

September 2007



Drop off and Pick Up at St. Paul's

Students should not be dropped off before 8:30 a.m.

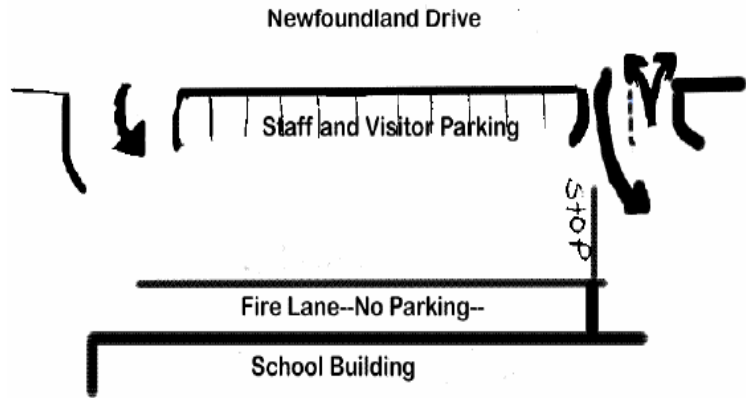
Supervision is provided twenty (20) minutes prior to the commencement of classes. The lane closest to the school is the drop off lane. Parents should drop and go to avoid traffic backups.

When leaving the drop off lane, motorists must yield to the moving traffic in the outside lane.

Motorists must yield to traffic entering from the Church entrance on Newfoundland Drive.

When picking up students please park in the designate spots by the Church or any vacant spot in the front of the school. The drop off lane is also a fire lane and no vehicle should be parked there. You may be ticketed.

Parents should not drop off or pick up students behind the building. This area is for our school buses and handicap zone. **We asked that motorists exercise care and caution around the school.**



New Staff Members

This year we extend a warm welcome to new and returning staff to our St. Paul's Junior High School community. They are:

Ms. M. Nurse	Homeroom 205 French Immersion Science
Ms. V. Parker	Homeroom 306 French Immersion Social Studies
Ms. N. Power-Goodridge	Grade 9 Language Arts
Mr. T. Hale	Technology Education/ Core French/ Language Arts
Mr. S. Laing	Homeroom 303 Social Studies Dept Head
Ms. S. Burry	Special Education
Ms. P. Aylward	Homeroom 307 Language Arts
Mr. N. Tremblett	Homeroom 302 Language Arts/Social Studies/ Immersion
Ms. P. Coady	Classroom Music/ Choir/ Social Studies
Ms. S. Evoy	Homeroom 103 Gr.7 Core French/ Instrumental Music
Ms. Sampson	Student assistant
Ms. Hewitt	Student assistant
Ms. Mangrove	Student assistant

Teacher Email and Course Websites

The staff would like the parents of our students to know that many of the staff have teacher web pages where current homework assignments and notice of dates for tests will be found. The page is available at this address <http://www.k12.nf.ca/stpj/page3.htm>

We would like to encourage all parents and guardians to provide to their child's teachers a contact email address. Parents and guardian's wishing to communicate via email should send a message to Mr. Hounsell, thomashounsell@esdnl.ca, stating your child's name and grade. He will see that the email address is given to the necessary teachers.

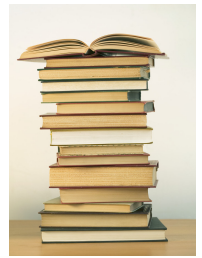
ST. PAUL'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Communicator

Please Return Grade 7 and 8 Textbooks

Please check around your home for any grade 7 and 8 textbooks that were not returned in June. We are missing a number science and social studies textbooks that were given to students last year but were not returned in June. There are students that are waiting for text books for this year and we are scrambling to find enough texts to fill the need.

If the missing texts are not returned we will have to purchase more from the Dept of Education at a cost of \$50 to \$60 dollars each. The money for that purchase will have to come from our school operating budget.



Curriculum Night



Just a reminder that curriculum night will take place on Thursday, September 13, 2007, at 7:45pm.

This is an opportunity for you to meet the teachers in the school, learn about the programs that your children are learning and tour the school.

The event will begin in the gym and continue in various classrooms throughout the building.

A social will follow in the home economics room.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

School Dress Code

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. Ball caps are not permitted to be worn inside the building and must be kept in student lockers during the school day.

All tee shirts must have sleeves and the body of the shirt must be long enough to overlap the top of the pair of 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.

MP3 players, cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off and kept in student lockers during the school day. We recommend that these items be kept home as they are not required in school and are prime items for thieves.

We appreciate students' and parents' cooperation.

