



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ School Advent Mass on December 6th at 9:30 am
- ★ Family Skating Party on Saturday, December 8th
- ★ Christmas Concert at OHS at 6:30 on December 18th



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Message from the Principal 1
- Daily Press Calendar Sales 1
- Non-Perishable Food Drive 1
- Christmas Concert 2
- WANTED: Family Photos 2
- Parent-Portfolio Night 2
- Celebrating our Diversity 2
- Celebrating Our Faith 2

THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

DECEMBER 2012

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

A Message from the Principal

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, even exhilaration we feel as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

During the Christmas season we celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation. How wondrously we are made that the Word of God would become one of us! God shows us how to live fully: by pouring out our lives for others. That is what the days of Christmas are all about.

Many of our activities this month will help our students to understand that Christmas is about giving.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our teaching staff and our support staff for all the extra time and effort they have put into making this part of the 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. I have reminded each class of my 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.

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

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our special events this month. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season. Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brumwell



TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Don't forget to log on and fill out the Tell Them From Me Survey if you have not already done so.

www.tellthemfromme.com

Username: krtt6868

Password: 6n47p

CALENDAR SALES

Please note that all Daily Press calendar sales need to be completed by **Friday, December 14th**. Should you wish to send in your order form before this time, please feel free. However, we would like to get your calendars to you on Monday, December 17th. Thanks to all those families who are supporting this fundraising initiative.

Monthly Attendance Draw Winners

September: Noah Cote—JK/SKB
 October: Michelle Guillemette & Trent Audit
 November: Dallas Kataquapit & Willow Jasaitis



Congratulations to Kristina Pichette for winning the \$50.00 Gift Card from Wal-Mart on our Parent Portfolio Night.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Other December Events

- Friday, December 14th
Gr. 1-6 Attending Christmas Play at OHS
- Wednesday, December 19th—Academic Playday 10 to 2 pm
- Thursday, December 20th—Red & Green Day; Grade 4-6 Students attending a performance by the students of OICS in the afternoon
- Friday, December 21st
PJ Day, Pancake Breakfast & Special Activity in the morning. Stay tuned for more info!



OUR SCHOOL

VISION...

Parents, Students

and Staff

Promoting

Achievement,

Understanding &

Spirituality

Our school will be performing a short Christmas Play called “The Not-So-Silent Night” on Tuesday, December 18th.

We will have a full dress-rehearsal at O’Gorman High School that afternoon at 1:15. Students will be bused to and from the high school for this afternoon 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.

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

We are very proud to have so many different cultures represented in our school. You will notice that we have sent home a sheet of paper requesting each of you to let us know how to say certain phrases in the various languages & dialects of your homes. We would be very grateful if you would return this sheet with the translations for the phrases we would like to use around the school.

Thanks in advance for your assistance!

WANTED: Family Photos

If you were not able to join us for the Parent-Portfolio night, you were not here to have your picture taken for our Family Wall. We want to be sure all families are represented on this wall, so we are asking those families who were not here to send in a picture if they can.

Parent-Portfolio Night

Thank you so much for making the effort to attend our second annual Parent-Portfolio Night on Wednesday, November 21st. This year, 55% 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. Many thanks go out to our volunteers who helped with the Scholastic Book Fair, the dinner and the photos.



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH:

The Importance of Charity

Charity is a word that we do not hear much today except in reference to foundations or groups that provide monetary relief for certain disadvantaged people. However, the word charity implies much more in the Christian life. Charity is the traditional Christian word for love. An act of charity is an expression of your unselfish love for God or an unlimited loving-kindness toward all others. The term must not be confused or strictly interpreted as “benevolent giving”. Charity, or love, is the greatest of all theological virtues. Charity has two parts: love for God above all things and love for man which includes both love for yourself and love for your neighbour.

Exemplifying Charity means:

- † Being selfless and sacrificial in our daily activities.
- † A willingness to sacrifice for someone else’s well being.
- † Making other people a priority.
- † Sharing our time, talents and treasures for the benefit of others.
- † A focus on others rather than on oneself.
- † Forgiving others

Don't forget to send in your RSVP sheets for the Family Skating Party & Christmas Concert by Friday, December 7th