

# ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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## Principal's News

Welcome back everyone! As you already know by now, First Student bus drivers in Providence are on strike. Unfortunately, we do not know how long this could be. If we hear any news we will certainly pass it on to you. In the meantime, parents will have to make arrangements on getting their child to school for now. Hopefully, they will work this out as soon as possible.

Now that we have the 1st month of September under our belt, I wanted to let you know how things are going as well as what lies ahead. Our enrollment this year, especially in our **Early Learning Foundation (ELF)** program is better than ever. Our Pre-K 3 & 4 yr. old program and Grade 1 classes are full. We still have a few more spaces left in Kindergarten and Grade 2 just in case you know of anyone interested.

## Continued Principal News...



As for the weeks and months ahead, some of our after-school enrichment programs will be beginning soon.

The **Drama Club** which is organized by both Ms. Higg and Mrs. Vargas will be starting in the next month or two preparing for their PPAC performance next May.

Mrs. Hardiman has already started her **Chess Club** on Wednesday and her **Creative Writing Class** will be beginning soon on Fridays. She'll be sending out forms very soon on the details and cost of this class.

And as always, Mr. Patterson already has the **Cross-Country Team** running full steam ahead.



With October right around the corner, we'll be having many events and field trips being scheduled. Make sure you check the school calendar weekly. Here are some **upcoming events**:

- Tomorrow, **Friday, September 28th** we have **No School**. It's a Professional Development Day for faculty and staff.
- On **Monday, October 1st, 1st Quarter Progress Reports** will be going home. Please make sure you sign-off on them and send them back in with your child.
- Our **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are on **Wednesday, October 3rd**. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers. There will be **No School** that day. Handouts with times available should have already gone home for you to check on.
- On **Thursday, October 4th, Blessing of the Animals** will take place in the school yard between 8-8:15. Students can bring their pets to school that day but do remember, those pets cannot come into the school building.
- **Flu Clinic** on **Tuesday, October 30th** from **2:30-4:00** for both students and their families in the school auditorium. You can register online at [www.thewellcomp.com/school](http://www.thewellcomp.com/school) for forms or you can fill or when you arrive.

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## Pre-K 3 & 4 News



It's hard to believe that September is already over! Our classes have been working hard learning about our routines and their new environment. All of the children have adjusted to the classroom and we are busy little learners now!

This month, we focused on the ocean, learning more about ourselves and our school, and of course, apples! We enjoyed our first Early Learning Foundation celebration by singing a "Hello" song and creating the word "Hello" altogether.

Next month, we are looking forward to learning more about Autumn, fire safety, pumpkins and Halloween. We are excited about our field trip to Chepachet Farms, having a visit from the fire department and visiting the residents of the Scandinavian home in our Halloween costumes! We look forward to seeing some of you during our conference time as well!



## Kindergarten News

What a busy month it has been in Kindergarten. We have all been getting to know one another and learning so much already. Students brought in All About Me Bags filled with some of their favorite things so we can learn more about one another.

We are learning how to spell and write our names, and even how to spell our names in sign language! We have begun sorting things by shape, color, size, and type in Math and learning about apples in Science. We learned about the life cycle of an apple and even did an apple taste test. We all tasted red, green, and yellow apples to decide which kind we liked best.

We met with our Early Learning Foundation and sang our "Hello" song which taught us how to say, "Hello" all around the world. We decorated the bulletin board full of Hello words together as well, so that we can all

see it when we come in each day.

## Grade 1 News

This month we have spent a lot of time getting to know each other. Since there are 26 students this year in first grade, we are working on trying our hardest to listen and follow directions so we can do fun things together!

We worked on short "a" sounds in our reading groups and read the story Sam, Come Back in our Reading Street books. We also had our first spelling test which we did a wonderful job on.

In math, we reviewed concepts from Kindergarten, such as adding and subtracting up to 10, patterns, measuring, and less than, greater than, and equal to.

In writing, we are learning how to form sentences properly by using capital letters, punctuation and grammar.

In religion, we learned about God's creation and that his love for us is infinite. As a class, we have been working on becoming respectful students by being kind to others, helping classmates in

need, and using good manners .



## Grade 2 News

Welcome Back to School! Our class has been working on learning our classroom rules, daily routine, and how to stay organized. They are getting to know me and my expectations.

We have been learning about the Blessed Trinity in Religion. We are also talking about the many ways we can spread Jesus's love to others. They love singing the songs "Jesus" and "Sing for Joy" in our class. Our classroom Patron Saint is St. Teresa of Calcutta. The students have been excited to learn about her and have shared ways they could live like her.

In Math, we have been working on our addition and subtraction facts. Each night my students should be practicing their math facts.

I look forward to seeing you on parent/teacher conference day Wednesday, October 3rd. Please be on-time for your conference appointment.

We are also going to Chepachet Farms on Tuesday, October 23rd to pick and decorate pumpkins, go on a horse drawn hayride, and even taste some maple syrup.

Thanks for all the donations that have been sent in throughout the month. I appreciate your support. May you have a wonderful Autumn with your family and friends!



## Grade 3 News

We are all adjusting well to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We began the year spending time getting to know one another, especially me – the new teacher in town! I have enjoyed learning about each and every one of them!!

We have begun our reading program and so far have read a narrative poem,

a fable, and a tall tale. After some creative brainstorming, our class had the opportunity to write their very own fable. They all did a wonderful job!

In Religion, we learned about our classroom Patron Saint which is St. Joseph. We also have been reading about Jesus' life and ministry. We discussed ways to live as his followers.

In Social Studies, we are learning map and globe skills. Everyone can now identify the seven continents and the five oceans in the world.

