



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Annual IPRC Reviews
- ★ Fall Open House
- ★ School Photos
- ★ Terry Fox Walk



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THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

SEPTEMBER 2011

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

A Message from the Principal



It is an honour and a privilege to be back at St. Paul School. Though it has been five years since I was last principal of the school, it has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces. For those families new to the St. Paul School community – WELCOME! We are so glad you have chosen our school. Rest assured, you have made a wise decision. Our staff is second to none, with each member truly committed to making your child's experience at school a positive one. We know that by working together, we can make fantastic things happen for our students!

I hope you all had a wonderfully relaxing summer with your family and are energized to begin this new school year! All of the staff have been hard at work preparing

the classrooms and hallways for the arrival of the students. The school looks fabulous - very bright and cheerful! A special thanks to all of the staff who made that extra effort over the summer months.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome two new staff members to the St. Paul family. Miss Snowden has come to us from Cochrane and Mrs. Doyle has come to us from St. Joseph in Porcupine. We are excited to have them join our staff.

Research has demonstrated, time and again, how important the relationship between the school and the family truly is. By taking an active role in your child's education - whether it is helping with homework, attending school events, joining in for a

field trip or volunteering your time in the school – each can have a huge impact on your child's success in school. We are looking forward to providing numerous opportunities for you to be involved in your child's education this year. As always, we are here to help you any way we can – all you have to do is ask!

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education.

Yours in Catholic Education,

D. Brumwell



Our School Staff for 2011-2012

JK/SK – Mrs. Claudi—OCT
Mrs. Kirkland—ECE
SK/Grade 1 – Miss Bonhomme
Grade 1 – Mrs. Costello
Grade 2 – Miss Snowden
Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Doyle
Grade 3 – Miss Young
Grade 4 – Mrs. Albert
Grade 4/5 – Mrs. Bernard
Grade 5 – Mrs. Koroschetz
Grade 6A – Mr. Sullivan
Grade 6B – Mrs. Corbett

Primary Itinerant – Mrs. Eide
Core French – Miss Kos
Music – Mr. Kirkpatrick
Primary RT – Mrs. Byberg
Junior RT – Mrs. Hoven
Essential Skills—Miss Lavoie
CYW—Mrs. Brazeau
EA – Mrs. Jezic
EA – Mrs. Limlaw
EA – Mrs. B. Last
EA – Mrs. L. Last
EA – Miss Murray
EA – Mrs. Toner

School Secretary – Mrs. Cheff
Librarian—Mrs. Sebalj
Custodian – Mr. Martel
Custodian – Mr. Raymond
Lunch Monitor – Mrs. Jeffery
Lunch Monitor – Mrs. Turner
Lunch Monitor—Mrs. Last
Lunch Monitor—Miss Murray
Principal – Mrs. Bruwmell





Are your children on time for school each day?
Do your children miss more than 10 school days a year?



OUR SCHOOL VISION...
Parents, Students and Staff Promoting Achievement, Understanding & Learning



OUR SCHOOL DAY

- 8:50—Entry & Opening Exercises
- 10:10-10:25—Morning Recess
- 11:45-12:15—Students Eat Lunch
- 12:15-12:45—Lunch Recess
- 3:05-3:20—Afternoon Recess
- 3:20—Dismissal

Students are considered late when they are not present in the classroom by 8:50 am & 12:45 pm.

Focus on Attendance & Punctuality

Regular attendance is critical to academic achievement and overall student well-being. When a student misses school or is late for class regularly, this has a direct and serious impact on learning—and it causes disruption in the classroom. We want to work with families to ensure each student is getting the most from his/her school year. **For this reason, attendance will be monitored closely and parents will be notified when attendance becomes a concern. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure each student arrives on time and is in attendance regularly.**

Student Update Forms



Each family was sent a copy of the Student Information Form by mail at the end of August. Please make sure that you review the information on this form, and make any necessary changes to the information listed. This will help us ensure that we have the right information in our computer system.

This form is to be returned to the school with your child by Friday, September 16th. It is very important that we have updated contact information and a working emergency number. You will also notice a section labeled "Consent Information." Read this section carefully and indicate how you consent for each item.

If you have not received this form in the mail, or have misplaced it, please contact the school and we will send another form home with your child.

Thanks in advance for helping secure this important information!

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

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.

Visitor's to the School

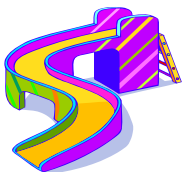
Although we always welcome parents to the school, we do have a visitor's policy in effect. You must sign in at the front office and get a visitor's pass if you wish to proceed into any area of the school that has classrooms. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this process.

Safe Schools Protocols Continued...

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. More information regarding the lockdown process will be sent home soon.

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.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE AT SCHOOL!

Celebrating Our Faith....

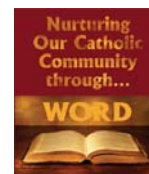
The Virtues Program

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 it in concrete actions.



The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is proud to support a monthly virtues program. This program is an opportunity for each school to help students grow in their understanding of the virtues, and help them learn how to demonstrate these virtues in their daily lives. You will find suggestions about how you can support the virtue of the month at home on the Monthly School Calendar.

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. This month we will demonstrate faithfulness through our actions and words, as it is through this that our faith becomes evident to others.



Virtue for September

FAITHFULNESS

“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

Blessed Mother Teresa

School Open House

Once again, we are in the process of organizing our Fall Open House.

DATE: Tuesday, September 20th
TIME: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

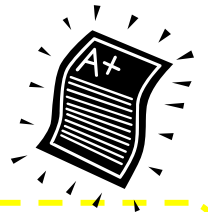
LOCATION: School Gym & Classrooms

Like last year, various community organizations will have displays in the gym for you to visit. You are also most welcome to visit with your child’s teacher and look through his/her classroom.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

We look forward to seeing you all on September 20th!





SCHOOL PICTURES

WHEN: Thursday, September 22nd, 2011

WHO: Claude J. Gagnon Photography

We will send home a reminder the day before. Should your child be absent this day or require retakes, Claude will have a number of opportunities for you to have retakes done at his studio.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Each year we are required to call for nomination for our Catholic School Council. Nomination forms will be sent home in your child's communication portfolio on September 14th. We hope that you will consider forwarding your name for this important home-school partnership.



SPIRIT DAY & TERRY FOX

Our school will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Walk on Wednesday, September 28th at 2:30 pm. This will also be our first Spirit Day at St. Paul School. If possible, please have your child wear a blue or yellow shirt. We would like to take a picture of the entire student body so that we can post it on the school website and in the main entrance.

Any families who wish to join us for our walk are welcome to do so.



REMINDER: Our School is Scent Free.

No perfumes, scented hand lotions or hair products permitted.

COMMUNICATION WITH HOME

In an effort to ensure that our families receive correspondence from the school in a timely fashion, we will be sending home all communication from the school office on **WEDNESDAY of each week**. This will begin on September 14th. A plasticized portfolio will go home with each child and will contain any correspondence that requires action on your part (pizza/milk order forms, permission slips, etc...), as well as other information items that come from the school, board or other community agencies. Correspondence that requires action on your part will have a due date. Otherwise, please return the portfolio the next day (Thursday) each week. Any information going home using our family list (e.g. School Calendar & Newsletter) will go home in the portfolio of the **YOUNGEST** child only.

We will also be providing families with the opportunity to receive some of the correspondence through email. This will help us reduce unnecessary photocopying. If you are interested in helping us save a few trees and be a little more eco-friendly, please provide your email address on the form provided in **WEDNESDAY's** communication folder.

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."