

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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John F. Corry, Principal
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Principal's News

As we prepare for the March winds, I believe we may be over the worst of it so far-winter that is. Some families have started to ask me when we may be getting out in June, as they begin to prepare for vacations or summer camps (more on St Paul Summer Camp later). As it stands now and even if we have another snow day which I factored into the schedule already, our **last day of school** will be on **Friday, June 15th**.

Our enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year has already begun as you know. Many families have already sent in their registration forms for next year and we have had several new families signing up as well. If you haven't registered yet please do. Even if you don't have the **Registration Fee of \$150** at this time, please send in your registration form anyway. Families can make the \$150 payment over a two month period if this helps-just let Mrs. Yattaw know. We can at least begin to prepare our plans for next year (staffing, ordering books & supplies, etc.).

Once again I ask you to please pass the word on anyone you know with children 3-4 yrs. old, looking for a place/school to send them. I can't think of anyplace better than Mrs. Sandberg's Pre-K 3 or Mrs. Larsh's Pre-K 4 yr. old classes-all-day from 8:00-5:30. We can take up to 16 children in the 3 yr. old program (already have 7 enrolled for next year) and up to 20 in Mrs. Larsh's class (already have 12 enrolled as well for next year!).

Continued Principal News...

By the way, don't forget to apply to **www.factsmgt.com** for financial aid. It's extremely important that you begin the process now. *The cut-off date for the financial assistance is March 31st.* It only takes 20-25 minutes of your time and depending on your finances, you could receive anywhere from \$650 to \$1,500 worth of assistance towards your child's tuition.

Summer Camp 2018

We will once again have an **8 week Summer Camp** program, from June 25th to August 17th for students 3-9 yrs. old (Pre-K to students entering Grade 4). The camp will run 5 days a week from 8 am-5 pm. The **weekly cost is \$175** and the **registration fee is \$75** to sign up. Children may attend some or all of these weeks. There will be 2-3 staff members available weekly. We will offer the following activities: *Arts & Crafts, Board games, Computer classes, Field trips to William Hall Library, Outside Play in schoolyard, Movies on rainy days, Mass on Fridays at 12:05, Outside water play on church lawn, and last but not least, getting ready to play on our new Playground being built this summer!* Friday is Pizza day (it's on us!)

Registration forms are available in the office and will also be available on the school website at **www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org**.



Lenten Project

This Lent St. Paul School will be working with Providence Haiti Outreach to collect supplies for St. Dominique School in Marigot, Haiti.

PreK-3 through Grade One will collect school supplies. Example: pens, pencils, notebook filler paper, pencil cases, etc.

Grade Two through Grade Five will collect classroom toys. Example: balls, jump ropes, Legos, blocks, bubbles, etc.

Grade Six through Grade Eight will collect clothing. Example: socks, undershirts, barrettes, scrunchies, etc.

Please bring in all items by Thursday, March 29. Thank you for your support!

Saint Paul Home & School Association

Stay tuned for upcoming events!

For more info contact Claire coachbaggs@gmail.com

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Pre-K 3 & 4 News

February has been a very unique month for learning and the weather! We watched what the groundhog said early in the month, but it feels like we had a little burst of spring! The children enjoyed learning about shadows, the Winter Olympics, Valentine's Day and keeping our bodies and teeth healthy. We have been excited to do many different science projects, math and literacy activities. Remember to 'like' our school Facebook page to see more fun pictures and videos from our days in the classroom!

We are looking forward to March, when we learn more about the season of Lent, Holy Week, opposites, kites and wind and of course, St. Patrick's Day!

Kindergarten News

February certainly flew by in Kindergarten. We were very busy finishing up our Polar Animal Unit. Students had so much fun learning about Arctic Foxes, Harp Seals, and Penguins! We did a science experiment to learn about how penguins use the wax on their feathers to help keep them dry and warm.

We put water and oil in a bag and shook it up real well and noticed how, after some time the oil and water separated! Everyone thought this was really cool!

We also celebrated Valentine's Day in Kindergarten. We made maps of our hearts and talked about all the things that we love and hold in our hearts.

