



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Christmas Holidays begin on Monday, December 26th
- ★ First Day back after the holidays is Monday, January 9th, 2016
- ★ Christmas Concert December 14th at OHS at 6:30pm.

Let us welcome God's bright and shining morning star,
 A child born in a manger,
 A son sent to redeem the world,
 A saviour come to renew all things.
 May his light shine on you,
 May his light shine in you,
 May his light shine through you,
 The light of God's Christmas star be with you,
 in this season of new birth.



THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

DECEMBER 2016

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

A Message from the Office

It is hard to believe that the Christmas season is already upon us. Every year seems to fly by more and more quickly. During the month of December, we will be reflecting on the symbolism of **each week of Advent**. We will emphasize the excitement, wonder, joy, expectation, we feel as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

During the Christmas season we celebrate the virtue of Justice. Justice means that we deal fairly with others, recognizing the equality and dignity of all. It requires that we work to insure that all people, especially the poor and the weak, have access to opportunities. Many of our activities this month will help

our students to understand that Christmas is about giving.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for the work that they do daily with all of the students. Many thanks for all of the extra time and effort they have put into making this school year so successful for our students.

Please take a few minutes over the next few days to remind your child(ren) of the importance of being hands-off in the schoolyard. From time to time, we need to remind students about appropriate social relationships and how to be a good friend.



We have reminded each class of our expectations for their behaviour on the playground, at lunch and in the bus lines. Our goal is to ensure that each and every child is safe while at school.

We thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

We hope you all have



Parent-Portfolio Night

Thank you so much for attending our annual Parent-Portfolio Night on Thursday, November 10th. This year, many of our families came out for this event. We've had very positive feedback from the parents, the staff and the students. It was really amazing to see the pride on the faces of our students as they showed their parents their work and learning spaces.

Many thanks go out to our volunteers who helped with the Scholastic Book Fair, and DChef for the wonderful pasta dish that she made for us.

Fresh from the Farm

Our Fundraising campaign was very successful. We generated \$1200.00 in support of our Student Activities account. The bundles of vegetables and boxes of apples were delicious. The students were able to enjoy the apples that were purchased for the breakfast program.





Other December Events

- Gr. 5/6 Volleyball Tournament at OICS on December 7th
- A free Hot Soup Lunch for all students on December 9th
- Holiday Hat Day on December 9th
- JK/K writing letters to Santa on December 8th
- Christmas Concert on December 14th
- Christmas Sweater Day on December 16th
- Pajama Day and Pancake Breakfast on December 23rd



We routinely have several items of clothing in our lost and found. After a month we donate the clothing to a local charity. Please be sure to have



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our school will be performing alongside a story reading of the book called How Many Miles to Bethlehem?

on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm. We will have a rehearsal at O’Gorman High School on December 14th in the morning. Students will be bused to and from the high school for this practice.

The evening performance will take place at 6:30 pm at the Sylvia Gravel Theater in O’Gorman High School. Please drop your child off at the high school cafeteria by 6:00 pm that evening.

Should your family require transportation to this event, please let us know.



Mrs. Bernard and Ms. Morris’ Kindergarten students enjoyed using photos of themselves and their friends while playing with blocks.



During certain times of the year we see an increase in the cases of head lice. This nuisance is problematic as it can impact your child’s attendance. We cannot allow a student with live lice and nits to remain at school as they can cause the lice to spread to others.

All parents/guardians must be sure to routinely check their child’s head for lice.

We will have to work together to make sure that the school remains lice free. Nits/eggs are usually off white in colour and stick to the lower hair shaft. They must be removed manually using a specialized comb or your fingers. A second treatment 7 to 10 days after an infestation is key to ensuring that lice will not hatch.



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH:

“Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry”
Amos 5:24

The goal of this virtue:

- To base our actions on truth and justice
- To help our students seek what is good in every situation
- To help our students recognize that their decisions affect the lives of others (fair trade products)
- To practice living in relationship with God and neighbour

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”

May we wait in hopeful anticipation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas to all!

From the staff and students of St. Paul School.