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The Communicator
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Important Dates

Please take note of the following dates for school closures:

Wednesday, December 21, 2011 (Students dismissed for Christmas Break at 1:30PM)

Tuesday, January 03, 2012 (Students return from Christmas Break. This will be **Day Five** for students).

There are 13 weeks until Reporting Period II.

Music Notes

It has been a busy and thoroughly enjoyable month in the music department again this year. Here's what we've been up to:

NLTA Christmas Suite: On December 5th the St. Paul's Grade 7 Concert Band, Grade 7 Choir and Show Choir made their debut on the main stage at the Arts & Culture Centre. Bravo!

St. Paul's Christmas Concert: On December 12th, over 170 band and choir students participated in our annual school Christmas concert. The students gave superb performances and everyone present had a wonderful evening. Congratulations one and all!

Delta Hotel/Health Sciences: On December 16th, the Grade 8/9 Choir, Show Choir, and the 8/9 Symphonic Band took their Christmas show on the road and brought some Christmas cheer to others in our community. The students loved sharing their music and appreciated the comments and smiles that they received (particularly at the hospital). We were proud and pleased with how well-behaved, respectful, and co-operative our students were. It was an absolute pleasure and for that we would like to say . . . thank you!!!

And last but not least . . . SPRING FLING 2012 – Sunday, March 25th - Mark your calendars!

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Spring Fling, this is our annual Spring concert/dessert party where we feature pop music as well as music from movies, television, musicals, and much, much more. It is also a huge fundraiser for our school breakfast program. There will be desserts (lots & lots of desserts), raffle items, silent auction items, etc. Moreover, every dollar raised is matched by the Kids Eat Smart Foundation.

With over 170 students in the music program this year, we will be having not 1 but 2 Spring Fling shows – a matinee performance & an evening performance.

We are sure you will appreciate that an event like this takes a considerable amount of time and energy to plan. If you are able to help us out in any way, we would love to hear from you.

Have a wonderful Christmas & a joyous New Year!

St. Paul's Academic Initiatives

- Grade Seven Homework Recording
- Small Group Lunchtime Assistance
- Monday Assignment Catch-up
- Free Wednesday Tutorials 3:00-4:00PM

For more information contact christinapike@esdn.ca or dalelambe@esdn.ca

Science Activity is "Out of this World"



On December 1st, 2011 Grade 9 French Immersion students had the opportunity to speak with Col. Chris Hadfield, Canadian Astronaut. Col. Hadfield was in Russia and spoke with students from St. Paul's and a school in New Brunswick via webcam and

displayed on our library's SMARTBoard. During the 30 minute session, students asked questions about Col. Hadfield's training, his inspiration to be an astronaut, life in space and his upcoming trip to the International Space Station where he will be the first Canadian commander of the ISS for part of his 6-month stay. This was quite the finale for our Grade 9 Space unit!



Grade Eight Students Engage in Fish Cleaning Activity

Students in Grade Eight have been studying Newfoundland heritage and culture in their Social Studies program. In this photo students were engaging in the process known as the "gutting of fish." You will notice, however, that they still have on their best clothes.

Council Corner

The School Council is looking for parent volunteers for the following initiatives:

- 1.) Development of multipurpose field
- 2.) Dance supervision
- 3.) On-Call Special Events (ie. Christmas Concert, Field Trips)
- 4.) Breakfast Program
- 5.) Spring Fling
- 6.) Creation of a Volunteer List

E-mail Tammy Boddie at bloomsbury@nf.sympatico.ca if you are interested in serving on any of these committees.

Unique Physical Experience

Students at St. Paul's Jr. High School in St. John's were treated to a unique unit in Physical Education this fall, Native Games. All students from grades 7 to 9 participated in this unit over a 3-week period. The traditional native games that students participated in came from the native culture in Labrador, although many other places in Canada play these games.



Students were treated to two guest speakers, Andrea Andersen of Makkovik, NL and Caitlyn Baikie of Nain, NL, two Memorial University students who gave some history and information on the coast of Labrador as well as demonstrated many of the games. Our students were captivated by the history of the games and learning about the geography and lifestyle of the northern-most part of our province. Students participated in games such as The Monkey Dance, The Owl Hop, The Seal Crawl, The Stick Pull, Leg Wrestling, The Arm Pull, The Side Reach and The Back-to-Back Push.



Each game requires a variance of muscular strength, muscular endurance and cardiovascular endurance. Most of these activities can be done with minimal equipment and are at a level where all students can achieve success and most importantly, be active. We have several school records established in these events and students are looking forward to having a chance to break those records next year!

Photo Club Tips of the Month



Candid is cool! Why take a pic when the subject is expecting it?! So, always be ready for the unexpected!



Experiment with your camera's options. In this shot, the shutter speed was lowered to give the water that dreamy quality.

Vipers in the Spotlight

by Shane Gladney (Grade Nine student)

"The Sun'll come out tomorrow..." Anyone know what musical production this belongs to? That's right, Annie. Our very own Emily McKim played the loveable orphan Annie in the musical production that was playing at the Holy Heart Theatre. Emily found out about the play from her voice lesson teacher and has been dancing since she was four years old! This isn't her first time performing and it's doubtful it'll be her last as she has said she'd love to perform in a lead role again. She says despite getting stage fright two minutes before she goes on as soon as she hits the stage all just fades away except her lines and lyrics. The rehearsals for Emily began in August all the way to November, every weekend and most nights to eleven at night. According to Emily it was loads of fun and it's a great way to meet new people. The lesson here is for those who wish to perform, don't hold back, be yourself it'll turn out to be a good thing and give it your all at the audition. Great job "Annie", good luck with your career we're sure you'll do great!

Thanks to all the community volunteers who made our Grade Nine Junior Achievement Day a tremendous success!



Administrative Information

- Students are being asked to place their **cell phones** on the corner of their desks during classtime. Furthermore, they are asked to leave these electronic devices with the teacher when they go to the washroom. If you need to contact your child during the school day please call (709) 753-6630.
- **Bookbags** need to be left in student lockers during classtime unless noted in an Individual Student Plan. For the protection of your child's belongings all lockers need to be **locked** with a school lock.
- Students are asked to stay **off** the ice located on the Virginia Trail as it is a severe safety risk and is actually attached to a running stream which maximizes this danger.
- Just a reminder that we have outside days at lunchtime so we ask that students dress appropriately with winter clothing.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!