

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's News

We had a pretty busy October. From field trips and Blessing of the Animals, to flu shots, we covered it all. Now with November upon us, holidays will be fast approaching. Speaking of tomorrow, it's **All Saints Day** and we will be having **Mass at 9:00** hosted by Grade 6.

1st Quarter Report Cards will be going home next **Monday, November 5th**.

Please make sure you are on the lookout for these. Report cards need to be signed by parents or guardians and returned the following day.

We have had several students in the past who never returned their report cards nor did parents even see them.

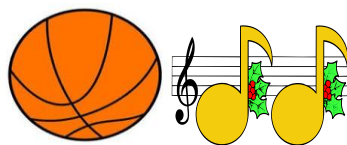
Hopefully you are following the school calendar along with reading these monthly Newsletters we take the time to write.



Our **Award Ceremony** for the 1st Quarter grades will be on **Tuesday, November 6th** at **10:00** in the school auditorium.

Continued Principal News...

Several After-School programs will be kicking in later this month. Mrs. Liu will be starting an **Art** program on Mondays very soon (more info coming out). **Basketball** will begin on Thursday, November 8th for any Middle School students who signed up. **Drama** will be beginning on Tuesdays, starting on November 13th. And of course, we already have Mrs. Hardiman's **Chess Club** meeting on Wednesdays. A pretty full schedule of events I may say in the months ahead.



Although we haven't even had our Thanksgiving meal yet, I am looking at **Wednesday, December 19th** as the day for our **Christmas Concert at 6:30**. As you know, Mrs. Donovan has moved on from St. Paul School. We have a new **Music Teacher** by the name of Michael Gonzalez. We look forward to his and the students' presentation that evening.

By the way, with the weather starting to get colder, girls can start to wear their navy slacks now. In the Student Handbook, it mentions after Thanksgiving, but no need to wait until then.



For the most part, November always seems to be the shortest month of the school year for us (minus the last month of school in June!). We have **No School on Veteran's Day** which is celebrated on **Monday, November 12th** (*100th Anniversary of the end of WWI*). And as for Thanksgiving week, **Wednesday, November 21st** we have **dismissal at 11:30** that day and of course the rest of the week off to celebrate the holiday weekend.



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Pre-K 3 & 4 News



Happy October! The leaves have been changing color and we have been making many observations during this wonderful season. Our classes looked at many different leaves this month, learned good rules about fire safety, discovered pumpkins inside and out, and toured the beautiful Chepachet Farm.

We ended our month with some fun Halloween activities; including Pre-K 4 visiting the residents of the Scandinavian home in our costumes.

We are looking forward to November, where we will talk about Thanksgiving, showing God we are grateful for His blessings and the Little Red Hen! We will be sending home a sign-up sheet for our annual Thanksgiving feast that will be held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Hope you have a great month!



Kindergarten News

October has been a busy month here in Kindergarten. We have been doing so many Fall activities!



In Science, we learned all about apples. We learned about the different kinds of apples and the parts of an apple and how an apple grows. We even had an apple taste test to see who liked yellow, green, or red apples more. Yellow and green were surprisingly a big hit! With the extra apples from our taste test we decided to make applesauce. Most of the students loved it; and they loved helping to cut up the apples even more! We decided to try to paint with apples too for an art project. We cut apples in a half and dipped them in paint and made baskets full of apples.

In Art, we made scarecrows and Native Corn to decorate our classroom. In Math, we learned all about 3D shapes and we even built our own cubes using marshmallows, straws, and a lot of teamwork.

In Religion, we learned about how God was three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, just like the three colors on the candy corn make up one candy.

This month we also recognized Fire Prevention Week. We had a visit from the Cranston Fire Department and learned all about what to do in case of an emergency.

Last week we went on our field trip to Chepachet Farm. There we got to do and learn so many things. We rode on a horse drawn hay ride, picked pumpkins, learned how to make maple syrup (and got to taste test some), and got to feed the animals. It was such a great Fall day!

Grade 1 News

October has been a very busy and exciting month in first grade. We are still working very hard on following our class rules. Ms. Leste introduced a marble jar for our class in order to

motivate us to work hard. Each time our marbles reach a line on our jar, we get a surprise! So far our class has earned stickers, and pretty soon we will all get to have pencils too.

We went on a field trip to Chepachet Farms, where we got to go on a horse drawn carriage ride, try maple syrup, and pick pumpkins. Our favorite part of the trip however was getting to feed all the animals!

We are wrapping up short vowel sounds in our reading groups and just finished the book *Get the Egg*.

In math, we have been working on problem solving skills and different ways to solve addition problems.

In writing, we are continuing to work on forming sentences using capital letters at the beginning and periods at the end. The month of October is the feast of Saint Francis, who is also our classroom saint. This month we learned a lot about who Saint Francis was; we got to watch a movie about him, and even colored in pictures of him too.

For Halloween, our class had a party in the cafeteria with the second and third grade classes. We got to watch a

movie, make our own Chex mix, decorate crowns, and even read with other students in second and third grade!



Grade 2 News

Second grade has been hard at work in Math mastering addition and subtraction facts. They have been learning about fact families with related addition and subtraction facts. We have started talking about place value up to 100.

In Religion, we have been talking about the Seven Sacraments. Since we are learning about sacraments, the students have been bringing in special items from their own Baptism. The

students have also learned about the Rosary and were given their own rosary to keep.

Second grade has also been practicing a play called "The Strongest One". They are creating costumes in Art Class. The students are looking forward to performing the play to our school and families on **Friday, November 9 at 1:45pm.**

Our trip to Chepachet Farms was fun. My students really loved learning about how maple syrup is made. Thank you to all my parent chaperones!

