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Greetings St. Mary's School community! We have a very busy few weeks ahead of us. Outlined below is everything you need to know about to be prepared!

Language Arts Part A Final Exams

The first half of our Language Arts Final Exams will take place May 26-29. Each exam will take place in the morning and there will be regularly scheduled classes following the exams.

Monday, May 26 - Grade 7

Tuesday, May 27 - Grade 7/8/9 French Language Arts & all Grade 8 Track and Field Participants.

Wednesday, May 28 - Grade 8 (City Track Meet)

Thursday, May 29 - Grade 9

Monday, June 9

Fine Arts Academy students will be away at the Esplanade preparing for their **Spring Show**. Grade 9s will be away all day; Grade 7s and 8s will be away in the morning and back at St. Mary's in the afternoon for regular classes.

[Here is the detailed letter from the Fine Arts Academy Faculty](#)

Tuesday, June 10

Fine Arts Academy and Band option students will be away at the Esplanade all day preparing for their Spring Show. **All St. Mary's School students** will eat lunch during Period 4, walk to the Esplanade to watch the dress rehearsal of the Fine Arts Academy Show, and walk back to the school for the end of the day.

Tickets for the public performance of the the Fine Arts Academy Spring Show can be purchased here: [St Mary's School - The Arts in Bloom](#)

Thursday, June 12

All students will attend our **Year End Mass** at 10:00 at **Holy Family Parish**. Buses leave St. Mary's at 9:30 and return around 11:15. Parents are welcome to join us at mass!

Our Grade 9 Farewell begins at 12:15. Lunch will be provided to all Grade 9 students. Parents are invited to attend the last portion. Here is the detailed [note](#) from Miss Stroh.

St. Mary's School and Notre Dame Academy's combined Year End Dance takes place at Notre Dame. Students are permitted to [bring a guest but they must be pre-approved](#) by the office. Deadline for dance invites is Monday, June 10. Tickets are available in advance (\$8) or at the door (\$10). [See the detailed poster here](#).

Monday, June 16

All Grade 9 students will be visiting **Monsignor McCoy High School** to explore their programming options and meet their staff. Each student will have the opportunity to attend several sessions based on their individual interests. Buses leave St. Mary's at 11:40 and return around 2:45. Pizza lunch is provided! Detailed schedule and information can be found [here](#).

Tuesday, June 17

French Language Arts Part B Final Exams take place this morning. (More info on [Final Exam Schedule](#) below)

Grade 7 Locker clean out day!

Year End Assembly during P7.

Wednesday, June 18

This is our last day before Final Exams!

All Grade 7 students will be going to **Elkwater**. Buses depart St. Mary's School at 9am and return around **5:30pm**. Please arrange to have your child picked up at this time. There is a **\$35 fee** to help cover busing and activities and **permission slips** must be returned to the school. Here are the [details and permission form](#).

All Grade 8 and 9 students will be cleaning out their lockers in the morning and then going to **EchoDale**. Buses depart St. Mary's school at 10:30am and return around 2:30pm. Remember to bring a lunch, swimsuit, sunscreen and money for the concession.

Final Exam Information

Morning busing will run as usual for all Final Exams. All exams begin at **9:00am**. For all exams, students must remain in their exam room until 10:15. Following this time they are dismissed and have the following options available to them:

1. Stay on the school grounds with supervision until the arrival of buses. Buses depart at 11:15 each day.
2. Arrange for a ride from a parent or other party. Students and parents do not need to notify the office to sign your student out as students are dismissed at 10:15 or at the completion of their exam.
3. Students who normally walk, ride, or have a scooter can leave the school grounds when they have completed their exam following 10:15 dismissal.

Please note students can not choose to leave the school grounds to go to the convenience store and then return to take a bus home.

Final Exam Accommodations

Students who have consistently accessed accommodations such as isolation, readers, and speech to text this year will continue to receive these accommodations for their final exams. No other accommodations will be offered at this time

Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Test Information

Information from Alberta Education regarding Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests can be found here: [Grade 9 Parent Guide](#). Please note that the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education is running an alternative exam schedule that better aligns with our School Year Calendar.

All Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests will take place in the gymnasium.

[Final Exam Schedule](#) for all grades

Tuesday, June 17	French Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 19	Math Part A (No Math 9 K&E Exam today)
Friday, June 20	Math Part B (Including Math 9 K&E)
Monday, June 23	Language Arts Part B
Tuesday, June 24	Social Studies
Wednesday, June 25	Science

Exam make up day

On **Thursday, June 26** students who were away for a final exam will have the opportunity to write the exam at **9:00**. Buses will not run this day and students and families will be responsible for arranging their own transportation. Please notify the school office of any planned absences!