

The All-Star Gazette



St. Paul - Newsletter

Dec. 1, 2014

A Message from the Principal...

It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us. I hope you are all planning wonderful Christmas activities with your family. Christmas can be a very spiritual time for parents and children to continue on their faith journey together. Please take this time to remember the true meaning of the Christmas season which is to rejoice in the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The calendar for December can be found with this newsletter. It outlines the many activities we have planned for this month. Of particular importance is our Christmas Concert, which will be taking place on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm. at O’Gorman High School in the theatre. We wish to invite you to attend and enjoy the concert with us.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season. Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you at the Concert!

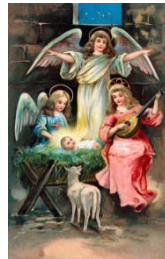


Mrs. Pichette

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm

This is a “Working meeting” to organize the Pancake brunch.



FOCUS ON FAITH

Our Advent mass will be celebrated on Dec. 18th at 9:30 am at St. Anthony’s Cathedral. All parents and families are welcome to join us. Please review our virtue of the month – Charity. With the Christmas season upon us, please keep in mind those less fortunate than ourselves and model this virtue for the children. We will be collecting food items throughout the month for the needy.



HEALTHY EATING

We have healthy breakfasts (fruits, vegetables, yogurt tubes, muffins) being served daily. In keeping with our push toward healthy eating, we are asking parents to re-evaluate what is being sent with children for snacks and lunches. Please limit items that contain a large amount of sugar or fat. Healthy alternatives include such items as fruits and vegetables, granola bars, fruit or yogurt cups, cheese and crackers, bits and bites, etc. Pop, chocolate bars and chips are strictly prohibited and will be returned home with them at the end of the day. Good habits start young, and we only want the best for your children!



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our students paired up with St. Joseph’s for a recent volleyball tournament at O’Gorman intermediate school and had our best showing ever. Thanks to St. Jo’s for lending us players so we could send a team and to Mr. Sullivan who works tirelessly to ensure our teams are practiced and ready to compete, giving up many of his lunches. Way to go St. Paul’s!

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WINTER REMINDERS



Please keep in mind that with the cold weather here, you should ensure your child dresses warmly. For older students, please remind them that if they wear it to school (boots, hats, mitts), then they must wear it at recess! Being "cool" can be a safety risk if they don't dress appropriately. Children must go outside unless the temperature drops to -28 with the wind chill factor. If your child is too sick to go outside or participate in school activities, they should remain at home until such time as they are healthy. We don't want to pass on sickness to everyone!

ANTI-BULLYING



We are working hard at St. Paul's to ensure children remain safe at school at all times. With respect to bullying, as a parent, you can help by remaining positive with your comments about the school rules, code of conduct and intervention programs. Remind your child of the difference between Bullying and regular childhood conflict. Conflicts happen with disagreements, and are a regular part of growing up. They are meant to be resolved and/or mediated so that children learn to deal with them independently as they become adults. Bullying is aggressive and typically repeated behavior with the effect of causing harm, fear or distress to others. We are working hard to ensure children know the difference between these terms. You can help by using the same words that we do – "resolving conflict" versus bullying.



NEW 5 MINUTE PARKING/NO PARKING

Thanks to everyone for your patience as we have solidified our parent drop-off points, bus pick up and drop off areas. I apologize for the inconvenience as we continue to ensure the safety of your children by making more changes. We have **SWITCHED** the 5 minute parking (toward the day care) and the No parking (up to the bike rack) to allow buses to enter without being blocked and for children's safety in getting to the buses. The front is much busier at this time of day with both our students being picked up and the day care pick-up. This allows the buses to load directly in front of the door – alleviating any walking in or around vehicles for our children.

Please also remember to check in at the office when you pick up your children so we know where they are and who they are with. This is also for their safety.



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
Friday, December 19th, 2014

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AFTER
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
Monday, January 5th, 2015

