



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Professional Activity Day (No School for Students) on Friday, January 29th.
- ★ JK Registration Day on Tuesday, January 26th.
- ★ Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball Competition at OHS on Saturday, January 16th from 12-3, students in Grades 4-5



Pizza/Milk orders for the month of February will go home on January 13th and are due back on January 27th.

Please make every effort to remember to order ahead to avoid disappointment on pizza day if no extra slices are available to purchase.

A Message from the Office

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful and restful holiday with family and friends. We are happy to be back into the swing of things and are hard at work.

We hope that you all enjoyed our Twelve Days of Christmas Concert. The staff and students did a fantastic job again this year. It is so great to be able to showcase our talented students. We'd like to thank all of the staff who volunteered their time to supervise, organize and provide other assistance to make the concert a success.

Tuesday, January 26th is our JK Registration Day. Though it always seems to be 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 2012. This year our numbers in our JK/SK classroom were so large that we had to open another class. So, if you have a child who is ready

to begin school this September please join us on the 26th for a tour of the learning environment and to meet the staff. Should you have any friends or family that you know who are considering our school, please have them contact us.

Yours in Catholic Education,
B. Pichette & E. Raymond

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 phone numbers AND an emergency contact number for you.



JK Registration
Who: Children born in 2012
When: Tuesday, January 26th
Where: St. Paul School or online at www.ncdsb.on.ca
Feel free to bring your child with you. Children will have a chance to play in a JK/K environment, make a craft.



NCDSB Learn to Swim Program

Swimming will begin in January and take place on the following dates for students in Grades 3-4. Please mark these days on the calendar so the children come to school prepared for swimming with a bathing suit, towel and a plastic bag.
January 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Grade 3: 1:40 - 2:15 Grade 4: 2:15-2:50



Our Wednesday after school drumming club celebrated Christmas in style! The group led by Holly Rodrigue from the Friendship Centre and our own Kristine Arthur meet every Wednesday after school and learn important teachings and enjoy music and song. Holly surprised the students with sweet treats and a special gift. Meegwetch Holly!



HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATH

Are your children on time for school each day?

Have your children missed more than 5 days of school this year so far?

REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL!



Would YOU like to sit on our School Council?
If you would like to work together to find new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of the children of St. Paul School and to strengthen the home and school partnership then please contact the office for a sign up form.

Our first Parent Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30pm.

LUNCHES

Please note that we have limited access to microwave ovens in the school. We would appreciate lunches that require no heating.

- **Set high standards for your child in math.** Make sure your child is mathematically challenged and encourage his or her interest and pursuit of math. Avoid telling your child you struggled in math. Embrace the challenge of math together by having fun with it.
- **Help children see that math is very much a part of everyday life.** From statistics in sports to the sale price of clothing, from the calories in food to the amount of gas needed to travel from one city to another, math is important to us every day. Help your child make these connections to math.
- **Point out that many jobs require math.** From the scientist to the doctor, from the plant manager to the newspaper salesman, from the computer programmer to the hardware store owner, many jobs require a strong foundation in math. Help your child see that math leads to many exciting career opportunities.
- **Stimulate your child's interest in technology.** Encourage your child to use calculators and computers to further learning in mathematics.
- **Play games that help children develop decision making and mental math skills.** There are many games sold commercially, such as board games, that involve patterns and probability. Play games from your own family traditions such as counting games and games that keep score. Try schoolyard games such as jump rope, hopscotch, and jacks. Games require children to use strategies to make decisions, solve problems, and develop an understanding about numbers and how to use them (number sense) and computational skills.

Visit <http://www.math.com/parents/articles/helpmath.html> for some great math activities while at home, on the go, or at the grocery store.

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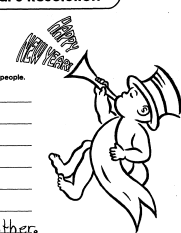
My New Year's Resolution

Write short paragraph about your New Year's resolution. In your paragraph:

1. State what your resolution is.
2. Tell why you chose this resolution.
3. Describe how it will help you or other people.

My New Year's Resolution is to get along with my Sister and brothers.

I will try to share my toys with them more often.




Mrs. Penna's Grade 3 class started off the New Year with some resolutions.


Name: Anwar Anisah Jil

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Write short paragraph about your New Year's resolution. In your paragraph:

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2. Tell why you chose this resolution.
3. Describe how it will help you or other people.

My New Year's Resolution is to Do Better in School to get a better Mark and a Better grade. Also I will Listen Better in class



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

Our virtue this month is **FORGIVENESS**. It is an important cornerstone of our faith as we reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made to forgive us all. In our school, we work to honour and model forgiveness in everything we do. As a Catholic community we are fortunate to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is another opportunity for our students to engage in an honest dialogue with God and receive his Forgiveness. In Luke 6:37-38, it is said "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

The goal of this virtue:

- A choice to reconcile
- An attitude about setting things right
- A compassionate way of communicating
- Forgiveness demonstrates kindness

