

Communicator



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Special points of interest:

- Report Cards Released November 15th, 2001
- Remembrance Day Assembly on November 8th.
- Charitable Bingo Update
- School Holiday on November 9th & 12th.
- Parent Interviews held on November 21st. And November 22nd.
- School Association meeting at November 15th in the Resource Centre.

Celebrating Success!!!



Duncan Allison

was chosen as a winner in the Ocean Net environmental Poster Contest. Stephanie was awarded a \$200 first place prize in the contest that was run in conjunction with the Youth and the Oceans conference in October.

Congratulations to Sarah Small who is a member of the Newfoundland Symphony Youth Choir



Sarah Small

competition. Mark was the winner in the 13 year old category, one of only 2 winners in North America. Mark achieved a perfect score of 25 baskets in the competition to claim victory.

Thank you to Duncan Allison who has so generously given of his time and talent to demonstrate the bagpipes to many of our grade 7,8 and 9 students during music classes. Duncan is a member of the City of St. John's Pipe Band and has been playing for three and a half years.



Stephanie Morris

Congratulations to Stephanie Morris who

(Camerata). The choir placed third in the "Let the People Sing" competition held in London, England in October 2001.. The 10 day trip included workshops, performances and the competition.

Congratulations to Mark Woodland who recently won an international Knights of Columbus free throw



Mark Woodland

Remembrance Day Assembly

The school will hold a Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday November 8th during the first two periods of the day.

The assembly will be student lead with a number of invited guests.

Students involved include Duncan Allison, Katie Boland, Kenneth Cadigan, Hilary Bartlett, Lisa Kelly and Kalli Fraize; along with members of the school choirs.

Guests from The Royal Canadian Legion include Mr. Harold Winsor, Mr. Sam Johnson, Mr. Bob LeMesurier, Mr. James Lewis and Mr. Charlie Morris. Thank you to all who helped organize the event.



Brother Brennan Environmental Centre

Reminder to parents of Students in rooms 802 and 806 that the dates for this field trip are November 13-15. Please make sure all forms and fees are returned to the school as soon as possible. **We are still in need of parent chaperones—please contact Mme. Webb if you are interested.**

Report Cards and Parent Interviews

Term 1 Report Cards will be released on November 15th.

Parent interviews will be held on November 21 from 1:00-5:00pm and November 22 from 7:00-9:30pm.

Interviews will be by appointment only and will be limited to 3 appointments per student.

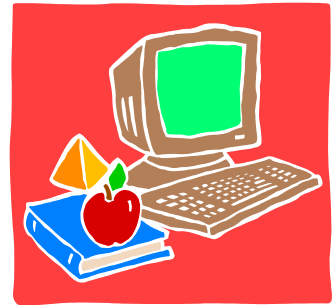
This year parents and guardians will have the option of booking their own appointments on our website or by

returning a form to the school that will be included with the report card. If you would like to book your 3 appointments online you will need a username and password. To get yours send your name, home phone number and your child's name to thounsell@stpe.k12.nf.ca Your username and password will be sent to you enabling you to book your 3 appointments online beginning

Thursday, November 15, 2001.

This online system will enable you to book and confirm your 3 appointments. No more waiting to see IF you got the appointment times you requested.

When you book your 3 appointments online you can print a copy of your appointment times immediately.



To be able to book your parent teacher appointments online get a username and password by emailing thounsell@stpe.k12.nf.ca

“Fly the Flag of Remembrance”



For the seventh consecutive year, the provincial government and the Royal Canadian Legion sponsored the Fly the Flag of Remembrance Program.

This program is another educational opportunity used to promote remembrance.

This year a ceremony was scheduled for Thursday 01 November at 12:00 noon in the main lobby of Confederation Building.

Mr. Hale's grade seven class was invited to attend the ceremony where the Honorable Roger Grimes raised the Poppy Flag and addressed the gathering. Many thanks go out to class 701 for representing the school so well.

Charitable Bingo and St. Paul's School Association

The St. Paul's School Association has benefited over the past years from having charitable status. Our main source of fundraising has been from our association with Kenmount Bingo Association, a charitable bingo at the Avalon Mall.

Last year all charitable bingos in the province were ordered by government to return a higher percentage of the revenues to their charities or lose their license. In June 2001 these bingos were to return a minimum of 5% of their revenues, by December 2001 a minimum of 10% and by June 2002, 15% of their revenues must be returned to the charities associated with the bingos.

In June of 2001 the Kenmount Bingo Association returned about 8% of their revenues to St. Paul's and the other charities associated with that group but they may not be able to return the proposed 10% to us in December and under the current government regulations St. Paul's School Association will lose their bingo license.

