



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ JK REGISTRATION—  
January 16th
- ★ FAMILY LITERACY DAY—January 27th
- ★ DARE Program Begins for Gr. 6
- ★ Swimming Program Begins for Gr. 3 & 4



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# THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

FEBRUARY 2012

ST. PAUL SCHOOL—TIMMINS

## A Message from the Principal

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful and restful holiday season. We are right back into the swing of things here at St. Paul School.

I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas Concert. The staff and students did a fantastic job pulling this off. All of the cast and the choir spent many hours preparing and their efforts were certainly apparent! A huge thanks to Ms. Gibbons for her work on the beautiful set. I'd also like to thank all the staff who volunteered their time to supervise, organize and provide any other assistance in the time leading up to the concert and on that night.

Monday, January 16th was JK Registration Day. Though it seems early to be planning for the 2012-2013 school year, it is important that we know which students will be joining our school community. If you have a child who was born in 2008, and you did not get a chance to come in that day to register, please call the school to set up a time to do so ASAP.

As many of you are already aware, we have been working very hard at encouraging our students to make positive choices about their behavior—particularly their outside behavior. There is an expectation that students are always

respectful to each other and to every adult in our community. There is also an expectation that we are playing safely. This means that we keep the snow on the ground and our hands and feet to ourselves. I will be setting up meetings with the parents of any student who continues to have difficulty with these expectations to develop an alternative plan for their recess time.

Wishing you and your family the best in 2012! Hope to see you all at our Family Literacy Day Events.

Sincerely,  
D. Brumwell



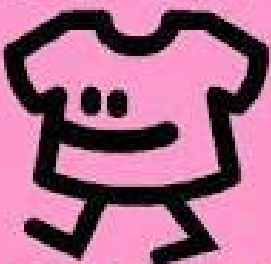
## 2012 PINK SHIRT DAY

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 29th, 2012  
**WHAT & WHY:** Wear Pink as a symbol of your support that we, as a society, will not tolerate bullying anywhere!

**INCENTIVE**—Every student who wears Pink to school on this day will be part of something very special!



WEAR PINK



STOP BULLYING



Are your children on time for school each day?

Have your children missed more than 10 days of school this year so far?

**REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL!**



**OUR SCHOOL**

**VISION...**

**Parents, Students and Staff**

**Promoting**

**Achievement,**

**Understanding &**

**Spirituality**



## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



We are well into winter—and though it has been a mild one, we still have many students who are not coming to school dressed appropriately. All students are required to go outside for each recess, whether or not they are dressed properly. Please ensure your child has a hat and mitts, a warm coat and ski pants. Students are always encouraged to wear the items they come to school with for each recess. Many are choosing not to wear some of their clothing at recess and are then asking to come in to get it. We will not be allowing them to do this after today. They are aware of the expectations and will be expected to dress properly before they go out. We always have extra mitts here at school should someone need a pair.

## CONFLICT VERSUS BULLYING

### Bullying is a relationship issue

- Bullying is **INTENTIONALLY HURTFUL** behavior that happens **REPEATEDLY**.
- It's about using **POWER** in an aggressive way to hurt others.
- It can be physical, verbal, relational, exclusionary and done electronically (Cyber-bullying).

### Bullying is **NOT**....

- A conflict between friends
- An argument between people of equal power
- Accidental
- A one-time event

I'm very pleased to be able to share with you that we have dealt with very few confirmed cases of bullying this year. Most often, situations are a result of conflicts between students that are easily solved and dealt with through mediation and discussion. Nonetheless, parents and students are encouraged to report **ANY** behavior that appears as though it might be bullying. Incidents of bullying will **NOT** be tolerated and are dealt with swiftly.

## CELEBRATING OUR FAITH: FORTITUDE



Fortitude is one of the four cardinal virtues. It is commonly called *courage*; however, it is different from what we often think of. The cardinal virtue of fortitude involves practicing what is good and just when it is difficult or even dangerous. A person of fortitude practices patience when meeting obstacles. They do what is right, even when others criticize them. Fortitude allows us to overcome our fear and remain resilient in the face of obstacles. Prudence and justice are the virtues through which we decide what needs to be done; fortitude gives us the strength to do it.

Fortitude is visible in our Catholic schools when we witness people defending truth and kindness especially during challenging situations. Students who do not cheat when the opportunity presents itself, who are capable of saying no to their friends who pressure them and students who stand up for others and do not participate in teasing or bullying are students who are displaying the virtue of fortitude.