



# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**School Office Hours**  
8:30am to 4:00pm

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## SCHOOL HOURS

8:50—Entry & Opening Exercises  
10:10—Recess  
11:45—Lunch  
12:15—Lunch Recess  
3:05—Recess  
3:20—Dismissal

Students are considered late when they are not present in the classroom by 8:55 am & 12:45 pm.

**PLEASE BE ON-TIME EACH DAY**

## A Message from the Office

The beginning of a new school year is a time of excitement for both students and staff. At St. Paul Catholic School, we are committed to helping our students be the best they can be—academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. As such, we recognize the importance of organization and time management and how it is related to success in school.

**If I plan to learn....I must learn to plan.**

Use of an agenda is helpful for so much more than just scheduling activities and events. It is a valuable daily companion in helping students understand expectations, create time-lines, set goals, monitor progress, and track success. Regardless of the students' previous academic accomplishments, routine use of an agenda will help to build and expand organizational skills that will last a lifetime.



**Regular Attendance + Consistent Effort**



**SUCCESS IN SCHOOL**

## Our School Staff for 2015-2016

JK/SK—Mrs. Bernard—OCT  
JK/SK—Mrs. Kirkland—ECE  
Grade 1 – Mrs. Costello  
Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Clausi  
Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Doyle  
Grade 3— Mrs. Penna  
Grade 4 – Ms. Young  
Grade 4/5 – Ms. Bonhomme  
Grade 5 – Mr. Sullivan  
Grade 6 – Mr. Rosso

Prep Relief – Mrs. Walsh  
Core French – Ms. Kos  
Primary RT – Mrs. Albert  
Junior RT – Mrs. Renaud  
CYW—Mrs. Brazeau  
EA – Mrs. Jezic  
EA – Mrs. Limlaw  
EA – Mrs. B. Last  
EA – Mrs. S. Caron  
EA – Mrs. Toner

School Secretary – Mrs. Cheff  
Custodian – Mr. Bernard  
Custodian – Mr. Madore

Special Assignment Teachers:  
Mrs. Corbett & Mrs. Hoven  
Vice Principal—Mrs. Raymond  
Principal – Mrs. Pichette



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

B. Pichette, Principal  
E. Raymond, Vice-Principal



# Safe Schools Protocols



## Reporting an Absent Student

If your child is going to be absent for the day, or a portion of the day, please be sure to call the school by 9:00 am. Mrs. Cheff is required to call the parents of all absent students. A BIG thanks to those parents who do call as this saves a great deal of time for all of us!

## Changes to Transportation Arrangements

If you will be picking your child up from school instead of having him/her take the bus, please call the school **by 2:30** to let us know. We are required to log how each child gets home on a daily basis. Last minute changes make this process difficult.

## Visitors to the School

Although we always welcome parents to the school, we do have a visitor's policy in effect. You must sign in at the front office and get a visitor's pass if you wish to proceed into any area of the school that has classrooms. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this process.

## Supervision on the Playground

Please be advised that our playground is **unsupervised before 8:30**.

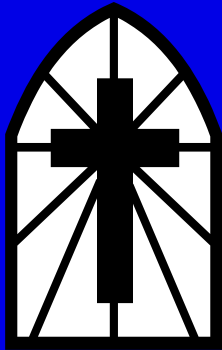
therefore, children are not to be dropped off at school before this time. For those children who walk to school, parents need to time their arrival so that they are not here before 8:30. At the end of the school day, all children who walk are asked to go directly home.

## Emergency Preparedness Plan

We are required by law to have 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown drills each year. Students are taught how to respond during these drills before any take place. Though this can seem scary to some of our children, it is a necessary part of school operations.

## Pick Up & Drop Off

As you all know, parking is at a premium in the area around the school. Parking becomes a serious safety concern at arrival and dismissal times. We are asking all parents to avoid parking in the turn around area in front of the school before and after school. **The area designated as 5 minute parking does not apply to these times and are off limits.** Buses are struggling to get through and the number of vehicles using the turn around is making it dangerous out there for our children.



OUR SCHOOL

VISION...

Parents, Students

and Staff

Promoting

Achievement,

Understanding &

Spirituality



ATTENDANCE IS

THE KEY TO

SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

## Expectations for Student Behaviour

### Classroom Expectations

- † We talk nicely to everyone.
- † We listen and follow directions the first time.
- † We always do our best work.
- † We respect ourselves, others & school property.
- † We take responsibility for our actions.

### School-Wide Expectations

- † We enter and exit the school in a respectful manner.
- † We walk quietly in the hallway at all times.
- † We respect our classroom environment.
- † We always play safely.

### Outdoor Play Expectations

- † Use the playground equipment appropriately and safely.
- † Play games & activities that are hands off to avoid hurting each other.
  - † Listen and act upon when spoken to by all staff.
  - † Use appropriate language and gestures at all times.
  - † Keep rocks, snowballs and other objects on the ground.

