

# The All-Star Gazette



St. Paul - Newsletter

Oct. 1, 2014

## A Message from the Principal...

**W**e made it through the first month of school! Our virtue of the month is **GRATITUDE**. Our Gift of the Grandfather Teachings is **RESPECT**. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and as parents, you are the primary teachers of your children, hence, you can model gratitude by letting them know all of the things that you have to be thankful for. Ask them to consider all of the things they are thankful for. I am thankful for my family, my health and also for the opportunity to be back at St. Paul's working within my own community. It is a joy and privilege to be a part of your lives. I am wishing you a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday and asking that you be especially safety conscious on Hallowe'en.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pichette



Letters will be going home shortly to all children in Gr. 4 with their EQAO test results. St. Paul's has done well and we have shown steady improvement over the past 5 years. We will be having a celebration with our Gr. 4's for their hard work while in the primary division – sharing pizza with our former Principal and new Superintendent – Mrs. Brumwell. Way to go St. Paul's!



## **FOCUS ON FAITH**

Our monthly mass will be celebrated on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at St. Anthony's Cathedral. Following the mass, the children will enjoy a turkey lunch in the church basement.



Students are working toward their Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion with the Parish. Please encourage them and if your child is not participating – it is not too late!



## **FOOD DRIVE**

We will be collecting food from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving for families in need. Please send in canned or dried goods. We will be sorting, counting and dropping off the goods before Thanksgiving. We would like to thank everyone who is able to donate – we are teaching the children our monthly virtue of **GRATITUDE** for all of their blessings and of **CHARITY** – another of our virtues. It is also in keeping with the Grandfather teachings – respect for all people, no matter their circumstances.

## **DAY CARE CONSTRUCTION**



We are still under construction and apologize for the continued inconvenience. Thanks to everyone for your patience and cooperation.

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## **REMINDERS - Safety is our priority!**



Outside supervision begins at 8:30 am – so please do not drop off your children before then!

When you visit the school – please check in with the secretary and use a visitor's pass if you are walking in the building. We work at teaching the children that people not wearing them who are not staff in the building – may not belong here and need to be reported to us. It is for their safety in the event that a stranger gains access to the building.

Recess at the end of the day is at 3:05 pm, with dismissal immediately following it at 3:20, so if you are picking up your child early at the end of the day, please let the secretary know so they remain inside to meet you.



We are a peanut free school as we have many children who have severe allergic reactions to them.



We ask that you drop off children at the front of the school and that you do not drive through the school grounds, including the Portapac area in the back. This poses a safety risk for students and staff alike.



We have been having difficulty reaching some parents as their phone and/or information is not current. If you have changed your phone number – please let us know so we can reach you in the event of an emergency!

## **SAFE SCHOOLS – ANTI-BULLYING**

We want all children to feel safe and secure at St. Paul school. Part of our approach is to teach the children to “keep their hands and feet to themselves.” Another aspect is to educate them about the difference between a conflict and being bullied, and what to do in each case. While a single incident may still be serious, it does not constitute bullying. Bullying is something that happens repeatedly and over a period of time. Anything of that nature should be reported to us to be dealt with accordingly. If you or your child are not comfortable talking to us directly, you can report through the link below.

**STOP A BULLY**  
SAFE & ANONYMOUS

[www.stopabully.ca](http://www.stopabully.ca)

Go to “Submit an Incident Report.” Click “Fill Out Incident Report.”  
**You will need the following information to fill out an incident report:**

School Name: St. Paul School

Name of Principal: Mrs. Pichette

Name of Teacher: your child's teacher

Name of School Team: All Stars

You will also need information about the bully – his/her name, grade & whether it is a male or female student. You have the option of remaining anonymous or requesting follow-up from the principal.



## **CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING**

Our students from Gr. 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a X-country meet at Opishing Lake on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. They have been practicing since the beginning of the school year several times per week. There will also be a Board wide meet at Gillies Lake for the same grades. Come on out and cheer them on!

Our Newsletter and monthly calendar(s) as well as pictures of events, can be viewed at the Board site at: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>  
Check us out!