

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's News

Well we're almost to the end. Another year is coming to a close. And speaking of coming to a close, once again we have some members of our staff who are now coming to the end of their time here at St. Paul School. More on that shortly.

Once again both Ms. Higg and Mrs. Vargas directed a fantastic show, "**Aladdin**." The performance by the students was wonderful. A lot of time was put into this show by everyone. Since Ms. Higg and Mrs. Vargas started the Drama Club last year it has been a huge success. They deserve our gratitude for the time they have put into working with our students. Who knows, we may have some future actors and actresses amongst us.

We had our **Walk-A-Thon** today. Thank you to everyone who supported it and for those who walked in it as well. The weather was great. We're still counting how much was raised. The funds raised in this fundraiser go towards families who need financial assistance for the following school year.

Speaking of the weather, now that we are seeing more days with warmer weather, **students can begin to wear if they wish, gym uniforms (including gym shorts) on a daily basis starting next Tuesday, May 29th.** Please remember, only gym shorts or gym pants (Navy blue), not shorts of different colors and sizes.

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By the way, please make a point of checking the school calendar for dress-down days which have been scheduled for those students who earned them from the walk-a-thon. These dates are only for those students who received **dress-down day passes**.

After-School Care

With Grade 8 Graduation on Thursday, June 7th, and the Pre-K 3yr. & 4yr. olds ceremony and Kindergarten Graduation on Wednesday, June 13th (mentioned in April Newsletter), the **last day of after-school care will be Wednesday, June 13th.**

Retiring & Welcoming New Family Member

Mrs. Rose Rostron, who has been our Grade 1 teacher for many years now, and a faculty member of St. Paul School for 22 years has decided to retire. Mrs. Rostron has been a loyal and devoted teacher who has always gone about her day determined to do her best each and every day with her students. She has been a very *caring* and *compassionate* teacher to many a student over her many years at St. Paul school. We wish her the best on her new journey in life.

Mrs. Vicki Patterson, our Grade 3 teacher will also be leaving after next month to begin preparing for a new member to her family. She has been with us at St. Paul School for the past nine years. We will miss her *enthusiasm* and *dedication*, especially when it came time for any type of performance where we needed someone to play the piano! The best to Mrs. Patterson and her family.

Mrs. Anne Moran is retiring once more. Mrs. Moran retired once but when we went looking for someone who could wear many hats at our school from doing lunch duty to assisting a teacher in the classroom to running the after-school care program, we once again called on her to come back. However, this time she is ready to enjoy more time with her family. She has worked many a long day for us as it is. Mrs. Moran's *loyalty* and *service* to St. Paul School is above and beyond. We wish her the best this second time around.

And last but not least, **Mrs. Ashley Boie**, Teacher Assistant in Kindergarten is also leaving after having been with us for only this past year. Mrs. Boie has been a wonderful addition to our school working alongside Ms. Pereira. Her *energy* and *enthusiasm* that she brings with her everyday will be sorely missed. Mrs. Boie is married to a U.S. Marine Corp Corporal who has been notified he will be deployed in the coming weeks to another military base- hopefully somewhere still in the United States. We'll miss her.

And as to who will be replacing Mrs. Rostron, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Boie, we are still in the process of reviewing applications. However, both Fr. Young and I already have some people in mind that I believe everyone will be very happy with and who will come with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. I'll let you know more about them later this summer when I send out my letter in August.

Don't forget, because I know the students won't, our **last day of school is on Friday, June 15th** with dismissal following the Award Ceremony at 1:30 (2:00 buses will arrive).

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Pre-K 3 & 4 News

Happy May! Our classes have been blooming with learning! We have done many science observations with rain and planting seeds, worked on writing our names, and we had fun creating gifts for our moms! This month we also had two theater performances; Bubbleology and our own school production of Aladdin. Our classes are getting ready to finish up for the year, so we are getting ready for our “vacation” and “camping” trips!

Please be on the lookout for a permission slip for a walk to Rhodes Playground. We are also looking forward to our Field Day next month and our End of the Year Celebration at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday 6/13/18. Remember that this is the last day of school for the children and all children will leave after their ceremony with their families and begin their summer vacation!

Thank you to all of our parents and families for all of your generosity this year! Let's enjoy these last days of school!!