# Use of Technology & Implications of Social Media



The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is committed to providing access to the latest technology in its' schools. At St. Paul School, we are proud to offer a wireless environment that allows staff and students to use a variety of technology to enhance teaching practice and student engagement. Most of our classrooms have SmartBoards which allow students and teachers to work with technology in very interactive and effective ways. We are also excited to have access to more than 4 dozen laptops and more than 2 dozen iPads that can be used in classrooms as needed. However, with this exciting new technology comes certain responsibilities on the part of the student.

Every student at St. Paul School is expected to be familiar with the Acceptable Use of Technology policy and to follow the expectations found within this document. Any student who chooses not to meet these expectations will have their computer privileges revoked.



It is also important to remind parents and students that the Safe Schools Act now provides school principals with the authority to suspend from school any student who engages in cyber bullying. Acts of cyber bullying do not need to happen at school—parents and students are encouraged to report incidents of cyber bullying that take place on social networking sites (i.e Facebook), in email or a chat pod—even if it is happening after school hours. If it involves the well-being of our students—we want to know about it!

## Celebrating Our Faith....

### The Virtues Program

A Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of themselves. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all their sensory and spiritual powers; they pursue the good and choose reflect this in concrete actions.



The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is proud to announce changes to our virtues program. Instead of covering one virtue each month, we will be covering one every two months with the idea that the first month will be used to explicitly teach the virtue while the second month will be used to bring the virtue to life. You will find suggestions about how you can support the virtue of the month at home on the Monthly School Calendar and in our Newsletter.

We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world.

### Masses & Liturgies

Mass is celebrated at St. Anthony's regularly with a different theme for each Mass. Liturgies are celebrated at the school. Please check monthly calendar for dates & times.

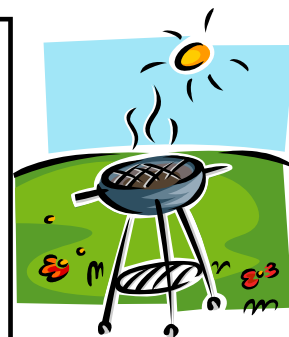
### Monthly Virtues

Sept./Oct. — Faith  
Nov./Dec.— Love  
Jan./Feb — Forgiveness  
Mar./Apr. —Hope  
May/June —Prudence

## Annual School Events

September—Terry Fox Walk, Spaghetti dinner  
October—Food Drive for St. Martin DePorres  
November—Scholastic Book Fair & Portfolio Night  
December—Christmas Celebrations  
January—Family Math & Literacy Night

February—1st Term Report Cards  
March—Winter Carnival  
April—Easter Celebrations  
May—Education Week Activities  
June—Family BBQ



## REMINDER: Our School is Scent Free.

**No perfumes, scented hand lotions  
or hair products permitted.**

There are a number of students and staff members who are severely allergic to scents. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our Catholic School Council meets a minimum of 5 times each year on a day and time chosen by the group. We really need parents to join us for these meetings, as we did not have a full membership this past year. Sign up please!!

The goals of our Catholic School Council are as follows:

- † To increase local involvement in the education process and subsequently improve teaching and learning within our schools.
- † To ensure the shared responsibility and collaborative undertaking of the Catholic Education of our children by parents, schools, parish and community.
- † To enable all of our partners to work with education professionals to set the future direction of the school, identify education priorities and determine strategies for achieving goals.
- † To serve as a vital link between all of our partners and the School Board.
- † Through commitment and creativity, to generate a strong community spirit. Community spirit makes a school more than just a building – it creates a learning environment where students feel the commitment of fellow students, principal and staff, clergy, community and families. This shared commitment will make the common goal a reality.



## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We are proud to offer our students a Breakfast Program DAILY.

This would not be possible without the financial support of the Red Cross, Breakfast for Learning & The Knights of Columbus and the Breakfast Club of Canada.

We also want to recognize the very dedicated staff members and parent volunteers who help with food shopping, preparation and distribution.

## CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

*A discerning believer* formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.

*An effective communicator* who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values.

*A reflective, creative and holistic thinker* who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.

*A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner* who develops and demonstrates his/her God-given potential.

*A collaborative contributor* who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.

*A caring family member* who attends to family, school, parish, and the wider community.

*A responsible citizen* who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

## WHOSE CHILD IS THIS?

*Author Unknown*

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day seeing a little one out at play

"Mine," said the parent with a tender smile

"Mine to keep a little while to bathe his hands and comb his hair

To tell him what he is to wear, to prepare him that he may always be good

And each day do the things he should."

"Whose child is this?" I asked again as the door opened and someone came in

"Mine," said the teacher with the same tender smile

"Mine to keep just for a little while

To teach him how to be gentle and kind

To train and direct his dear little mind

To help him live by every rule and get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this? I ask once more

Just as the little one entered the door

"Ours," said the parent and the teacher as they smiled

And each took the hand of the little child

"Ours to love and train together

Ours this blessed task forever."