

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's News

Well, we're almost there! It's been quite a year. Looking back to last September when we first started, I didn't know quite what to expect for the school year ahead. It was by all means a very cautious period where I don't know if anyone knew what to expect moving forward. From checking students each day on any symptoms, which we still do, to quarantining classrooms after learning about our first outbreaks of covid-19 in our school. It's a year I know I'll never forget as we all will. But we made it through together and I truly believe are stronger for it. As I said to one student earlier this year, "if we/you can make it through this, you'll be able to make it through any hurdles in life thrown at you!"

And once again I have included the final dates for events in June:

- **Memorial Day**--Monday, 5/31-- **No School**
- Wednesday, 6/1--**Final Exams** begin for **Grade 8 students**--Schedule already went home to parents.
- Thursday, 6/10--**Final Exams** begin for **Grade 6-7 students**--Schedule will be sent home shortly.

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- **Class of 2021 Graduation**--Wednesday, 6/9 @ **5:30**--**St. Paul Church**--Students need to arrive at 5:00 to the school auditorium with their cap & gown.
- **After-School Care**--Ends on Friday, 6/11
- **Pre-K 3 & 4 Program Ceremony**--Tuesday, 6/15--Outside ceremony with parent (s) arriving in car to back of school (one vehicle per student) at 11:30.

Children will be lined up with Mrs. Larsh, Mrs. Sanberg and Mrs. Bolanos by Canning Hall.

- **Kindergarten Ceremony**--Wednesday, 6/16--Same as Pre-K 3 & 4 ceremony.

Children will be lined up with Mrs. Pena and Mrs. Laurito by Canning Hall.

- **Field/Picnic Lunch Day**--Thursday, 6/17--McDonalds or Burger King lunch.

If parents wish to make a donation of water/juice and store-bought desserts it

would be appreciated. Please have your child bring in a beach towel or something they could sit on outside.

- **Last Day of School**--6/18--Mass at 9:30--**Early Dismissal @ 11:30**--Buses will be running.

And finally for the last time, if you are looking for **Financial Assistance** for the 2021-2022 school, go to **www.factsmgt.com** at a fee of \$40 to apply. It only takes 20 minutes of your time and depending on your finances you could receive anywhere from \$600 to \$1,500 worth of \$ assistance towards your child's tuition next year.

Even if you don't get any financial assistance the first time around, because you applied you could and may still qualify for St. Paul Parish Assistance.

Once again on **Registration** for the 2021-2022 school year. We are almost full in our Pre-K 4 yr. old program as well as Kindergarten, Grade 2, & 4. Grade 1 is already full at this time with a waiting list now in effect. As I mentioned before, even with the new restriction of desks being only three feet apart from each other vs. six feet, we will still be limited in our classrooms with students as far as we know beginning next September.

Everyone should know by now as well that we are switching over to **Tommy Hilfiger** with our **School Uniforms**. An email went out on how to order uniform. As for the current uniform, you can drop it off in a bag (specifically pants, sweaters, and gym uniforms) to be donated to a school one of our staff members knows of that could use them at the end of the school year.

This summer, the School Office will only be open on **Monday to Wednesday, from 8:30-1:30**. I along with Mrs. Sanberg will be here. We will be available if you have any questions or concerns for the beginning of school in September. We are having everything from our floors stripped and waxed to touching up the walls with paint so coming into the school for the first month or so will not be an option. Our school supplies (books, etc.) will be arriving too.

Keep track on our website (**www.saintpaulschoolcranston.org**) for the calendar of days the office will be closed due to holidays or vacation time.

Pre-K 3 & 4 News



Happy May! We can't believe that we made it to May! We had a great month, learning about the changing seasons around us!

We enjoyed learning about the parts of a flower and how seeds grow and travel in the air during the springtime. We especially had a lot of fun talking about our moms and making them feel special. Our butterfly and insect units were great fun, especially being able to search for them outside! We are finishing up our month with PreK 4 traveling to Japan and the PreK 3 visiting the zoo! We are looking forward to June, when we talk about the beach and summer treats!

Remember that we will have our final day and drive-up celebration on Tuesday, June 15 at 11:30 in the school playground! Each child may have one car at our celebration and will be guided on where to park on that day. Please watch for additional information!



