



THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

MAY/JUNE 2012

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Victoria Day Holiday—
May 21—NO SCHOOL
- ★ EQAO—Grade 3
May 23-May 29th
- ★ Yard Sale & Bake Sale—
Saturday, May 26th
- ★ EQAO—Grade 6
May 30th-June 5th
- ★ PD Day -June 11th
NO SCHOOL
- ★ Family BBQ—
Wednesday, June 13th
- ★ Grade 6 DARE Graduation—June 14th
- ★ Grade 6 Celebration—
June 25th

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A Message from the Principal

It never fails to amaze me how quickly the time goes each year. To think that we are already nearly into June is crazy! It has been a fantastic year here at St. Paul School, and I am very grateful to all members of the St. Paul School Community for the partnerships we have built over the last school year.

The end of the school year always brings with it mixed emotions. We all look forward to the summer break as an opportunity to renew ourselves, but we are also sad to see the end to another fantastic year of learning.

It is also a very busy time of year, with many exciting activities taking place in classrooms, the school and out in the community. It will be important to check the monthly calendar and other correspondence sent home over the next few weeks to ensure that you are aware of all the exciting opportunities students will have as we close out the year.

Before all the excitement begins, our Grade 3 & 6 students will be participating in the Primary & Junior Assessment of Reading and Writing. This assessment takes place between May 23rd and June 6th. Please be sure to review the

letter sent home regarding this assessment if you have a child in Grade 3 or 6.

One of the best ways to close out the year is with our annual Family BBQ. We will be hosting this event once again on Wednesday, June 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. More information about ordering food will be sent out the first week of June. We look forward to seeing as many of our families out for this event as possible. We will also be taking the opportunity that evening to share all the amazing things we have learned to do with the Aboriginal Artisan's project. Many thanks to all the families who donated jars and/or joined us for our Spring Fling! It was a tremendous success. We were able to raise just over \$800. The proceeds of this night will go towards renting the bouncers for our family BBQ in June. Again, I thank you all for making my first year back at St. Paul such an amazing experience. I look forward to seeing many of you at some of the year-end activities planned. Have a fantastic summer!

God Bless,

D. Brumwell, Principal



SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our board is very pleased to be able to offer a summer school program for students who would benefit from additional support in literacy and math. It takes place from 8:30 am to Noon each day from July 9th to July 27th. **Should you be interested in your child attending this FREE program, please contact the school for a registration form by May 23rd.**

FAMILY BBQ

When: Wednesday, June 13th
Time: 5-7 pm

What to bring? Something to sit on and your whole family!

Cost: Pre-ordered food items.

Stay tuned for order sheet going home the first week in June!

Also, don't forget to visit the display of our Aboriginal Arts Projects in the school gym.



YARD SALE & BAKE SALE

We are having our ANNUAL YARD SALE on Saturday, May 26th, 2012 from 8:00 am to Noon in the School Gym. New this year, we are adding a Bake Sale as well!

Donations for the Yard Sale can be dropped off at the school until Friday, May 25th.

EQAO ASSESSMENT - GR. 3 & 6

Grade 3—Assessment takes place each morning from May 23-May 29th.

Grade 6—Assessment takes place each morning from May 30th to June 5th

It is tremendously important that students are present for school each day of the assessment. It is also critical that they are on-time, well rested and have had a healthy breakfast.

We wish all our Grade 3 & 6 students the best as they demonstrate all their knowledge about reading, writing and math. You are ALL STARS!

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Though we are approaching the end of the school year, there is still much learning and assessment going on in each grade. It is still very important that your child is on-time and present for class each day. We thank you in advance for your support with this.



OUR SCHOOL VISION...

Parents, Students
and Staff
Promoting
Achievement,
Understanding &
Spirituality



REMINDERS: DRESSING APPROPRIATELY

As it begins to warm up, the students will be wanting to dress for the weather. A few things to keep in mind as your child is getting dressed for school. As outlined in the School Code of Conduct, students must abide by the following rules:

- All shorts and skirts must be long enough to reach just above the knee
- All shirts must cover the midriff and navel. No short tops allowed.
- All shirts must have a modest neckline and cover the chest of any student.
- All shoulder straps must be at least 3 fingers wide. NO spaghetti straps allowed.
 - No flipflops on the equipment.

Any student who comes to school wearing inappropriate items will be asked to go home to change. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this.

ACADEMIC UPDATE

There has been a lot of persuading going on at St. Paul School over the last few weeks. Students have been learning about the Persuasive Writing form and have engaged in some great letter writing campaigns wanting everything from iPads to class field trips! It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for, and interest in, writing for authentic purposes. They have also been learning about how to determine point of view when reading text, as well as giving their own point of view or opinion about a text they have read. These are skills that are very important in today's world.

You might have also noticed that your children are doing a lot more problem solving in math. We have been hard at work learning about math THROUGH problem solving. This approach is very hands-on work and also involves a lot of learning in partners or small groups. It is also tons of fun!

BABYSITTING COURSE

The Timmins Native Friendship Center is offering a babysitting course through the Canadian Red Cross on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Age: 11 to 15 years

Cost: \$45.00

Healthy lunch and snacks provided.



Call Cheryl Macumber at
705-268-6262 ext. 236 to
Register

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our students, we were able to raise nearly **\$4400.** for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. We are almost at our goal! If you still have your child's envelope, please forward to the school ASAP.
WAY TO GO!



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

Our virtue for the month of **May is Humility.** In **June** we will be working on **Hope.** Humility has as its foundation the sincere acknowledgment of truth. A humble person:

- † Can acknowledge the good in others and in oneself
 - † Is always committed to the truth
- † Is more inclined to look up to others, rather than put them down
 - † Knows that all gifts of mind and heart come from God

Those who are truly humble acknowledge their gifts and give God thanks!

HOPE: Be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD. (Psalm 31:24)