



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Christmas Holidays begin on Monday, December 21st.
- ★ First Day back after the holidays is Monday, January 4th, 2016

Let us welcome God's bright and shining morning star,  
 A child born in a manger,  
 A son sent to redeem the world,  
 A saviour come to renew all things.  
 May his light shine on you,  
 May his light shine in you,  
 May his light shine through you,  
 The light of God's Christmas star be with you,  
 in this season of new birth.



# THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

DECEMBER 2015

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

## A Message from the Office

It is hard to believe that the Christmas season is already upon us. Every year seems to fly by more and more quickly. During the month of December, we will be reflecting on the symbolism of each week of Advent. We will emphasize the excitement, wonder, joy, expectation, even exhilaration we feel as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

During the Christmas season we celebrate the wonder of the virtue of Love. God shows us how to live fully: by pouring out our lives for others with love. That is what the days of Christmas are all about.

Many of our activities this month will help our students to understand that Christmas

is about giving.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our teaching staff and our support staff for all the extra time and effort they have put into making this part of the school year so successful for our students.

Please take a few minutes over the next few days to remind your child(ren) of the importance of being hands-off in the schoolyard. We have reminded each class of our expectations for their behaviour on the playground, at lunch and in the bus lines. Our goal is to ensure that each and every child is safe while at school. We thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season. Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Pichette &*  
*Mrs. Raymond*



## Parent-Portfolio Night

Thank you so much for attending our annual Parent-Portfolio Night on Thursday, November 14th. This year, so many of our families came out for this event. We've had very positive feedback from the parents, the staff and the students. It was really amazing to see the pride on the faces of our students as they showed their parents their work. Many thanks go out to our volunteers who helped with the Scholastic Book Fair, the dinner and especially to Mrs. Arthur for the delicious Bannock!

## MacMillans Fundraiser

Our Fundraising campaign was very successful. We generated \$1400.00 in support of our Student Activities account and our Grade 6 year end trip in June. The orders will arrive at the school on Monday, December 7th. Students with large orders to distribute will need a parent to pick up their items throughout the day. **We congratulate Ansley P. from Grade 5, Julien C from Grade 6 and Sahayma O. from Grade 3 who were our top sellers with sales of \$621.00, \$524.00 and \$514.00 respectively.**





**Other December Events**

- Gr. 5/6 Volleyball Tournament at OICS on December 2nd
- Hot Dog Lunch, December 4th
- Presentation at O’Gorman High School for Grades 3, 4 and 4/5 on December 7th
- JK/K writing letters to Santa on December 8th
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Day on December 11th
- OICS Christmas Presentation, December 15th
- Holiday Hat Day on December 16th
- Christmas Concert on December 17th
- Pajama Day and Pancake Breakfast on December 18th

We routinely have several items of clothing in our lost and found. After a month we donate the clothing to a local charity. Please be sure to have your child check for lost items on a regular basis.



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our school will be performing alongside a story reading of the Twelve Prayers of Christmas on Thursday, December 17th at 6:30pm. We will have a full dress-rehearsal at O’Gorman High School on December 16th in the afternoon. Students will be bused to and from the high school for this practice.



The evening performance will take place at 6:30 pm at the Sylvia Gravel Theater in O’Gorman High School. Please drop your child off at the high school cafeteria by 6:00 pm that evening.

Should your family require transportation to this event, please let us know.



We thank Mrs. Costello's Grade 1 class for sharing their wonderful Dinosaur excursion writing activity with us!



During certain times of the year we see an increase in the cases of head lice. This nuisance is problematic as it can impact your child’s attendance. We can not allow a student with live lice and nits to remain at school as they can cause the lice to spread to others.

**All parents/guardians must be sure to routinely check their child’s head for lice.**

We will have to work together to make sure that the school remains lice free. Nits/eggs are usually off white in colour and stick to the lower hair shaft. They must be removed manually using a specialized comb or your fingers. A second treatment 7 to 10 days after an infestation is key to ensuring that lice will not hatch.

## CELEBRATING OUR FAITH:

### The Importance of Love



“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

Love can be seen through one’s caring for someone, wanting to be near them and wanting to share with them.

- Love is treating someone the way that you want them to treat you – with care and respect.
- The joy of love can be felt in both giving and receiving.
- Love is a spiritual practice and not simply something that “just happens”.

**Catholic Graduate Expectation -- I CARE!**

*May we wait in hopeful anticipation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas to all!*

From the staff and students of St. Paul School.