Kindergarten News



With May quickly coming to an end, we are preparing for the end of the year with songs and activities. In Religion, we have been honoring Mary, Mother of God, by saying the Hail Mary daily and with a few visits to the church to say a special prayer to Mary. Additionally, we celebrated Ascension Day on May 13.

In Science, kindergarten was able to watch the butterfly life cycle. Keeping a daily log, they drew pictures of the changes from caterpillar to butterfly throughout a two week period.

For Math, we started a new chapter in addition. The class seems to like this chapter and are doing very well. Midmonth, we met our publishing deadline for our student treasures book order. We anxiously await the arrival of the completed copies. The children worked so hard writing and revising to completion.

Kindergarten has been enjoying the weather with an outdoor picnic day. We have been outdoors with reading groups as well. Please keep reading with your children at home.

A special thank you to all of the families who sponsored our May Walk-a-Thon! Kindergarten is in the running for one of the top

placements! June is right around the corner with our special graduation day, June 16. We will be sending an email out about the details.

First Grade News



First grade students have worked very hard this month trying to accomplish as much as they can before the school year is over! We are almost finished with our last unit in our Reading Street Series and will be wrapping up with stories about Alexander Graham Bell and Ben Franklin. In Religion, we read about caring for God's creation and the ways that we can share those gifts with others. In science, we learned about the parts of a plant and got to plant our own Zinnia's. We didn't have too many sunny days in the beginning of the month, so many of our plants didn't grow, but we still enjoyed learning the process of gardening and planting! We began chapter 7 in our Sadlier math books and have been learning about Geometry. In Writing, we learned about pronouns and the proper ways to use words "I" and "Me" in our own writing. We attended our first mass of the school year on Ascension Thursday. The kids did an amazing job and loved listening to Father Woodhouse. We have a field trip

coming up on June 14th to Fay Memorial Field with the third graders. Permission slips will be going home on Tuesday, June 1st. Please make sure to turn them in no later than June 8th!



Grade 2 News

May was a fun month in second grade! We celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and learned about many different AAPI inspirations both past and present. We also celebrated all the motherly figures in our lives at the beginning of the month. We took another trip to William Hall Library and listened to some awesome stories with Miss Alyse. Finally, we will be ending off the month with the St Paul Walk-A-Thon!

We are starting to wrap up all of our second-grade curriculum and will spend the rest of the year reviewing and preparing for third grade! We have been learning about the Sacrament of Penance and how God shows us his mercy and forgives us of our sins. We are in our final unit in Vocabulary. The kids will continue their vocabulary studies in third grade.

We started learning about money in math and have just started telling time. We will finish off the year starting three-digit place value in preparation for third grade. In reading, we are unit 5 in our Reading Street book. We have been learning about pronouns and reviewing skills such as sequencing and plot and theme.

I cannot believe that the end of the school year is so close. June will be a fun month full of reviewing and of course- celebrating all we accomplished over this crazy year!

Grade 3 News



What a lovely month with so much to celebrate! We honored the Blessed Mary with prayers and activities. We also said a decade of rosary every day. We made a very special book as a gift to celebrate our own moms. Also, congratulations and God Bless to Emma, who made her First Communion on May 2nd.

In Reading, we have completed Unit 6 of the Reading Street Program. Our spelling words are getting more difficult, but everyone continues to work hard and do very well on the assignments and tests. We also walked to Williams Hall Library for story time and look forward to going again in June.

In Math, we learned about area and perimeter. The class did very well with these math concepts and will soon build paper robots according to different dimensions. In Science, we finished our plant and Solar System units. Soon we will begin to learn all about the ocean and sea animals. In Social Studies, we each picked a Northeastern state and made a brochure to share with the class. We also picked a Southwestern or

Southeastern state and completed a report.

In Writing, we were paired up and interviewed each other. Then we wrote biographies and shared them in groups outside on the lawn on a beautiful sunny day.

The walk-a-thon was a great success and lots of fun. The best part was our special treat at the end!

We are all looking forward to the next few weeks in June to wrap up our year as 3rd graders and prepare for 4th grade. Our countdown to summer begins on June 1st with a fun activity planned for each day. It is all extremely exciting!

Wishing a happy and safe summer to all!

