

St. Paul's Junior High School

Communicator

May/June 2008

St. Paul's Breakfast Club : Another Successful year of operation.

Under the direction of Ms. Jill Rowe, our Breakfast Club will complete its third year of operation in June and is still considered one of the finest breakfast clubs in the province.

During the past three years the club has been used as a television commercial and numerous times as a launch point for many sponsors to join the Kids Eat Smart Foundation in helping to provide breakfast for many of the Province's children. In the picture at the right, Robert Hunt, vice-president, Production Services Network (PSN) (centre), and Larry Vodden, PSN's HSEQ Manager (right) serve pancakes to grade seven student Molly Clay (left) at St. Paul's school in St. John's on Monday May 1, 2008. The event celebrated PSN's new partnership with Kids Eat Smart Foundation on the company's second birthday as a major global service contractor to oil, gas and other process industries. Natural Resources Minister Kathy Dunderdale joined PSN for the event and is preparing food in the background.



Congratulations to Ms. Rowe and her dedicated team of parent, teacher and student volunteers who work very hard to make nutritious breakfasts a daily occurrence at St. Paul's.

Spring Concert

Our annual spring concert will be taking place on Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 pm. The band and choirs have been putting together an evening of delightful sounds. Tickets are \$5 at the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Performance at CAP Conference

The St. Paul's Junior High Choir will be performing at the Principal's Convention taking place at the Delta Hotel from May 14-16th. We are performing at 9:00 in the morning in the main ball room at the Delta.

Team Uniforms

We are now in the process of collecting in all team uniforms. All uniforms should be taken to room 209.

Fitness Equipment

We have used the proceeds of the Nita Sutton Chambers Basketball Tournament to purchase four additional bikes for our fitness area.

Do you like to sing?

Do you like Karaoke? If you do, you'll want to take part in **Singstar: St. Paul's!** Students can come and practice in Room 302, from May 12th-16th during 2nd lunch. The competition will begin on May 20th and run until the end of May, when the **REAL** St. Paul's Singstar will be crowned!

June Exam Schedule

Time	Mon., June 16, 2008	Tues., June 17, 2008	Wed., June 18, 2008	Thurs., June 19, 2008	Fri., June 20, 2008
9:00-11:30	Gr. 7 Lang Arts (class) Gr. 8 Lang Arts	Gr. 7 Mathematics Gr. 9 Lang Arts CRT (class)	Gr. 7 Social Studies Gr. 8 Mathematics Gr. 9 Lang Arts CRT (class)	Gr. 7 Francais (class) Gr. 7 Core French (class) Gr. 9 Math CRT	Gr. 7 Science (class) Gr. 9 Social Studies
12:30-3:00	Gr. 9 Science	Gr. 8 Social Studies	Gr. 9 Core French (gym) (This exam starts @ 1:15pm) Gr. 9 Francais (class) (This exam starts @ 1:15pm)	Gr. 8 Science	Gr. 8 Francais (class) (This exam starts @ 1:15pm) Gr. 8 Core French (gym) (This exam starts @ 1:15pm)

Exam Time Reminders

Students are reminded that

- school exams will run from 9:00-11:30 and from 12:30-2:55 daily. (unless noted on the exam schedule)
- morning homeroom will be held at the regular time BUT the afternoon homeroom will be held at 12:15pm.
- textbooks will be collected by the homeroom teacher before the exam. Students must return their text books at that time. A call home will be made for the textbooks to be brought in to the school.
- book bags, papers and notebooks will not be permitted in the exam room
- cell phones, pagers, mp3 players and Discmans are not permitted in the exam room. Talking is not permitted during the exam.
- If you miss an exam you must bring a doctor's note to explain your absence.

Cafeteria Service

Our cafeteria service will end for the year at the start of school exams. The last day students will be able to purchase from the cafeteria will be Friday, June 13^h. Students staying for the entire school day should bring their own lunch. The vending machines will be maintained weekly until the end of the school year.

Grade 9 School Leaving Ceremony

This year's Grade 9 school leaving celebration will be held on Wednesday, June 25th @ 6:30pm here at the school and the church. Specific information about the event will be distributed later this month. The school has been proud to host this event for the past 8 years. Grade 9 students and parents gather in the parish church for presentations of awards, followed by a social and then a dance in the school gym.

Dress for the event has always been casual. We suggest khakis and a collared shirt for the boys (not t-shirts and jeans) and skirt or pants/blouse combination or a dress BUT not a formal "graduation" dress/gown, for the girls. Over the years a few students have tried to equate this event with a high school graduation and inform their parents that they need grad dresses, nail appointments, tanning sessions, etc because everyone else is getting these things. Please follow the school's suggested clothing guidelines for the event as closely as possible. A few years back some students that did not attend the school leaving celebration because they did not have a dress to wear. This was unfortunate and the school is concerned that this year many more girls and their families may feel pressured to make unnecessary purchases or may simply skip the event altogether.

The school leaving celebration is intended to be a casual evening and the cost to parents should be minimal.

Dress Code at St. Paul's

As the weather gets warmer and we can all shed our winter layers, we would like to remind students and parents of the dress code at St. Paul's. Students are expected to wear clothing that is clean and appropriate to the school setting. Clothing with advertising of such things as alcohol, drugs and sex is not permitted.

All tee shirts must have sleeves and the body of the shirt must be long enough to overlap the top of their pants or skirt. This includes when the student is sitting down! **Tank tops, belly shirts and spaghetti strap tops are not acceptable.** Skirts and shorts must be of an acceptable length.

We realize that fashion trends may differ from our dress code. However, first and foremost, students must be dressed appropriately and comfortably for a school setting where they are seated for a good portion of the day.

New Mathematics Curriculum

On March 19th the Honourable Joan Burke, Minister of Education, announced the implementation of a new mathematics curriculum from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Newfoundland and Labrador will be adopting the Western and Northern Canadian Protocol (WNCP) mathematics Common Curriculum Frameworks (CCF). The WNCP Common Curriculum Framework identifies beliefs about mathematics and is stated in terms of general outcomes, specific outcomes, and achievement indicators.

Newfoundland and Labrador Implementation Schedule

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New student textbooks and teacher resources will be provided which match the curriculum outcomes. The mathematics CCFs are available for download in both English and French at www.wncp.ca.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5 Day 7	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3 Spring Concert @7:30pm	9 Professional Development Day for Teachers
12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 7	15 Day 1 School Council meeting	16 Day 2
19 Victoria Day Holiday	20 Day 3 Singstar competition	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Gr 9 class pictures, team pictures	23 Day 6
26 Day 7	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4
2 Day 5	3 Day 6	4 Day 7	5 Day 1	6 Day 2
9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 7 last day to buy lunch
16	17	18	19	20
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23 Discovery Day Holiday	24 Day 6	25 Day 7 School leaving cere- mony for Gr 9	26 Day 1 Last day of school. Report cards	27 Admin Day for Teachers