



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ JK Registration—Monday, January 14th
- ★ Virtue Prayer Service—Tuesday, January 15th
- ★ Family Literacy Day—Friday, January 25th
- ★ Family Math Night—Wednesday, January 30th



Have your children missed more than 5 days of school so far this year? Do they arrive to school after 8:55 regularly?

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# THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

JANUARY 2013

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

## A Message from the Principal

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful and restful holiday season. We are right back into the swing of things here at St. Paul School.

I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas Concert. The staff and students did a fantastic job again this year. All of the cast and the choir spent many hours preparing and their efforts were certainly apparent! I'd like to thank all the staff who volunteered their time to supervise, organize and provide and other assistance in the time leading up to the concert and on that night. I am very grateful to have such a fantastic staff who is always so willing to help when needed.

Monday, January 14th is JK Registration Day. Though it always seems so early to be thinking about

registering for September, it is incredibly important that you do so if you have a child who was born in 2009. This year, our numbers in our JK/SK classrooms have been at maximum all year and we have not been able to accept any new students. So, if you have a child who is ready for JK in September, please ensure you come in on the 14th, register on-line at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca) or call us to send you a package. Should you have any friends or family that you know are considering our school—whether for JK or a transfer from another school for SK, please let them know to contact us as soon as possible.

It has come to our attention that a number of families do not have phone numbers or emergency contact numbers listed in our student information system. There have been

a number of times that we have attempted to contact parents in serious situations and have not been able to reach anyone. This is not acceptable. It is imperative that the school have the necessary information to contact families as needed. Please take a moment to fill out the form attached to this newsletter to update your information. Cell phones that are only operational after school hours are not acceptable.

We have a number of special activities taking place for families this month. Please review our newsletter carefully for more information regarding our Family Literacy Day and Family Math Night Activities. We hope to see many families out for these events.

*D. Brumwell*



### JK REGISTRATION

Who: Children Born in 2009

When: Monday, January 14th

Where: St. Paul School or on-line at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca)

Feel free to bring your child with you. Children will have a chance to play in a JK/SK classroom, make a craft and have their picture taken.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

When: Monday, January 21st

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Parent Room

Please note the time change.

Should you have any concerns, don't hesitate to contact the principal.

### PHONE NUMBERS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

It is incredibly important that we ALWAYS have a way to contact parents. Please ensure that we have a home phone number, work numbers, cell numbers AND a working emergency contact number for you.



## FORTITUDE

*“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.”*

*Blessed Mother Teresa*

# Celebrating Our Faith....

January’s virtue is **Fortitude**—commonly known as Courage, Fortitude is one of the four cardinal virtues. The cardinal virtue of fortitude involves practicing what is good and just even when it is difficult or dangerous. A person of fortitude practices patience when meeting obstacles. They do what is right, even when others criticize them. Fortitude allows us to overcome our fear and remain resilient in the face of obstacles. Prudence and justice are virtues through which we decide what needs to be done; fortitude gives us the strength to do it.

### Exemplifying Fortitude means:

- † Defending the truth
- † Always being kind, even in difficult or challenging situations
- † Saying no to friends who pressure you to do things you know are wrong
- † Standing up for others as needed
- † Refusing to participate in teasing or bullying

## CONFLICT VERSUS BULLYING

### Bullying is a Relationship Issue

- ◆ Bullying is **INTENTIONALLY HURTFUL** behavior that happens **REPEATEDLY**.
- ◆ 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

**Please be sure to report any incidents of bullying to school personnel.**



### OUR SCHOOL

#### VISION...

Parents, Students

and Staff

Promoting

Achievement,

Understanding &

Spirituality



## FAMILY LITERACY DAY ACTIVITY

**What:** Lunch & Munch

**When:** Friday, January 25th, 2013 from 11:45–12:45

**Where:** St. Paul School

Come and have lunch with your child/children. This is a perfect opportunity to share a meal and read with them. Your child will be able to share their book box that they are using during the Daily 5 and tell you about the goals they have been working on in reading this year. We will be selling Alphabet Soup that day. The soup is provided with a choice of roll or crackers. **All soup must be PRE-ORDERED.** Please use the order form that will go home on January 16th to place your order.



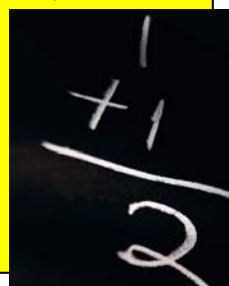
## FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Our Catholic School Council is very excited to be able to support a Family Math Night this year.

**When:** Wednesday, January 30th from 6:30-7:30

**Where:** At St. Paul School

Come and join us to learn about how you can better help your child with math, receive a bag full of fun math games you can play at home and put your name in for some special draws. Refreshments will be provided. Children are encouraged to come in their PJ's!



## ATTENDANCE

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

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those families who are working hard to get their children to school on-time and regularly.

As you know, we have been working with families to improve attendance for the last couple of years. Regular attendance at school is the single, easiest way you can ensure a better future for your children.

**If you get them here, we will teach them and they WILL be successful!**