Kindergarten News

We are so happy to finally be in Spring! We started doing a lot of Spring activities. We learned about the butterfly life cycle and parts of a plant. We were so excited to get our chick eggs!! We took good care of the eggs and looked at the babies through the shell with a flashlight. We are still awaiting their arrival. We learned all about their life cycle and how they grow. We made our own chicks with “puffy paint” which is made with shaving cream, glue, and food coloring. We celebrated Mother's Day this month and made our moms finger painted flowers. We filled up our good kindness bucket and had a crazy hair day and ice cream party celebration. We took a trip to the theatre to watch “Bubbleology,” which gave us some great ideas of things to do this summer! We have had a fantastic year in Kindergarten and we hope everyone has a great summer!



Grade 1 News

As you may have heard, our caterpillars recently arrived. We are observing them every day, waiting for them to turn into a chrysalis. We'll move them to their butterfly habitat and patiently wait for them to emerge and turn into beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. We'll observe and enjoy them for a few days and then set them free. For the next few weeks, we'll also begin learning some fun facts about Rhode Island and we'll do a short ocean study.

We're currently finishing up our Reading Street program. Next week we'll read a short biography of Ben Franklin and study our last list of spelling words. We'll finish up by making our own kites, just like Ben Franklin did in this story.

In Math, we'll continue working on our addition and subtraction facts. We'll also work on measurement. Don't forget to practice addition and subtraction facts this summer. And keep reading too!

Your first graders have grown so much this year. You should be very proud of them. It was my pleasure to be your child's first grade teacher. And finally, since I

am retiring at the end of this school year, I would like to thank all of the St. Paul School families and staff for your kindness and support over the last 22 years. I've made some great memories and I'm sure I'll think of you often. Have a great summer!!



Grade 2 News

Second grade has worked very hard this year and I am so pleased with their participation and involvement! You should be very proud of them!

In Reading, we are finishing Unit 6 and reviewing grammar skills. In Writing, we are working on making a second grade prayer book. The students have been able to type out their prayers in computer class and add clip art to decorate. This activity was a great way to review the 4 kinds of prayer.

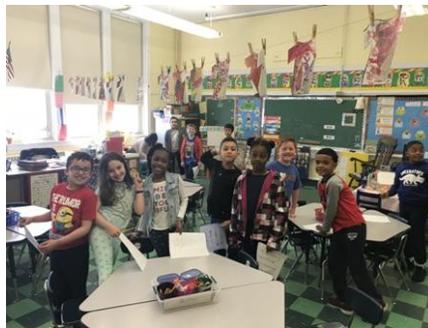
In Math, we will be finishing up our review on Place Value and

Adding/Subtracting Three Digit Numbers.

I know my class is looking forward to hosting the school liturgy on Friday, June 1st at 9am. Please note that all are welcome to attend. The class has been working hard preparing for this special event.

During the summer, please have your child review their reading and math skills. It will be helpful in their transition to third grade. Your child should continue their work with Xtra math over the summer, too!

Thanks again you for all you do especially all the support and donations throughout the school year! Have a wonderful summer! God bless!



Grade 3 News

With less than a month of school left, grade 3 is gearing up for summer!

In Math, we are finishing up our chapter on multiplication by one digit and beginning division by one digit.

In Science, we have been busy growing lima beans! We started them off in bags, and recently replanted them in soil. We have made observations and recorded data along the way. In reading and vocabulary, we are one week away from finishing up our final units.

In June, we look forward to our field trip with grades 4 and 5 to the Mystic Aquarium!

What a wonderful year this has been! We are definitely ready for 4th grade!

Grade 4 News

It is hard to believe that this school year is drawing to a close. These last few weeks of school will fly by in grade 4. Thank you to all who supported our school production of Aladdin. The students worked really hard to put on a beautiful performance.

We will finish up our study of the Ten Commandments. We have learned that these laws from God really are all about respecting God and all that he has created.

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GCF? LCM? LCD? No, these are not the newest ways to communicate through text. These are math terms that we are learning to help us to compare, to order, to add and to subtract fractions.

In Social Studies we will be concluding our journey across America while exploring the Rocky Mountain Region and the Pacific States Region. We have learned our capitals and will be having a "snowball fight" to review.

In Science, we are learning about simple machines. We watched a Rube Goldberg machine at work, and saw how simple machines created a complex mechanism to perform a simple task. We will be working on making our own Rube Goldberg machines as we continue to learn about simple machines.

It has been a lovely year working with your children. I look forward to another year with them. I hope everyone has a safe, restful and productive summer reading and reviewing math facts!