Since the month of October is a time to talk about Fire Safety, my students were able to find out their "meeting place". This is the outside place you meet with your family if you have a fire in your home. The class was able to share important fire safety tips that they learned from the Cranston Firefighters. Thanks for all your support! God Bless!



Grade 3 News

October was a very busy and fun month for Grade 3. In reading and writing we wrapped up Unit 1 in our Reading Street Program and began Unit 2. To go along with our stories we made author's purpose "pies", wrote a report on penguins and completed a mystery story book report on a cereal box. Everyone will have a chance to show and share their finished project. I can't wait!!

In Science, we are continuing to study the weather. Meteorologist Fred Campagna came to our classroom for a visit and gave us an awesome presentation about all kinds of weather, including many types of severe storms. We also learned all about pumpkins, made a jack-o-lantern, ate pumpkin seeds and cookies and made a pumpkin volcano erupt!

In Social Studies, we learned more about map skills. We had fun working with our partners creating our own neighborhood maps. In Religion, we are always reminded to be followers of Jesus. We created a pumpkin patch full of good deeds and decorated the wall outside our classroom.

We loved our walking field trip to the zoo. We enjoyed seeing all the animals. Some of our favorites were the cheetahs, wolves and elephants. We also completed many activities that taught us about Fire Safety. We even had a visit from a Cranston Firefighter who was very informative.

On Halloween, we spent time with Grades 1 and 2. We all had a blast playing Halloween Bingo using candy corn for markers, reading stories to each other and making Halloween crowns. We ended the event with a snack and Scooby Doo movie!

Next month, we look forward to Thanksgiving and many fun activities. We will be talking a lot about all the people and things we are thankful for.

Grade 4 News

Grade 4 is very busy this Fall! We had a wonderful field trip at the zoo classifying animals in the five classes of vertebrate. The students then had to pick an animal that they will sketch on canvas and present to the class.

This week we are going to see Peter Pan in preparation for our upcoming drama program. Grades 4-8 are

welcomed to join our program that begins on 11/13. An email with details went home about joining our program directed by Ms. Higg and Mrs. Vargas. Looking forward to another exciting show and year together!

In Social Studies, we are focused on the map of the United States. We are labeling and discussing each region and prepping for the upcoming state fair with grade 5. The students are working very hard researching their information. We look forward to the fair!



Grade 5 News

Happy Halloween everyone! As we celebrate this fun day, the eve of All Saints' Day, let us remember all those holy people who help us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Please join our school community at Mass on November 1st at 9:00am on this special holy day of obligation.

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Grades 3-5 went on a field trip to the zoo on the 19th and were able to identify the various vertebrates and invertebrates on display. This upcoming Friday, Nov 2, grades 4 and up will be seeing the production of *Peter Pan* at Bay View. We are enhancing our learning through these various experiences.

In Math, we are reviewing multiplication properties, special factors, and three digit by three digit problems. We continue to work in peer groups for problem solving, spatial awareness and math games.

We are nearing the end of our study of the explorers and are getting ready to "settle" on the colonization of the New World. We are also beginning our work on the Foundations of Democracy, a program run through the Center for Civic Education, which focuses on the fundamental principles of authority, privacy, responsibility and justice.

Science continues with classifying organisms that are neither plant nor animal. We will also run a guided inquiry on the characteristics of yeast.

We enjoyed reading Walk Two Moons and are sad that it is done, but we have moved on to The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin and are looking forward to solving this mystery.



Middle School News

Sixth Grade News

In sixth grade Science, the students recently finished Chapter 5, which dealt with heredity. They had a test on this chapter on Thursday the 25th. We will begin a new chapter on Monday.

In Vocabulary, the students have finished unit 4 and had a quiz on this unit on Friday the 26th. As previously mentioned the student's tests and quiz scores are available online through sadlier.com. Simply type in your student's login and password.

As we approach the end of the first quarter, the sixth grade Math class is finishing a unit on operations using

Whole Numbers and Decimals.

In Religion, the sixth grade class is beginning a chapter on the Patriarchs as God chooses His Chosen People.

In Grade 6 Social Studies we have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

Grade 6 literature we have finished the book, "The False Prince." Next week we will begin reading "The Runaway King."

Seventh Grade News

In seventh grade Science, we have recently finished Chapter 4, which dealt with the organization of life. We had our third quiz on this chapter on Friday the 26th, and will have a chapter test sometime next week. This will be last test before report cards come out on the 5th of November.

In Vocabulary we have finished unit 4 and had the quiz for this unit on Friday the 26th. As previously mentioned the student's tests and quiz scores are available online through sadlier.com, simply type in your student's login and password.

In Math, the seventh grade

has recently started a unit on equations and inequalities. The seventh grade class has recently finished a chapter on the study of The Blessed Trinity and will be starting a chapter on God, the Father.

In Grade 7 Social Studies, students have been working on their research papers on Colonial New England.

Grade 7 Literature has finished "The Witch of Blackbird Pond," and will be starting "Something Upstairs" by Avi.

Eighth Grade News

In eighth grade Science, the students just finished chapter 19, dealing with the solar system. We had a quiz on the final section and will have the chapter test sometime next week. This will be the last test before report cards come out on the 5th of November.

In Vocabulary, we have finished unit 4 and will have a quiz on this unit on Friday the 26th. As previously mentioned, the student's tests and quiz scores are available online through sadlier.com. Simply type in your student's login and password.

In Math, the eighth grade class is finishing a unit on

integers and algebraic expressions.

In eighth grade Religion, the class has finished a chapter explaining why laws are important and why God has given them to us.

In Grade 8 Social Studies, students have been immersed in whaling history, as they write their own historical narratives of the Essex disaster with primary source material. November 7th, they will be visiting the New Bedford Whaling Museum to finish the unit.

In Literature, Grade 8 has started reading part two of "Little Women".

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.