Students also helped in another science experiment, where we put candy hearts in a cup of water, a cup of vinegar, and a cup of sprite.

We noticed that in the cup of sprite, the candy hearts floated and in the other two cups they sank!

We celebrated our 100th day this month!! Everyone was so excited and proud of themselves. We celebrated by drawing pictures of ourselves of how we would look in 100 years! We also did 100 exercises and stacked 100 cups.

Right before vacation we talked about the Winter Olympics too! We played minute-to-win-it games and talked about our favorite sports!

Grade 1 News

Welcome back to school. I hope you had a good vacation. As you know, we completed Unit 3 in Reading Street before vacation and we began Unit 4 this week. For the next 6 weeks, we will be reading stories and discussing what it means to treasure someone or something. We will learn how treasures are things that are valuable to all of us and that different people treasure different things. For show and tell this Friday, I am asking the first graders to bring in a treasure to share with the class. This might be a book, a picture, a stuffed animal or a shell...nothing too valuable please. And in

the next few weeks, we will be reading about dinosaurs. Your child will need a shoe box and modeling clay to make his/her project. I will send home detailed instructions in the next two weeks.

In Math, we recently completed our Data and Charts chapter and began working on place value to 100. We will continue developing an understanding of the tens structure, as well as continuing to work with our addition and subtraction facts. Keep practicing those addition and subtraction facts.

And finally, as we continue to prepare for Easter, we will be learning about the importance of prayer, acts of kindness and giving. We are working on a good deeds chart in our classroom to encourage children to be kind to each other and their friends and families. In first grade, I think that means being helpful and using kind words. Ask your child if they were kind at school today.



Grade 2 News

Second grade has been working very hard. In Religion, we have been learning about Lent and students have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They have been role playing in class and learning how to examine their conscience. The students preparing for this sacrament will make it on Saturday, March 10th at 1pm in St. Paul Church. We will keep these students and their families in our prayers as they grow closer.



We will be getting ready for our "Classroom Store" to begin in our class the week of March 12. We will be having a classroom store opened to all grades. We will be selling notebooks, crayons, pencils, markers and a bunch more things. We will be raising money for the Rice Bowl as part of our Lenten Project. We are excited and hope we will sell a lot of supplies!

Our class has been learning about adjectives in their writing. They have been practicing adjectives that show number, shape, and size.

In Math, they have been practicing their addition and subtraction skills by adding money amounts. We continue to review regrouping skills everyday. All students have an account through Xtra Math and Prodigy to practice their math skills daily as part of their homework.

Each month, grades 1 and 2 walk over to William Hall Library for a special read aloud. The students look forward to hearing new stories and spending time together. Thanks to all my families for everything you do for your children. May you and your family grow closer to Jesus during this season of Lent.

Grade 3 News

Although February is a quick month for us, we definitely packed in a lot of activities! In Math, we began division and continue to work on getting our green belts in our "Kickin' It" program. Our students are really loving the challenge!

In writer's workshop, we wrote an opinion piece on whether or not we think groundhogs deserve a National holiday. We also wrote and presented our family/friend biographies. I was extremely proud of everyone's hard work!

Our class was honored to host the mass for Ash Wednesday on February 14th. For Lent, we decorated quilt pockets that we fill with kind words and good deeds. We also wrote down ways to be a better student, friend, and family member during this time before Easter.



Before break, we did a fun Black History Month scavenger hunt, where we learned some amazing facts about several influential African Americans. I look forward to seeing everyone's "Freedom Quilt" project! I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing break. In March, we will be preparing for Easter and for Spring!

Grade 4 News

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful February vacation. We are back and it is already March. Like we say in grade 4..."Time flies in fourth grade!"

Grade 4 continues to journey through the states. Currently, we are learning about the Southeast Region and working on individual state projects. Next stop will be the Great Lakes States!

During Lent, we are asked to pray more, fast and give alms, so this Lenten season, we will be attending daily mass and adoration on Mondays.

In **Math**, we will be working on division, divisibility and word problems. The students should continue to study their times tables every day to help them better understand how multiplication and division are related.

We have begun our physical science unit. We are learning about matter, states of matter and how matter is measured. We will be performing various investigations to better understand density and physical or chemical changes in matter.