Grade 5 News

I can't believe how fast this year has gone by! I'm so proud of my class and the amazing job they did in our

performances of Aladdin last week and all of the time and hard work they put into the preparation for the shows. They did a beautiful job! In the looping program you're given the opportunity to enjoy academically, emotionally, and spiritually a great classroom experience for two years. They've grown so much as a class and as individuals during this experience and I know that they're ready for grade 6. I will miss them all and look forward to seeing them in the halls and hopefully back in Drama next year!

Middle School News



Sixth Grade News

In sixth grade **Science**, the students recently finished Chapter 18 and had a test on this chapter, on Thursday the 17th. We began a new chapter on Monday, dealing with the history of Earth.

In **Vocabulary**, we finished unit 14 and will begin unit 15 this week. Your student's test and quiz scores are available online through

sadlier.com, simply have your student punch in his login and password.

The sixth grade **Math** class is finishing a section on Integers and the Order of Operations, and will start a section on solving equations with Integers.

The sixth grade **Religion** class will finish a chapter on the Bible and the Church Today and be tested on it on Friday, May 25th.

In Grade 6 **Social Studies**, we have been learning about the exciting Middle Ages, from Vikings, to feudalism, and the One Hundred Years War, students have been immersed in a period of history which is typically relegated to legend. Ask your child about the Magna Carta!

In Grade 6 **Literature**, students have finished reading book two in the Ascendance Trilogy, and have written (and revised) formal book reviews. I encourage students to consider reading book 3: The Shadow Throne.

Seventh Grade News

In seventh grade **Science**, we are continuing with chapter 13 which deals with the dynamic Earth. We had our second quiz on this

chapter and will have a test on the chapter sometime this week.

In **Vocabulary**, we finished unit 15 and had the test for that last week. Your student's test and quiz scores are available online through sadlier.com, simply have your student punch in his login and password.

The seventh grade **Math** class will be learning the utility of Prime Factorization in determining which numbers are prime and those numbers that are composite.

The seventh grade **Religion** class has finished a chapter on the Marks of the Church and will begin a study of the Works of Mercy.

In Grade 7 **Social Studies**, students have been put into the shoes of the 55 delegates meeting at the Constitutional Convention as they consider questions such as, "How can a strong government have limited power?" Looking closely at ideologies espoused by thinkers like Locke and Montesquieu, students have been critically examining the role government plays for individuals, and what roles individuals play in government.

In Grade 7 **Literature**,

students are finishing up "Indigo's Star", a realistic portrayal of a fictional dysfunctional family.

Eighth Grade News

In eighth grade **Science**, the students just finished a chapter on electricity, and had the test for this chapter on Tuesday 5/22. As you know, we began the egg project last Friday and wrapped it up on Wednesday with the egg drop. The students had to construct a container that could withstand a three story drop without damaging their egg.

In **Vocabulary**, we finished unit 15 and took the review test for sections 13, 14, and 15 on Friday 5/25. We began the review for the final mastery test on the book. This test will be their final exam for this subject.

The eighth grade has begun a review for their final **Math** exam on May 29th.

The eighth grade class is preparing for their final exam in **Religion** on May 29th.

In Grade 8 **Social Studies**, students have been looking at the juxtaposition of the New Morality versus the Fundamentalists in a post World War One America.

In Grade 8 **Literature**, we have been immersed in the complex world of poetry. By examining metaphors, themes and symbols, students have begun to appreciate the poet's craft of "saying much with little."

ART NEWS

And the school year went by in the blink of an eye! Congratulations to all! What a year!

This year, all students participated in a variety of activities based on the arts, art principles, and creative problem solving. All students were involved in collaborative work on various projects and on individual projects, to challenge and explore different artistic concepts through "Messy art-works."

Each child will have a set projects sent home at the end of the school year, collected in their individual portfolios.

This year, art projects were designed to be a mixture of nature exploration, drawing from observation, learning about famous artists, architectural designs, and various collaborative projects. Through out the school year, students had a chance to explore different characters, through famous

books and stories while enhancing their skills in collaboration, creativity, and using their imagination.

Some students were immersed in the world of famous architecture and engineering and involved in creating and presenting power point presentations.

Students were also exposed to the richness of design, the fun and creativity involved in exploring the world of problem solving, and the potential unleashed when working with peers in a collaborative environment, designing games, creating street art, and working on set design for "Aladdin. "

The exclusivity of this year's art curriculum was to engage students fully in different ways of art making.

We've learned a lot, we created good artwork, and we deserve a good summer! Have a great vacation all!