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St. Paul - Newsletter

Jan. 5, 2015

A Message from the Principal...

I wish a very Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone! It is hard to believe that Christmas is already over and we have begun our New Year! Our Christmas concert was well attended and a great success! Thanks to everyone who attended and those who worked hard to make the performances so wonderful. The calendar for January can be found with this newsletter. It outlines the activities we have planned for this month. It is with great pride, yet sadness for our loss, that we congratulate Miss Lavoie on her new position at the Board as the Special Assignment teacher for Educational technology. She will be leaving her classroom as of Jan. 12th. Congratulations and best of luck Miss Lavoie! In her place, we welcome back Mrs. Koroschetz as her replacement.



Mrs. Pichette

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015
at 6:30 pm

Everyone welcome!



FOCUS ON FAITH

Our monthly mass will be celebrated on January 22nd at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Cathedral. All parents and families are welcome to join us. Please review our virtue of the month – Fortitude (courage) along with the Grandfather teaching of Bravery. In keeping with our virtues program, our students demonstrated “Charity” by collecting a trunk load of food for the Iroquois Falls food bank in consideration of the closure of the mill. Many families were and will continue to be affected by this. Way to go St. Paul students and we will keep St. Anne's and the Iroquois Falls community in our prayers.

SWIMMING



Swimming will begin in January and take place on the following dates for the students.

Please mark the dates on your calendar so children come to school prepared for swimming with a bathing suit and a towel.

January 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

1:05 to 1:40 pm - Grade 4 → Mrs. Koroschetz (formerly Miss Lavoie's) class

1:40 to 2:15 pm Grade 3 → Mrs. Doyle's class

2:15 to 2:50 pm Grade 4 → Mrs. Renaud's class

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REMINDERS - Safety is our priority!



There is **no supervision until 8:30 am.**

Drop of children from 8:30 - 8:50 at the corner by the

daycare so that they may enter the playground immediately where there is supervision.

Please call the secretary and leave a message if necessary, before 2:30 pm to pick up your child(ren) as the end of the day is very busy. **DO NOT** leave the message for the principal as there are often times she is not in the building and will not get the message for several days!

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.

If you are picking up your child, there is **no supervision after 3:30.** Should you need to pick up your child later than this, there is daycare available in the building for your convenience.

Last but not least – if your child is absent, please call the secretary to advise her. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in keeping the children safe.



NORTHERN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

We are fortunate to have this program starting again in January. We will be serving fresh fruit and vegetables as snacks on a weekly basis. Check the calendar and the attached **NFVP** menu for more details.

ATTENDANCE



Regular and punctual attendance is directly related to success in school. Did you know

that research has shown that students who do not attend school regularly and on time in the primary grades are at risk for not graduating? Good habits begin at an early age!

Most of our classrooms have Mathematics and/or Language classes scheduled first thing in the morning. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that the students arrive at school on time. Absent students should be reported by 8:45 a.m.

Did you also know that students who get enough sleep can concentrate better and learn more? For elementary school children, that means 10–11 hours per night. Make getting into bed on time a regular routine – it will benefit your child(ren) academically and give you some time to yourself!

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING



One of the goals of both St. Paul school and our Board, is to help our students become “21st Century learners.” As such, we utilize

computers and technology in the classroom as often as we can. When we meld classic, research based teaching strategies with the use of technology it is called, “Blended learning.” Help your child become computer literate at home while continuing to be vigilant about their safety on the internet.