Grade 4 News

Grade 4 is loving the warm weather and excited for our last month of school! We have been enjoying outside reading time on the lawn and getting fresh air. They're completing projects on the Solar System, Constellations, and now beginning a unit on Endangered Species. The class is completing Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone, our fifth read aloud chapter book of our school year. In our last month we'll be reviewing our materials as well as using our applications Freckle, EPIC, and Prodigy. The class really enjoys taking their lessons a step farther with reviewing the materials and using their Google Classroom. Grade 4 has come a very long way academically and socially, I'm very proud and pleased with their overall progress. Keep up the great work, looking forward to a wonderful June!

Grade 5 News

It's hard to believe that we are entering our final month of school and our final month of our two-year loop! It has been a privilege teaching your wonderful children for these past two years. I'm truly thankful for the opportunity. Even though the academic year is drawing to an end, there is still much learning to be done. We will wrap up our work on the American Revolution as well as finish our studies on the Seven Sacraments. We will conclude our read-a-loud book Johnny Tremain- it started slow, but the students really want to know how the story ends now that the action has started.

We have concluded learning how to multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers and will conclude our year reviewing decimals and geometry.

In science, we will finish the year learning about forces in motion- a truly fitting end to the year. I'm sure these students will be forces in motion in middle school next year. Have a blessed summer vacation and I hope to see you all next August!



Middle School News

Grade 6

Social Studies: We have been learning about the peoples and cultures of the Mayas, Aztecs, Incas, Mound Builders, Anasazi, and

Pueblos. We have been looking at the geography affected these cultures, as well as their achievements.

Literature: We have been reading myths from the traditions of the Native Americans, including "How the Coyote Stole Fire", and "Thunder Butte".

Science: The class finished their unit on Energy Saving with National Grid material.

Math The students will have a quiz on mean, median, mode, and range on Wednesday, June 2nd. They will start preparing for their math final that is on Friday, June 11. Good luck!

Religion: The students have just completed their last chapter exam and will now be spending the majority of their time in preparing for their final exam. I am very confident in them, due to their consistent performance all year. Moreover, their determination is above reproach, and thus, would quell any seasoned teacher's concerns.

Skills: The students have been staying focused, while having fun finishing up their last bit of the material for the year. They are almost completed with all of their individual chapters, and once that happens, they will be cleared to go full throttle towards preparing for their final exam.

Grade 7

Social Studies: We just took our Chapter 9 test, which spanned the formative years of the early Republic. Next, we will be looking at the industrial revolution, and the emerging sectionalism between the North and South.

Literature: We have been reading short stories and essays. We read an essay by Alex Haley, the author of Roots, on how he followed the oral traditions to find out about his ancestor, Knute Kinte. We read a short story about the holocaust, and we also read an essay about the discovery of the Ice Man of the Alps.

Science: The students completed their final project for science. Their final project was to design their own Rube Goldberg projects and they had to use simple machines.

Math: The students have a quiz on section 2-10 on Friday, June 4th. They will start preparing for their math final that is on Thursday, June 10. Good luck!

Religion: The class has been spending some time learning more about Jesus and how He is portrayed in the Scriptures. They are really taking to it and having a ball acting out some of the stories they are reading about. Very shortly the class will be rounding this bend and moving on to the preparation phase with regard to their final exams.

Skills: The students are one chapter away from finishing the material for the year. Once they have that completed it will be full steam ahead in preparing for the final. They are more than ready, and definitely looking forward to putting a bow on it, and calling it a year.

Grade 8

Social Studies: We learned all about World War II, from the rise of dictators, to the holocaust, to the dropping of the atomic bombs in Japan. Students have engaged with both primary and secondary source material.

Literature: We read a play based on the Diary of Anne Frank, and students enjoyed learning about the holocaust from the perspective of a young girl. Students all participated in the class discussions after we read the story.

Science: The students completed their final project for science. Their final project was to design their own mini-golf course.

Math: The students had a quiz on section 2-8 on Wednesday, May 26. They have been preparing for their final which is on Tuesday, June 1. Good luck!

Religion: The class is making their final preparations before ending their careers at St. Paul School. They are pushing through the last bit of material, which is centered on early Church history, while at the same time working on their final projects.

Skills: The students have worked hard all year and are now finished with all of their required Units within the book, and beginning to prepare for their final exam. They are doing very well and having fun getting ready – well... as much as anyone could be while studying for a final.