Grade 5 News

In Grade 5, we are having a wonderful time together and learning many new things. In **Social Studies**, we've just completed a large unit on the 13 Colonies. We've now entered the road to the Revolution. This class especially loves history and they ask really interesting and thought provoking questions. We've begun our new history pockets, one and two, which focus on causes of the war and famous patriots.

In **Language Arts**, we've just completed "Bud, Not Buddy" along with reading aloud and completing a comprehensive unit and writing assignment. We've begun "A Wrinkle in Time", which they love already and are excited to hear about Meg's upcoming adventure, in search of her beloved father. We are working on our weekly reader, vocabulary, skills, and expanding our writing. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy Spring!



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Middle School News



Sixth Grade News

In **Social Studies**, we have just completed our unit on Ancient China, and are now beginning our studies of Ancient Greece. Topics will include government, religion, society, art, culture, and economy.

In **Literature**, we are continuing with our fantasy novel, "The False Prince."

In sixth grade **Science**, the students are in the process of finishing chapter 17, which deals with birds and mammals. We will be finished with the chapter in a few days and will have a chapter test next week. As an offshoot of this chapter, we will start a small unit on owls and will dissect owl pellets during this time.

In **Vocabulary**, the students had finished unit 11 prior to the break and will begin unit 12. All unit tests and reviews are online along with their scores for each quiz. Simply

log onto sadlier.com and punch in your child's user name and password.

As the third quarter ends, the sixth grade **Religion** class is studying the fall of Judea to the Roman Empire and the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

In **Math**, the sixth grade will be starting a unit on Expressions and Equations.

Seventh Grade News

In **Social Studies**, students are examining the Declaration of Independence, and discussing whether the document held true to the regarding rights in 1776 as well as today.

In **Literature**, students are reading a historical ghost story set in Providence called "Something Upstairs."

In seventh grade **Science**, the students are still working on chapter 9, which deals with the human population. We have also begun a small project dealing with developed and developing countries. Each student chose a particular country or territory to investigate and produce a power point and presentation.

In **Vocabulary**, the students finished chapter 11 prior to the break and will begin unit 12 this week. All unit tests and reviews are online along with their scores for each quiz. Simply log onto sadlier.com and punch in your child's user name and password.

The celebration of the Eucharist and the ways in which it strengthens and nourishes us are being explored in the seventh grade **Religion** class.

The seventh grade **Math** class is learning about the components under the general classification of Rational Numbers.

Eighth Grade News

In **Social Studies**, we are looking at the causes and effects of industrialization.

In **Literature**, students have just completed "The Color of My Words", which told the story of a girl in the Dominican Republic and her desire to be a writer. Students will be able to read a book of their choosing for our upcoming unit.

In eighth grade **Science**, the students have finished chapter 13. We will have a final quiz on section 4 and then take our chapter test, sometime next week.

In **Vocabulary** the students had finished unit 11 prior to the break and will begin unit 12 this week. All tests and reviews are online along with their scores for each quiz. Simply log onto sadlier.com and punch in your child's user name and password.

The eighth grade **Religion** class has begun studying one of the saddest, and yet most influential periods in Church History - The Protestant Reformation.

The eighth grade **Math** class will be studying more complex equations involving several operations.

ART CLASS

Last week, students celebrated the Lunar New Year by learning and making art about the customs associated with this holiday.

Grade-K watched lion and dragon dances and made their own dragon puppet out of paper.

1st grade, inspired by the beauty of the lantern festivals in China and Korea, made lanterns. Also inspired by the Japanese screens, they painted cherry blossom screens with ink and tissue paper.

Since 2018 is the Year of the

Dog, the **2nd grade** students will be creating their own dog puppets to celebrate the New Year, next week!

2nd and 3rd grade students learned about President Lincoln, then painted his portrait to celebrate his birthday and Presidents' Day.

The **5th grade** students worked on origami birds, and the **4th grade** students collaborated on Chinese dragon installation.

The **6th grade** continues presenting power point - amazing architectures around the world!

7th and 8th grades have been working on collaborative projects. 7th grade, Street Art, and 8th grade Winter Olympics.