



# St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School October 2009 Newsletter



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## Fall is Here!

Seems like our beautiful September weather is over. Please remember to send your child to school dressed warmly, and with appropriate foot-wear for these cool autumn days.



## Open House

Our open house is tonight, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Please remember to tour the school and visit your child's classroom from 5:30-6:15pm. That's where you'll get your tickets for the food. Be sure to visit the library, where school council members will inform you about what they do and about volunteering opportunities in our school. Teddy Bear Daycare will also be open for you to see their rooms and to discuss before and after school programs, as well as alternate day programs for Junior Kindergarten children.

Then proceed to the gym where hot-dogs and juice will be served. There will be a 50/50 draw, as well as a draw for a turkey. You will need to fill out a questionnaire that you will be given at the door when you arrive. You will find the answers to the questions in the classrooms you visit. When you have completed the questionnaire, you place it in a box. The winning entry must have at least 10 of the 15 questions answered correctly. Please remember that students can only attend the open house if accompanied by their parent or guardian.



## Special thanks to:

- ☺ Caisse Populaire Coniston, for donating and cooking the hot-dogs and purchasing the juice for this special occasion.
- ☺ staff who helped with the distribution of food, set up and clean up.

☺ school council executive members for their help organizing the event and serving food.

☺ Teddy Bear Daycare for being there to provide our parents with information about their programs.

## School Mass

Our October school Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle Parish on Fri., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 am. Parents are always welcome to attend our Masses.



## School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to mark this day on your calendars and come to school looking your best on that day. A reminder will be sent home the day before picture day.



## School Council

Our first School Council meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in running for an elected position on the school council, or if you wish to be a parent representative, please come to that meeting.



## Annual Fall Food Drive

Once again we will be having our annual fall food drive. It begins today and the food will be picked up on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. For the second year in a row, we are joining with St. Charles College and a few other area schools to try to have the best food drive ever. The food collected from St. Paul's School will be donated to the Garson Food Bank. Please be generous in supporting this very worthy cause. We are blessed in all that we have, but with these blessings come responsibilities to care for those who do not have as much. This year, with our economy, job losses and the Vale-Inco strike, there are more families than ever in need of assistance.



## Hallowe'en

Although Awards Day for October is Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> will be our October Spirit Day. Students will have the choice of wearing costumes or wearing orange and black to school on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Hallowe'en activities will take place in individual classrooms on that day. JK students who aren't at school on the 30<sup>th</sup>, your child's teacher will inform you about their Hallowe'en activities.



## Book Fair

This fall's book fair will be held on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, students just look at the books. A list of books and items available will be sent home with the students to help make their selections. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, they can bring money to school to purchase books during the day. The book fair will be open in the evening on the 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:30, so that parents can have a look at the books while they are here for parent-teacher interviews. There will be a selection of books geared to adults as well. On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, students who still need to purchase books will be given the chance to do so. The book fair will be dismantled on the 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Feast Days

October is one of the months we usually remember our Blessed Mother Mary. One of her feast days, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, is on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. A meaningful family activity on that day might be to say the rosary together, or perhaps even one decade of the Rosary. Other saints we



remember in October include St. Theresa, St. Francis and St. Marguerite D'Youville.

### Mid-Term Reports and Interviews

This month, we are sending home a Mid-term report on Thursday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.



This report will give you an indication of how your child is doing in terms of learning skills. We will have parent teacher interviews on Tuesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:30 pm. Please take this opportunity to inform yourself about your child's progress, so that if any steps are needed to improve his or her performance, we can put them in place as early as possible.

### Awards/Spirit Day

Parents of students receiving awards will be



contacted and invited to attend this month's presentations, on

Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm in the gym. This month, for Student of the Month, we are looking for students who excel in science and/or technology. Terrific Kids Award, which is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, goes to students who are enthusiastic. It's always good to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. We try to give awards for all areas of education, not just academics, so that all students have an equal chance to win an award. Each month we also give an award called the Virtue Award, to a student who best demonstrates the characteristics of a particular value or virtue. This month, we will focus on the virtue of faith.

### Yard Angels

Angels are messengers from God. Here at St. Paul's our angels are kept busy looking after God's children. Mme.

Lavalle has once again organized a "Yard Angels" team. During recesses, the "angels" help students out in any way they can. Our yard angels truly make a difference in our schoolyard, and we are blessed to have them!



### Fire Drills

We will continue to have a few fire drills during the first weeks of Oct. Sometimes, some of our



younger children may be a little frightened by the drills, but we need to have them in the interest of student safety, so please talk to your children, as will the teachers, to prepare them for this necessary exercise. Remind them that they need to wear shoes at all times as they never know when the fire bell will ring.

### Health Card Numbers

As you remember, at the time you registered your child(ren) here, we asked for his/her health card number. We keep these numbers on file in case of emergency, in case your child has to be brought into the hospital from school for any reason. These numbers now have expiry dates, so if you have been issued a new number for your child, you need to send that number to us, so we can change it in our files.

### Science North

A big thank-you to Felix Lopes from Lopes Mechanical for once again paying for our school membership to Science North. This fee, which amounts to \$7.00 per child, enables us to visit Science North as many times as we wish between October and May, with the only cost being the bus. We are truly grateful to Mr. Lopes for this generous gift.

### Toppers Pizza

Another big thank-you goes out to Kelly Toppazzini for once again sponsoring St.

Paul's School in the Sudbury Wolves Adopt-a-School program.



We get 4 tickets to each at-home Wolves game, which we often give as rewards at our Awards days or sometimes as prizes for various draws. Our students always look forward to winning Wolves tickets! Thank you, Toppers Pizza!

### Picking Up Students

In the interest of your children's safety, please be reminded that cars are not to drive in front of the school at bus times, especially at the end of the day. It is not safe to have cars driving by as students are boarding or disembarking from buses. Please help us to avoid any unnecessary and potentially tragic accidents! As we informed you last year, cars are not to park in front of the school, and last year, the city came down a few times and ticketed cars parked there.

### Tax Support

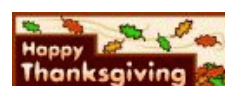
Please ensure that you are registered as a Catholic School Supporter on the municipal assessment roll. If you have recently moved or are not absolutely sure, please contact the school office.



### Thanksgiving Prayer

*Most gracious God, we thank You for the many gifts we have. We praise You for parents and toys, for school and good food, for friends and playtime. Give us open hearts to see others' needs and open hands to help them. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is one with You and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*





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