In Science, we are studying the weather. We also have been reading many non-fiction books that focus on all different types of weather and soon will be doing some interesting experiments.

I am so excited to continue the year with my awesome 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who love to learn! I look forward to seeing you all at Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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is doing a beautiful job getting into a routine and enjoying new responsibilities.

In Science, we are focused on the classification of vertebrate and invertebrate. They're loving our five classes of vertebrates scavenger hunts that we work on every Friday. In October, we will be going to the zoo to continue our work on classifying.

In Social Studies, we are working on the map of the United States. We've spent time on the New England and Mid Atlantic regions. They've just begun an in class project on the Oregon Trail. Each group had to come up with a family name, goods for the long journey, and specific weight of each good for the covered wagon. They're really into this project and the research that goes along with it. We can't wait to see the finished product!

## Grade 5 News

Welcome back to the new school year. I cannot believe that September is almost done. We have already started some new projects, including an individual Explorer Project due the week of Columbus Day, a "pocket book" project on explorers of North America

and our State Fair project with grade four- and that's just Social Studies!

We have been reviewing place value and learning about the billions period and the thousandths period in math class.

In Science, we are learning about classification. We will be visiting Roger Williams Park and Zoo in October to practice our classifying skills.

During snack each day, we have begun to read *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech. The students are enjoying hearing about Sal and her friend Phoebe.



## Middle School News

### Latin with Father Young

*Salvete Omnes!* (Greetings everyone!)

Middle School Latin has been off to a great start. We

begin each class with the Our Father in Latin. Ask your children to pray it before dinner as grace!

The 6th and 7th grades have been learning how to conjugate verbs and are already forming sentences. We are reading some great *fabulae* (stories) and having some laughs.

The 8th grade is already reading a book in Latin! We have been studying the geography of ancient Rome and describing our own state: *Rhode Island insula non est!* (Rhode Island is not an island).

## Sixth Grade News

In grade 6 Social Studies, we have been learning about the role of writing and the difference between prehistory and history (ask your child what the difference is!) We have looked at the contributions of archaeologists and the use of science to uncover clues about the past. We are now discussing the effects of farming on growing civilizations.

In grade 6 Literature, we have finished our first novel, "The Color of my Words", set in the Dominican Republic. We finished the unit with a

cultural celebration of the Dominican Republic. We have now started a fantasy trilogy with the first book, "The False Prince."

In sixth grade Science, the students have finished chapter 1, which dealt with life science and had a test on that chapter Monday 9/24. We began a new chapter Wednesday which deals with heredity. We will have our first quiz in this chapter at the beginning of next week.

In Vocabulary, the students have finished unit 2 and had a quiz on this unit last week. Beginning next week the rest of the quizzes and review tests in vocabulary will all be taken on the computer. You will be able to access your child's grades by simply logging into his or her account. There are also practice tests and quizzes along with various exercises to help prepare your student for upcoming tests on the website as well, Sadlier.com.

We also continue to go over and talk about current events. Every Monday, your child is responsible for bringing in a news story to share with the class to facilitate these conversations.

In Math, the sixth grade class is focused on the

comparing and ordering decimals and their usefulness in daily life.

In Religion, the sixth grade class has begun a chapter describing Man's turning away from God presented in the second account of Creation.

### **Seventh Grade News**

In grade 7 Social Studies, we have been looking at the reasons people from the Old World colonized the New World, and have paid attention to how different groups and societies have interacted over time. We have also seen how the rise of technologies like the printing press, the caravel, and the astrolabe contributed to reformations and explorations. Next, we will speak of the struggles that groups encountered in the New World, as well as the success they shared.

In grade 7 Literature, we have delved into the oppressive world of the New England Puritans in seventeenth century Connecticut. As we experience the culture-shock first hand through the eyes of the protagonist, a transplant from sunny Barbados, we are asking questions such as, "would I risk my reputation for a stranger?"

We are also exploring the dangerous realm of "scapegoating" in the lens of the New England witch trials.

In seventh grade Science, the students have finished chapter 5 in Environmental Science, which dealt with the dynamic Earth. We will have a test on this chapter at the beginning of next week.

In Vocabulary, the students finished unit 2 and had a quiz on this unit last week. Beginning next week the rest of the quizzes and review tests in vocabulary will all be taken on the computer. You will be able to access your child's grades by simply logging into his or her account. There are also practice tests and quizzes along with various exercises to help prepare your student for upcoming tests on the website as well, Sadlier.com.

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The seventh grade Math class is learning the Metric System of measurement and making conversions within the system.

The seventh grade class area of interest is the

Blessed Trinity and will be followed by chapters dedicated to each Person of the Trinity.

### Eighth Grade News

In grade 8 Literature, we have been exploring life in nineteenth century Massachusetts through the timeless voice of Louisa May Alcott in her novel, "Little Women." Is all play and no work a good idea? Is money worth more than dignity? What does it mean to be "good"? Ask your child to tell you who the four sisters are.

In eighth grade Science, the students have finished chapter 22, which dealt with the atmosphere. Seeing that we are in the middle of hurricane season we studied about the causes and effects of hurricanes. They had a test on this chapter Thursday 9/27.

In Vocabulary, we have finished the second unit and had a quiz on this unit last week. Beginning next week the rest of the quizzes and review tests in vocabulary will all be taken on the computer. You will be able to access your child's grades by simply logging into his or her account. There are also practice tests and quizzes along with various exercises to help prepare your student

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The eighth grade Math class has started a section on Measurements of Central Tendency with integers.

The eighth grade Religion class has just finished a chapter on moral decision-making and the way that it leads to good choices. They will start a chapter covering the Ten Commandments on Monday and their ability to direct our decision-making to achieve a lasting relationship with Church and God.

