



# THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

SEPTEMBER 2016

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall Open House
- Terry Fox Walk
- School Photos
- X-Country Opishing
- Diabetes Expo



A special welcome is extended to the Timmins YMCA who opened their newly renovated Childcare center here at St. Paul School. They offer programming for Toddlers and Preschool children as well as Before and After School service. Please call the **Timmins YMCA** for more information about their programs at St. Paul School at



## A Message from the Office

Welcome back to another fantastic school year at St. Paul School! 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!

We 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 staff

worked hard to prepare inviting learning spaces. 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!

We are very excited to welcome back a few new staff

members to the St. Paul Community this year. Mrs. Byberg in Grade 3, and Mrs. Corbett in Grade 6, and Ann Boucher one of our Educational Assistants.

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

This will be a very busy year as we transition to our new amalgamated school in September 2017. Please keep an eye out for more information as we begin the process.

Yours in Catholic Education,

*B Pichette*



## Our School Staff for 2016-2017

JK/SKA – Mrs. Bernard and ECE (to be determined)  
 JK/SKB – Mrs. Costello—OCT  
 Mrs. Kirkland—ECE  
 Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Clausi  
 Grade 2 – Mrs. Doyle  
 Grade 3 - Mrs. Byberg  
 Grade 3/4 – Mrs. Penna  
 Grade 4/5 – Miss Bonhomme  
 Grade 5/6 – Mr. Rosso  
 Grade 6 - Mrs. Corbett

Itinerant - Mrs. Walsh  
 Core French – Miss Kos  
 Primary RT – Mrs. Albert  
 Junior RT – Ms. Young  
 CYW- TBD  
 EA – Mrs. Jezic  
 EA – Mrs. Boucher  
 EA – Mrs. B. Last  
 EA – Miss Murray (am)  
 EA – Mrs. Toner

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

Special Assignment Teacher  
 Mrs. Renaud  
 Principal – Mrs. Pichette  
 Vice-Principal - Mrs. Raymond



# OUR SCHOOL DAY

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

- 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 should be receiving a copy of the Student Information Form by mail. 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 20th. 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 us 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.

All students for whom early pick up has been arranged by 2:30pm will be waiting by the front bench area in the office. All other pick ups will be outside of the South door near the child-care center.



### **Visitors to the School**

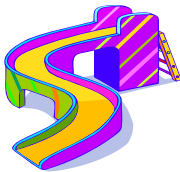
Although we always welcome parents to the school, we do have a visitor's policy in effect. You must sign in at the front office and get a visitor's pass if you wish to proceed into any area of the school that has classrooms. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this process.

# 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... September: Gratitude

## 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 Gratitude through our actions and words, as it is through this that our faith becomes evident to others.



# School Open House

Once again, we are in the process of organizing our Fall Open House. Come out and meet your child's teachers for the year and visit the classroom.

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>,  
**TIME:** 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** Classrooms

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

**We look forward to seeing you all on September 27<sup>th</sup>**

## Missing FitBit

Please be on the lookout for a missing black watch that a student lost in the school yard.



# SCHOOL PICTURES

**WHEN:** Friday, September 30th, 2016  
**WHO:** Lifetouch Studios



We will send home a reminder the day before. Should your child be absent this day or require retakes, this will be scheduled for a later date in October.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL



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## SPIRIT DAY & TERRY FOX

Our school will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 29th at 2:15pm. This will also be our first Spirit Day at St. Paul School.



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

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

### We need help!

If you can offer assistance with picking up food, preparing food or serving food one day per week, or if you have a family member or friend who might help, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Breakfast is offered Monday to Friday.  
This program will begin at the end of September.

# 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 17<sup>th</sup>. All of this correspondence will be found in the plastic pocket found in the front of your child's agenda. Correspondence that requires action on your part will have a due date. Any information going home using our family list (e.g. School Calendar & Newsletter) will go home in the agenda 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 to you and return it to the school.

## REMINDER: Our School is Scent Free.

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

## Grade 1/2 Summer Fun!

Students in Mrs. Clausi's Grade 1/2 class had fun writing about their summer adventures.

