

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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All Saints' and All Souls' Day

 We celebrated these 2 special feasts on Sunday and Monday of this week. During this month, we ask our students to remember their loved ones who have died, perhaps great grandparents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, and to keep their memories alive by talking about them and praying for them.


Remembrance Day

Mrs. Lee's class will be leading our  Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 11th, at 10:45 am. Parents are welcome to attend. Students will be given poppies, and although they are free, a donation to the Legion for veterans would be appreciated. We are asking all students and staff to wear red on that day, in support of our troops who are currently in Afghanistan.


Food Drive

 A huge thank-you to everyone who supported our food drive this year. In combination with St. Charles College over 100,000 food items were collected. That is the best we've ever done, and we are so very proud of all of our students!


School Mass

Our school Mass this month will be held Wed., Nov. 18th, at St. Paul's Church, at 9:30 am. If the weather is unsuitable for walking, Mass will be celebrated here, in our gym. Parents are welcome to attend. Our Mass will be in honour of All Saints, and the readings will be proclaimed by the students from our grade 7/8 English class. 


Scholastic Book Fair

Many thanks to all who bought books and donated money or books to the re-building of our school library. Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to purchase many new books and make our library an interesting and informative place for our children to learn. Thanks to Laura Forsyth, who does such a great job of organizing our book fairs for us. If you still wish to purchase books, the book fair will remain in our library for a few more days. You can come to the school during the day or send money with your child. Someone at the office will help them or you to make purchases. 


Attendance

 Please remember to call early in the day if your child is going to be late or absent, or if you are going to be picking him or her up instead of putting them on the bus.

Nov. 27th P.A. Day


Students have no classes on this day. Teachers will be involved in professional development for student assessment. 

Awards Day- Nov. 26th

 The criteria for November's Student of the Month Award is strong math skills. Terrific Kids November Award is for students who are respectful. Please note that this month's awards ceremony will be held at **11:15 am**, not 1:30 as we usually do.

Virtue of the Month

This month we are celebrating the virtue of JUSTICE - one of


the building blocks in developing moral intelligence in young people. From a young age, students have a strong sense of what is fair. As they grow, they develop the capacity to decipher right from wrong and to make ethical decisions. 

This theme of Justice ties in with the Catholic Graduate Expectation of a Responsible Citizen - one who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life. Self-control gives our children the willpower to "say no", "do what is right", and stick up for others being treated unfairly. There are three critical steps parents can use to help their children make just decisions through practising self-control:

1. Make fairness a priority for your child.
2. Help your child see other people's points of view in a conflict.
3. Think before acting or speaking.

Throughout the month of November we will be talking about justice in our classrooms, on the morning announcements, in our daily prayers. There will be a display of justice information somewhere in the main foyer throughout the month as well. At our November Awards Ceremony, an award will be given to a student in each class who has best demonstrated the virtue of justice in his or her classroom.

Asthma Reminder

 Here at St. Paul School, we try to be an "Asthma Friendly" School. You can do your part by remembering to tell the teacher if your child has asthma. We need to know:

- what triggers the asthma
- if they have an inhaler at school and where it's kept
- if your child needs assistance to use their inhaler

Many parents feel that their child does not need medication at school, however children are exposed to many different triggers throughout the school year and it isn't always easy to predict when and how children will react.

Healthy Snacking

Now that students have a large supply of "Hallowe'en" treats at home, it's time to remind them about healthy snacking. For children, snacks are not just treats, they are important foods. Besides three meals a day, children need these snacks to help them grow. We try to encourage our students to eat healthy snacks with our Tasty Tuesday/ Fruity Friday snacks, and we ask that you continue to send healthy snacks to school for your child as well. We do not allow the students to eat sugary snacks in the morning.



ARC News

(Accommodation Review Committee)



The next 2 working meetings of the Arc committee will be held this Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6 pm, at St. Mark School and St. Andrew School. During these meetings, school ARC committees will present their School Valuation Reports, which give a picture of what the school is all about, its strengths, its uniqueness and its value. These reports will be presented again at the next Public ARC meeting, which will be held on Nov. 25th at St. Charles College in the amphitheatre at 7 pm.

Help Needed!!

We need help with our monthly hot dog days. Every month, we have one hot dog day. We need two people to come in to help cook and wrap the hotdogs on that day. It's about a 2 hour commitment. If you can help out, please call Tammy, our secretary and leave your name and phone number. Thank-you, ahead of time for your generosity!



Roots of Empathy



Our Roots of Empathy program begins this week. This is a program which teaches students the value of empathy by exposing them to a real baby, and following the growth and development of that baby throughout the year. This year, we are running the program in Mme Filipovic's class. Our baby is Mrs. Troscinski's new baby girl, and our trainer is Mrs. Anne-Marie Savage, who is a parent here at St. Paul's, a nurse, a member of our ARC committee and also the Chairperson of our School Council. A big thank-you to Mrs. Savage for all that she does for us at St. Paul School!

Sick Children

We have had an unusually large number of students ill here at St. Paul School over the last few weeks. Thank you to all parents who have kept your children home when they are ill. Please keep informed about various flus and flu-like illnesses going around by checking the SDHU website, our board's website, the newspaper and by listening to the local radio and television. We have put extra stringent cleaning practices into place, have installed hand sanitizers in a few places in the school and teachers frequently remind students about hand-washing. If a child is sent to the office feeling sick or with an elevated temperature, we call home and keep the child at the office or in the nurse's room until the



parent arrives.

New Board Web-page

We have an exciting new board web-page. If you have not visited our web page for a while, please do so, at <http://scdsb.edu.on.ca> From that page, you can find links to all of our schools, read interesting board news and follow links to other sites such as the Sudbury and District Health Unit, the Ministry of Education, and other sites that support parents and students alike.



Sudbury Regional Cancer Centre Donation

On behalf of the boys and girls at St. Paul School, \$100. Was donated to the Regional Cancer Centre during the recent Radiothon of Hope sponsored by EZ Rock Sudbury. I have asked the students to bring in a loonie to support this donation. If more than \$100. is brought in, I will donate the extra to the centre as well. Money is being used to purchase equipment for the centre.



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.



Remember to pray and read with your children every day.

Have a wonderful November!

Prayer for Peace
God of all peace, this month, we remember the men and women who died in wars and are still dying while trying to keep peace in Afghanistan. These brave people have given their lives for their country and for all people, including us. For them, we thank you. May each of us work for peace in our hearts, in our families, in our

country and in our world. Amen