Hand washing and Your Health

Students are encouraged to use the paper towels and soap provided in the washrooms. If for some reason they are not available let us know and we will provide them. Parents may provide their child with wipes in their lunch boxes.

Hand washing is an essential, cost-free, simple action to keep healthy and free from diseases such as colds and flu.

In the interest of safety, we are requesting that students not bring lunch or recess items containing nuts of any kind or seafood products. We have a number of students at St. Paul's who because of an allergy to nuts, eggs and seafood are placed at serious risk by being exposed to these products.

Reporting Schedule for 2007-2008

TERM ONE

September 05, 2007 - November 23, 2007 (56 days)

Term One ends November 23, 2007

Reports released November 29, 2007

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences December 6, 2007

TERM TWO

November 26, 2007 - March 7, 2008 (64 Days)

Term Two ends March 7, 2008

Reports released March 13, 2008

Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences March 19, 2008

TERM THREE

March 10, 2008 - June 26, 2008 (70 Days)

Reports released on June 26, 2008

Student Information Forms

A student information form was distributed on the first day of school to all students. This form needs to be updated on a yearly basis and must be signed by the parent or guardian.

Please ask your child about this form so that you can complete it and return it to the school as soon as possible.

The three most vital pieces of information for each child are a **MCP number**, an **emergency phone number** so that we may contact parents, and to inform us if your child has a **serious medical condition or allergy**.

Science Projects: Important Dates

October 1st: Topic approved by science teachers. Students can't do a science project without their science teachers approval. There are many projects we can't approve, like depriving an animal or using radioactive/ biohazardous materials.

October 15: Proposal/Background paper on topic passed in.

November 26 –30 : Science Project Presentations in class. The teacher will select students to present each day but all students should had science project completed by this time.

January 23: School Wide Science Fair (Optional)

Backboards: only the grade 9 students will be marked on their backboards. It is optional for grade 7 and 8 science students to put their project on a backboard.

Students will receive a handout this week describing the expectations for their science project. Also see Science projects at Ms. Hardings website <http://www.k12.nf.ca/stpj/page3.htm>.

Laboratory Safety:

All students and parents must sign a safety contract before students are allow to do activities in the Laboratory. This is a requirement of the Department of Education Safety regulations. The forms will be given out this week and must be returned by September 19/2007.

Attention Guides and Pathfinders

There will be a registration for Guides and Pathfinders at Virginia Park Elementary School on Monday September 17, 2007, from 7:00-8:00pm. The cost of registration will be \$ 55.00.

BULLYING and HARASSMENT: Let's make it STOP!

Bullying and harassment are the misuse of power to degrade, intimidate, humiliate, terrorize or coerce another person. Bullying is about cruelty and control, and it's intentional - bullies mean to hurt someone.

Bystanders make bullying worse when they support rather than try to stop, the bad behaviour.



Remember: everyone has rights, and everyone has responsibilities.

I have the right...

- to be treated fairly and with respect
- to feel safe
- to be included in groups and activities
- to ask for help when I need it
- to say 'no' to unwanted behaviour
- to make my own decisions
- to be protected from bullying and harassment
- to make truthful complaints
- to be informed of complaints made about me
- to have both sides of an issue heard
- to be informed of consequences that affect me
- to have a fair appeal process to have a supportive adult speak for me

I have the responsibility...

- to treat others fairly and with respect
- to include and welcome others
- to help protect myself from harm
- to respect others peoples' boundaries
- to give help when needed
- to listen when others say No!
- to not overpower, bully, harass or abuse anyone
- to control my anger
- to report mistreatment of other people
- to listen to myself and get help if something seems wrong to let people make their own decisions.

Team Coaches Needed

The extra curricular physical education program at St. Paul's is in need of parent volunteers to be coaches of the following teams:

- **junior girls volleyball (grade 7 & 8)**
- **senior girls volleyball (grade 8 & 9)**
- **junior boys soccer (grade 7 & 8)**

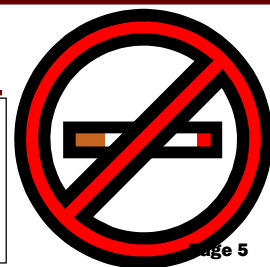
If you are interested please contact Ms. Lilly at the school or email valerielillytorrville@esdn1.ca

