to a breakfast as part of the event.

Trustee Attendance Schedule: Trustees reported on their past and upcoming schedules. The trustees have begun visiting a number of schools and will be attending school council and other meetings in the coming weeks.

Unifor Agreement Ratified: Trustees ratified a new collective agreement with Unifor representing bus drivers.