

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Virtue Praver Service-Monday, April 8th at 2:30
- PD Day-Monday, April 15th - NO SCHOOL
- * Grade 6 Orientation at **OICS**—Thursday, April 18th
- Math Challenge-all month



Have your children missed more than 10 days of school so far this year? Do they arrive to school after 8:55 regularly?

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THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE ST. PAUL SCHOOL-TIMMINS

APRIL 2013

A Message from the Principal

I think we have all been wondering if this winter will ever end! It has been a long, cold one, and everyone is going a little stir crazy patiently waiting for the weather to warm up and the snow to melt. Our classes have even predicted when they think the snow will be gone. Hopefully it will be sooner than some of our predictions!

This time of year is often hard to dress for. One day it is sunny and warm and we come dressed appropriately, while the next can be cold. Many of our students are not coming to school prepared for the weather. It is highly recommended that students come with a warm coat, hat and mitts until it warms up consistently. All students are required to go outside for each recess, and need to be dressed appropriately.

We recently celebrated Holy Week at school with a variety of activities to help students understand the significance of this important time in the Liturgical Calendar. Students participated in a replication of the Last Supper, Christ's walk to his crucifixion and created tableaus depicting each of the Stations of the Cross.

We continue to work hard at helping each of our students work to the best of their potential, each and every day. We are consistently reminding them that we want them to be the best they can be! This means that they must be partners in their learning. They are at school regularly and on-time. They listen carefully to instructions and lessons. They always try their best when doing their work. They keep a positive attitude and know that we

are there to help them when they need it. We need parents to be partners as well. The single greatest way you can help your child is to ensure they are at school daily, on time and ready to learn. They have their agenda signed and a lunch full of healthy snacks to keep their bellies full and their brains ready to learn. We thank you in advance for your assistance with this. We only have 13 weeks left in this school year, and much yet to accomplish!

For the first time, we are running a School-Wide Math Challenge during the month of April. We are really hoping that all students will participate in this activity. You should have received the letter and calendar yesterday. Let's all have FUN doing MATH!

D. Brumwell



JK REGISTRATION IS ON-GOING

Who: Children Born in 2009

When: any time during regular school hours Where: St. Paul School or on-line at www.ncdsb.on.ca

This is the time of year that we begin planning for the next school year. Secure your child's spot in a JK class now!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

When: Tuesday, April 9th **Time:** 6:30 pm Location: Staff Room

As always, any parent who wishes to attend this meeting is more than welcome to join us. Our primary purpose in meeting this month is to plan the Spring Fling that is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th

SCHOOL-WIDE MATH CHALLENGE

We are very excited to provide each student with the materials needed to participate in our April Math Challenge. Each student is encouraged to discuss the answer to the daily question found on the calendar with their family and write the answer in their agenda. Prizes will be awarded for participation by class, and individually. There will be a Principal's Challenge at the end as well.

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JUSTICE

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." ~Ghandi





OUR SCHOOL

VISION... Parents, Students and Staff Promoting Achievement, Understanding & Spirituality



Recipe Conversions 5 mL = 1 tsp 250 mL = 1 cup 125 mL = 1/2 cup 375 mL = 1 and 1/2 cups 10 mL = 2 tsps 180 degrees Celsius = 350 F

Celebrating Our Faith....

The Cardinal virtue of **Justice** is evident in our Catholic Schools whenever we see people striving to meet their obligations to God and neighbour.

The Goals of the virtue are:

- To base our actions on truth and justice
- To help our students seek what is good in every situation
- To help our students recognize that their decisions affect the lives of others (fair trade products)

To practice living in relationship with God and neighbour

CONFLICT VERSUS BULLYING

Bullying is a Relationship Issue

- Bullying is INTENTIONALLY HURT-FUL behavior that happens REPEAT-EDLY.
- It's about using POWER in an aggressive way to hurt others.
- It can be physical, verbal, relational, exclusionary and done electronically (cyber-bullying)

Bullying is NOT:

- A conflict between friends
- An argument between people of equal power
- Accidental
- ♦ A one-time event

New legislation means that there are much more serious consequences for bullies. A student who is acting as a bully could be expelled from school on the SECOND incident of bullying. Please report all incidents of bullying to the school immediately.

ATTENDANCE DRAW WINNERS

Students who have won \$25 gift cards from Walmart for their attendance so far this year: September: Noah Cote—JK/SKB October: Michelle Guillemette & Trent Audit November: Dallas Kataquapit & Willow Jasaitis December: Allister Shisheesh & Andon Labrecque February: Connor Veillette & Steven Saman

Exemplifying Justice means:

- ✤ Respecting the dignity of everyone
- Standing up for what is right and what we know God wants
- ✤ Treating others fairly and with dignity
- Making decisions based on what is best for others (including animals and the environment)

Many of our classes will be engaging in some sort of Social Justice Project this month. Stay tuned to your child's agenda for more .

MATH IS FUN!

Try to solve this problem together using any strategy you can think of:

Slithery Sam's Pet Shop just received a shipment of reptiles. After being bitten twice, the delivery person refused to try counting how many snakes and how many lizards were in the shipment.

After shouting, "There are twenty heads and 48 legs" the delivery person tore out of the parking lot looking for a better

job. Sam has now asked you to tell him how many snakes and how many lizards were delivered that day. Can you use

the delivery person's information to help you solve this problem?



TRY THIS RECIPE

Cooking together is another fun way to practice math! Banana Muffins 125 mL Butter or Margarine 5 mL Nutmeg 250 mL Sugar 5 mL Baking Soda 2 Eggs 10 mL Hot Water 250 mL Mashed Ripe Bananas 375 mL Flour 10 mL Vanilla Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and bananas. Mix well. Stir in flour and nutmeg. Dissolve baking soda in hot water and add to the banana mixture. Stir in vanilla. Fill greased muffin tins 1/2 full. Bake at 180 degrees Celsius for 20 minutes.