



THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

OCTOBER 2012

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Thanksgiving Food Drive
- ★ Thanksgiving Mass & Turkey Luncheon
- ★ Inaugural Parent Council Meeting
- ★ Science Olympics



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A Message from the Principal

Fall is in the air! The leaves are turning, pumpkins abound and the days are getting shorter. Things are really humming along at St. Paul School. It has been a fantastic start to the school year and I am so proud of the efforts made by students and staff to get things going on the right foot!

Many, many thanks to all our families who joined us for our Annual Open House. It was wonderful to see so many of you out for this event. It was also a great opportunity to meet families new to our school community. We want you to know that you are welcome to visit the school at any time. We hope to see lots of you as we work together to ensure this is a great year of learning for your child(ren).

Have your children been at school regularly since school started? Have they been on-time each day? I wanted to be sure to mention the importance of regular attendance in school. Most classrooms begin the day with either Language Arts or Mathematics. When students are late, they miss very important instruction in these areas. Classes begin at 8:50. Please work with us and have your children at school on time. For those of you who ensure students arrive on time and are in school regularly—we thank you!

On behalf of the staff, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. God Bless you all.

D. Brumwell



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please bring in donations of non-perishable food items between now and Friday. All donations will go to St. Martin DePorres.



SCHOOL FORMS & AGENDA MONEY

We still have a number of outstanding forms that have not been returned. We will be notifying families and sending home new copies for signature over the next couple of weeks. Please be sure to return these forms once received. We are also requesting that any money due for Agendas is submitted promptly.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

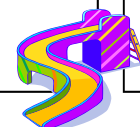
When: Tuesday, October 16th
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: School Staff Room

Who: All Parents who have Sent in Nomination Forms & any other parent who is interested in joining council or who just wants to see what is going on!

See you there!

SCHOOLYARD SUPERVISION

Just a reminder that our school yard is NOT supervised before 8:30. Please do not drop off your children before this time. If your child walks to school, it would be very helpful if you could time their arrival after 8:30. We need your help to ensure students are safe upon arrival at school. Thanks in advance for your support with this!



Celebrating Our Faith...



Virtue for October

GRATITUDE

“Give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5:20

The choice to be grateful is not always without effort. October’s virtue is **Gratitude**, how apropos that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in just a few short days. Gratitude is the virtue that makes us aware and appreciate the gifts we receive each day. Our quote for the month “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24) will be the foundation for our work. To express thankfulness is a simple way to share our faith as it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish all that we have. Materialism and consumerism prevent us from enjoying and being appreciative of all that we have. We cannot think that we have a right to demand without giving anything in

return and without giving thanks for all that we are.

Exemplifying gratitude means:

- † Giving thanks to God for the many daily blessings we have.
- † Focusing on the good in our lives and the good in others.
- † Not lamenting on what we do not have.
- † Recognizing the good in ourselves and giving our best to improve or to help others.
- † Appreciating others and the work they do for us.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program has begun. Many, many thanks to the staff and parent volunteers who have made the commitment to assist with this program each week. Breakfast is served to our students every day but Friday.



OUR SCHOOL

VISION...

**Parents, Students
and Staff
Promoting
Achievement,
Understanding &
Spirituality**



EQAO Grade 3 & Grade 6 Provincial Assessment Results

We are very excited to share the results of the Provincial Assessments from 2011-2012

Grade 3 Reading—Up 9% points
Grade 3 Writing—Up 7% points
Grade 3 Math—Up 7% points

Grade 6 Reading—Up 1% point
Grade 6 Writing—Up 26% points
Grade 6 Math—Up 11% points

We are thrilled that for some portions of the assessment, scores are the highest they have been in 11 years.

Though we are proud of this accomplishment, we are determined to continue to see this upward trend in student achievement. We will be focusing strongly on mathematics this year and look forward to having loads of fun in the process!

THANKSGIVING MASS & TURKEY LUNCHEON

We will be celebrating Mass on Friday, October 12th in honour of Thanksgiving. We have also decided to treat the students to a Turkey lunch after mass. This meal is open only to students, however, we would welcome the assistance of a few parents who would be able to help with some of the final preparations the morning of our lunch. If you can help out, please call the school to let us know.



PICK UP REMINDER

Please remember that if you are picking up your child from school, you must call the school BEFORE 2:30. Students will not be removed from the bus list after this time.



HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

- ◆ Door Decorating Contest with Safety Message
- ◆ Pumpkin Carving/Decorating
- ◆ Costume Parade in the Afternoon—Students are to bring their costume to change into after lunch. They are NOT to wear them to school that morning please.
- ◆ Halloween Math Activities



