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St. Paul - Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal...

Hopefully everyone had a safe and fun Hallowe'en. With Hallowe'en candy in excess at home, please be reminded that we do not allow candy or chocolate at school. We are working hard to ensure that all of our students learn about proper nutrition and that they bring healthy lunches and snacks to school.

Progress notes go home on the 12th of this month.



On November 13th, we are hosting a gala night which includes a Pasta dinner, a chance to review your child's portfolio with them and an opportunity to purchase some books at our Scholastic book fair. Please join us from 4-7 pm. Check your monthly calendar for all of the upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pichette



FOOD DRIVE

Our Thanksgiving Food drive was a great success. Students contributed and participated in the drive by counting the items and boxing them up. Our next step is to help them see where it goes and how it is distributed. This will hopefully heighten their awareness and empathy for others. They even made the Timmins Press for their efforts!

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 pm

Everyone welcome – we can always use new members!



FOCUS ON FAITH

Our monthly mass will be celebrated on November 16th at 9:30 at St. Anthony's Cathedral. We will also hold a service in the gym on Remembrance Day. Students are working toward their Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion with the Parish. Please encourage them and if your child is not participating – it is not too late!



For Remembrance Day, we will honour our fallen soldiers as well as those who have returned to us and those who are still fighting for our freedoms. To do so, please fill in the Remembrance day form (sent earlier) with the names and even with a picture of any soldier you or your family would like to pay tribute to. They will be posted in our front entrance on our "Memory Board" for the month of November.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – PRUDENCE

Prudence is the virtue that allows us to decide what we should do in any given situation. Prudence or wisdom, is also in keeping with the Grandfather teachings. In child-friendly language, we talk to the children about "making good choices" and considering consequences. As a parent, you can help us to reinforce this virtue by using the same language so that children receive a consistent message at both school and home.

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CHICKADEE DAY CARE

Has been completed with the exception of the playground outside. The Grand opening was held

on October 16th and we welcome them into our building and learning community. Please remember to use the new entrance to drop off your children in the morning as there is no school supervision until 8:30. Thanks to everyone for their patience while we were under construction.



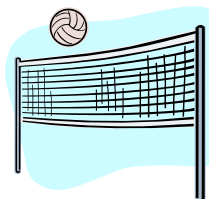
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

One area of focus for improvement at St. Paul's is in the area of

Mathematics. You can help by remaining positive with your comments about Math, and helping your child learn basic math skills.

In the primary grades, you can help your child learn to add and subtract numbers to 18 mentally. Once they can do this, ($9 + 9 = 18$ is the largest fact they need to know mentally), all the rest is simply lining up numbers and learning about place value!

If children have these basic facts solidly in their repertoire, they can easily move on to multiplication and division – which are just adding and subtracting in groups. Knowing the multiplication tables to 12×12 , makes computation of various problems much simpler as students move to the Junior and Intermediate levels. You can play games with these, making it a fun family time.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our students put on a great performance in X-country running at both Opishing and Gillies Lake. Volleyball has begun for the Gr. 5/6

students. They are practicing for some competition with other schools within our Board.



Below is an excerpt from *Health Works*, called, "Let's Work Together to End Bullying." This edition is posted on the bulletin board in the entrance should you wish to read it in its entirety. Three nonviolent strategies for kids to use to deal with bullying are:

Speak up. Let the bully know that their behaviour is not appropriate.

Walk away from the situation. Try not to show any emotion or to engage the bullying, this is giving them the response they are looking for.

Report it. Tell an adult -- for example, a teacher, a coach, or a parent -- then action can be taken to address the bullying.

The NCDSB Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Needs You!

The NCDSB is seeking parent representatives to become a part of our ***Catholic Faith Advisory Committee***. The mandate of this committee is to encourage and enhance the spiritual development of all partners involved in the education and formation of our students, increase the communication with our partners in education and strengthen the distinct nature and character of our Catholic school communities. This committee meets 3 times during the school year and asks for a 2 year term commitment. Please contact Andrew Marks, NCDSB Community Relations Officer at the phone number and/or email address provided if you are interested, at 705-268-7443 or amarks@ncdsn.on.ca.