

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **★** Thanksgiving Food Drive
- ★ Thanksgiving Mass & Turkey Luncheon
- ★ Inaugural ParentCouncil Meeting

#### **Parking Lot Safety**

Our parking lot is a very busy place with buses and parents picking up and dropping students off before and after school. In order to keep everyone safe please remember the following:

- Our front driveway is one at a time, one way so no passing is permitted.
- There is NO staff on duty in the yard before 8:30am.
   Please do not drop off students in the yard before this time.
   There is no supervision
- The YMCA staff is outside before 8:30 supervising the students who use the Before School care program.
- They are not responsible for the supervision of students not in their care. To Register for this service please call

# THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

OCTOBER 2016

ST. PAUL SCHOOL— TIMMINS

# A Message from the Office

Fall is in the air! The leaves are turning, pumpkins abound and the days are getting shorter. Things are really humming along at St. Paul School. It has been a fantastic start to the school year and we are so proud of the efforts made by students and staff to establish routines and begin to do some very good work. Many, many thanks to all our families who joined us for our Annual **Open House**. It was wonderful to see so many of you out for this event. It was also a great opportunity to meet families new to our school community. We want you to know that you are welcome to visit the school at any time. We hope to see lots of you as we work together to ensure this is a great year of learning for your children.

Have your children been at

school regularly since school started? Have they been on-time each day? Regular attendance in school is so important for your child's learning. Most classrooms begin the day with either Language Arts or Mathematics. When students are late, they miss very important instruction in these areas. Classes begin at 8:50. Please work with us and have your children at school on time everyday. For those of you who ensure students arrive on time and are in school regularly—we thank you!

On behalf of the staff, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

God Bless you all.

B. Pichette & E. Raymond





# THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please bring in donations of nonperishable food items between now and Friday, October 14th. All donations will go to the Father Costello Food

Welcome to Ms. Jessica Fizzell who joins our staff as a Child and Youth Worker. She will be available to work with students every afternoon.

Mrs. Sheena Kernick joins our staff as the teacher for the new Grade 2 class that was recently created.

### SCHOOL FORMS & AGENDA MONEY

We still have a number of outstanding forms that have not been returned. We will be notifiying families and sending home new copies for signature over the next couple of weeks. Please be sure to return these forms once received. We are also requesting that any money due for Agendas is submitted promptly.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**When**: Wednesday, October 12th

Time: 6:30 pm Location: School Staff Room

Who: All Parents who have Sent in Nomination Forms & any other parent who is interested in joining council or who just wants to see what is going on!

See you there!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We would like to congratulate all of the Grade 4, 5 & 6 students who participated in the Hershey Lake and Opishing Cross Country Running Meets. We are very proud of your efforts. You represented our school very well!

Many thanks to Ms. Francis for her assistance in preparing the students for these races.

# Virtue for October

#### **GRATITUDE**

"Give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord lesus Christ."

Ephesians 5:20





The students in Ms.
Bonhomme's Grade 4/5 class
have been working hard to
determine the Author's
Message in books they read.



# Celebrating Our Faith....

The choice to be grateful is not always without effort. October's virtue is **Gratitude**, how apropos that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in just a few short days. Gratitude is the virtue that makes us aware and appreciate the gifts we receive each day. Our quote for the month "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24) will be the foundation for our work. To express thankfulness is a simple way to share our faith as it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish all that we have. Materialism and consumerism prevent us from enjoying and being appreciative of all that we have. We cannot think that we have a right to demand without giving anything in

return and without giving thanks for all that we are.

### Exemplifying gratitude means:

- † Giving thanks to God for the many daily blessings we have.
- † Focusing on the good in our lives and the good in others.
- † Not lamenting on what we do not have.
- † Recognizing the good in ourselves and giving our best to improve or to help others.
- † Appreciating others and the work they do for us.



#### BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program has begun. Mrs. Vaughan has taken over the coordination of the program this year. If you are available to volunteer your time to prepare food items please call the school 705-264-5620.



#### Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser

Our school will be participating in the Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser this year. Our school will be able to keep 40% of the sales. This fundraiser not only helps us raise funds for student activities (50%) and the nutrition program (50%) but also helps support Ontario Farmers. Order forms will be sent home this week.

**Bundle A**: 5lbs potatoes, 3lbs carrots, 3lbs sweet potatoes and 3lbs onions for only **\$12.00** 

Bundle B: is and 8lb box of apples. Orders are due no later than Monday, October 17th. Deliveries will be made in November. Thank



## THANKSGIVING MASS & TURKEY LUNCHEON

We will be having a celebration on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in honour of Thanksgiving at 10:30am in the gym.

We will also be treating the students to a Turkey lunch after the celebration this year.



#### **HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES**

- Various Classroom Activities planned—stay tuned for more information about this
- Costume Parade in the Afternoon— Students are to bring their costume to change into after lunch. They are NOT to wear them to school that morning please.

#### **PICK UP REMINDER**

Please remember that if you are picking up your child from school, you must call the school BEFORE 2:00.

Students will not be removed from the bus list after this time.