



THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

JUNE 2013

ST. PAUL SCHOOL — TIMMINS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ PD Day –June 10th
NO SCHOOL
- ★ Family BBQ—Tuesday,
June 18th
- ★ Grade 6 Celebration—
Tuesday, June 25th 9:30
am
- ★ Term 2 Awards Assem-
bly Tuesday, June 25th
at 2:00 pm
- ★ Talent Show—
Thursday, June 27th at
9:30 am
- ★ Last Day of School for
Students—Thursday,
June 27th

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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 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. By the time you receive this newsletter, our Grade 3 & 6 students will have already participated in the Primary & Junior Assessment of Reading and Writing for this year. We are very proud of their efforts on this assessment, and I am grateful to the staff who has worked so hard to prepare them. 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 Tuesday, June 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. You will receive your order form for food along with today's newsletter. Those families who have children who have missed less than 5 days of school and have been punctual all year will be receiving a voucher for free food at the BBQ again this year! This is our way of thanking you for your efforts to get your children to school regularly and on-time. We can move mountains for our students, but they need to be at school for us to do so! We look forward to seeing as many of our families out for this event as possible.

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 \$1500. The proceeds of this night will go towards supporting our iPad project. We now have 4 iPads in nearly each of our classrooms. We look forward to seeing many of you at some of the year-end activities planned. Have a fantastic summer!

D. Brumwell, Principal



SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM

Our board is very pleased to be able to offer a summer literacy program for students in Grades 1 to 3 who would benefit from additional support in reading. It will take place from 8:30 am to Noon each day from July 8th to July 26th. **Should you be interested in having your child attend this FREE program, please contact the school immediately.**

FAMILY BBQ

When: Tuesday, June 18th
Time: 5-7 pm

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

Cost: Pre-ordered food items. Please see attached order form.

All orders due by Wednesday, June 12th.

We look forward to seeing many families out for this event again this year!



YARD SALE & BAKE SALE

Thank you all so much for your support at our annual Grade 6 Trip Yard Sale and Bake Sale. We were able to raise just under \$1000 towards our Grade 6 Trip to Moosonee.

WHAT YOU NEED FOR SEPTEMBER

Please keep in mind that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board provides **ALL** necessary school supplies for students each year.

Therefore, it is NOT necessary to purchase anything but the following:

- A pair of indoor shoes that have non-marking soles
 - A pack of Kleenex
 - A box of Kleenex
- \$5.00 to purchase a mandatory school agenda

See you all on September 3rd, 2013

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

Our students have been writing for authentic purposes all year long. You might have noticed that we are posting samples of each form we have covered on the bulletin board at the front entrance. Students are closing the year by working on a variety of different reports. They seem to be enjoying researching a topic and writing about all they have learned. They also enjoy illustrating and finding photos to support their thinking.

We have continued to make reading a strong focus at our school. You will notice that we have included information about your child's reading level on his/her report card. Please see the chart that will be included in your child's report card for more information about reading benchmarks.

In mathematics, we are continuing to see improvements in the students' ability to explain their thinking. Unlike when we were in school, the answer is not enough any more. Students are expected to be able to justify and explain the strategies they are using to solve problems. They are also being taught to show their work.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

Our virtue for this month is Hope.
A Hopeful Person Is:

- † inspired and inspires others
- † optimistic
- † one who seeks good things from life
- † one who seeks the good in the world
- † someone who sets and sticks to goals
- † someone who works for justice and peace
- † someone who sees the good in others even when they make mistakes
- † someone who works to include others
- † someone who works at creating a better world

iPod Raffle

Trent Audit won an iPod for having sold the most product during our Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser in March.

Trent would like to raffle off his iPod and donate the proceeds of the raffle to the Food Bank.

Raffle tickets will be sold from June 11th to June 18th, with the draw taking place at our Family BBQ.

Tickets will be .25 each or 5 for \$1.00

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Don't forget to return your Jump Rope for Heart envelopes and money by Tuesday, June 11th. Our school-wide event will take place on Thursday, June 13th. We are hoping to beat last year's fundraising total of \$4400. All proceeds are donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



School Begins on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013.

If you know that your children are not returning to St. Paul School, please let us know ASAP.