Schedule of Events for 2007-2008

September 13	Curriculum Night
September 18 and 19.....	School Pictures
September 28.....	Living Healthy Commotion Day// STAR Assembly
October 8	Thanksgiving Hoilday
October 26.....	STAR Assembly
November 9.....	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 12.....	Remembrance Day Holiday
November 29.....	Term I Reports Released
November 30.....	STAR Assembly
December 5.....	Christmas Concert
December 6.....	Parent/Teacher Conference Term I
December 21.....	STAR Assembly/St. Paul's Idol (Last day prior to Christmas Holidays)
January 7	School Reopens after Christmas break
January 23.....	Science Fair
January 25.....	STAR Assembly
February 18.....	District Holiday
February 21.....	Speech Night
February 29.....	STAR Assembly
March 6.....	Heritage Fair
March 13.....	Term II Reports Released
March 19.....	Parent/Teacher Conference Term II
March 20.....	STAR Assembly/St. Paul's Idol (Last day prior to Easter Holidays)
April 1.....	School reopens
April 25.....	STAR Assembly
May 8.....	Spring Concert
May 19	Victoria Day Holiday
May 28	Literature Fair
May 30.....	STAR Assembly
June 5.....	Grade 6 —Parent Orientation Night
June 16-20.....	Final Exams (Tentative)
June 23	Discovery Day Holiday
June 25.....	School Leaving
June 26.....	STAR Assembly and Awards Presentation /Release Report Cards
June 27.....	Administrative Day for Teachers

Smoke-Free Grounds and Facilities

Visitors, staff and students are reminded that effective September 1, 2006, all buildings, grounds and properties under the jurisdiction of the Eastern School District are smoke-free. Please respect our smoke-free policy and support us in our efforts to create a safe and healthy environment for everyone.



School Council Vacancies for 2007-2008

Two Parent Representatives:

- 2 Elected Positions — A one year term and a three-year term
 - Nomination Forms Available at the Main Office.
 - Deadline for Nominations will be Wednesday, October 3, at 3:45 pm.
 - Elections (if necessary) will be Friday, October 5, 2007
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Breakfast Club Starts on Monday, September 10, 2007

Breakfast Club will start up for this school year on Monday the 10th. It will run from 8:15 am to 8:45am daily.

Our Breakfast Club relies on donations to keep going. Supplies usually run out faster than they come in.

So we always need donations of food (cereal, cereal bars, juice boxes, etc). Donations of money are greatly accepted too! All donations of food and money that we receive are then matched by the Kids Eat Smart Foundation so we can buy perishable items like milk, fresh fruit and yogurt.

Please drop your donations off at the office during the school day. Please do not donate cereals with a high sugar content or any products containing nuts.

Remember the Kids Eat Smart Foundation will match the value of the cereal and juice that YOU donate. So you get twice the value from your donations.

To become a parent volunteer with the Breakfast Club, please contact Ms. Rowe (jillrowe@esdn1.ca).



Environmental Centre in Deer Park:

Two of our Grade 8 Science classes will attend for two days and one night on September 13 & 14 .

Fluvarium Visit: An annual Event

All science students will be visiting the Fluvarium. The Fluvarium offers programs that match the grade nine, eight and seven science curriculum. We encourage all students to attend as each program is different and they have not seen it before. Your child's science teacher will inform them which day they will attend.

Grade nines (water quality) are on October 9th and 10th; Grade Seven (Characteristics of Life) are on November 7th, 8th, 9th. The dates for the grade 8 students will be announced later

Grade 8 visit the Colony of Avalon

Over the span of 3 days next week all grade 8 students studying the new Newfoundland History course will visit the active archeological dig in Ferryland. Students will tour the museum and dig site and chat with the archeologists on site.

The picture on the left shows a group of students from a previous year's class gathered around the restored Colony of Avalon well.

This year's visits will take place on Sept 17, 18, & 19. Permission forms with more information will be distributed this week.



SEPTEMBER 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	Day 4 10	Day 5 11	Day 6 12	Day 7 13	Day 1 14	15
16	Day 2 17	Day 3 18	Day 4 19	Day 5 20	Day 6 21	22
	Grade 8 students to colony of Avalon					
		School Photos				
23	Day 7 24	Day 1 25	Day 2 26	Day 3 27	Day 4 28	29
					Healthy Commotion Day Star Assembly	
30	Day 5 1	Day 6 2	Day 7 3	Day 1 4	Day 2 5	6
			School Council Nominations close today			
7	8	Day 3 9	Day 4 10	Day 5 11	Day 6 12	13
	Thanksgiving Day Holiday	Gr. 8 sessions at Environmental Centre				
		Gr 9 sessions at the Fluvarium				
14	Day 7 15	Day 1 16	Day 2 17	Day 3 18	Day 4 19	20
	Gr. 8 sessions at Environmental Centre					