Our partnership with the Kenmount Bingo group has extensively benefited the students of St. Paul's School. Since 1995 our school association has received more than \$110,000.00 from the bingo. Computers, science lab equipment, novels, encyclopedias, curriculum related books and other materials for the Resource Centre, musical instruments, gym equipment, school trophies and sports uniforms have all been purchased with this funding. This has meant an average of \$18,000 per year to enhance student life and learning at St. Paul's.

The possible loss of this funding will directly affect our ability to provide the level of program support to which we have grown accustomed.

Kenmount Bingo has asked Minister Walter Noel, the minister in charge of this initiative to put a hold on the further cancellation of bingo licenses and that a committee be formed to examine the bingo regulations and investigate why so many charitable groups are having difficulty returning increased revenue to the charities.

We encourage you to contact Minister Walter Noel (Ph 729-4713) to express your concern about the loss of funding to St. Paul's and express your support of a committee to examine the current situation of charitable bingos in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.



School photos were sent home last week. If there was a problem with your picture order please contact the school by **Tuesday, November 13th.**



A Scholastic Book Fair will be held at the school during the week of Nov 19 To Nov 23rd



St. Paul's School Association Update

A big thanks to all who attended the last St. Paul's School Association Meeting! The meeting focused on discussing the major activities for this school year. It was decided we would host a school musical extravaganza (Spring 2002)! A subset of St. Paul's School Association met to further work on this idea!

*Interested in hearing about or participating in seeing this event come to life? then join us at the next School Association meeting on **November 15 at 8:00 pm** in the School Resource Centre.*

Global Club News



Many thanks to all students, staff and parents who helped make our **American Red Cross** penny drive a great success. We collected \$220.86 which will be used to help victims of the Sept. 11th tragedy.

Also, thanks to those who

contributed to our World Food Day fund raiser. We collected \$25.95 which has been donated to **Oxfam** to help refugees.

Again this year a box has been placed in the main lobby for the collection of old **eyeglasses**. These will be donated to people in developing countries who would otherwise not have glasses. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Also, a collection box for canceled **postage stamps** has been placed in the main lobby. These will be donated to Oxfam and

are used to help raise money for their many worthwhile programs. Please leave a one inch border around the stamps. Last year at St. Paul's students put together a number of Christmas boxes which were distributed to children in developing countries. These boxes were filled with toys, school supplies and personal items. Anyone interested in putting together a shoe box this year may contact Mrs. Dean for further information. Boxes must be sent to the school by Nov. 12th

Social Studies Update

A reminder to all parents that there will be exams at all grade levels this year.

Our evaluation scheme has been modified to reflect these changes and to mirror the guidelines set out by the Department of Education and the School Board. Any questions concerning the Social Studies curriculum or evaluation policy should be addressed to Mr. D. LeDrew, Department Head.

An outline of our evaluation policy for Social Studies appears below.

Grade Seven & Eight

- 10% Class Participation
- 40% Projects / Activities
- 20% Tests
- 15% Mid Year Exam
- 15% Final Exam

Grade Nine

- 10% Class Participation
- 30% Resource Based Projects
- 30% Tests
- 30% Exams

Nunavut Presentation Friday December 7th

On Friday December 7th all grade seven classes will experience a presentation on the Canadian Arctic with specific reference to the new territory of Nunavut. The presentation will include the following:

- ❖ A 45-minute Arctic presentation using slides, arts and crafts, followed by a 20-minute question and answer period.
- ❖ A display of Inuit arts and crafts, soapstone carvings, ulu knife, walrus tusk, sealskin kamiks and other traditional items.
- ❖ A handout about Nunavut, with information on the population, geography, lifestyle and culture of the new territory.

The presenter, Mr. Charlie Cahill, worked as a community development officer in the North West Territories for ten years. He is presently manager of Central Arctic Services. Last year he delivered the presentation to ~ 25 Avalon area schools and over 450 schools in Western Canada. The presentation has been reviewed as appropriate, entertaining and informative for grades 1 through 12. We look forward to viewing this presentation in December.



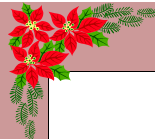
The staff and students extend a heartfelt thank you to **McDonalds** (Torbay Road) for their generation donation of gift certificates and coupons in support of our Halloween Spirit Day .



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Poinsettias Fundraiser

Last week a sheet was sent home to gather orders for our Christmas Fundraiser.

The plants we are selling come from Bickerstaff Nurseries and are in six inch pots. You have a choice of red or variegated poinsettias at a cost of \$10.00 per plant.

To avoid any delay, all orders must be pre-paid. All plants which you order must be picked up at St. Paul's on Friday, December 14, 2001, at 3pm.

Please return your order forms and money to the school by Thursday November 29th, 2001

Annual St. Paul's Speech Competition

This year the **St. Paul's Speech Competition** will be held in mid- December. In preparation for this event all language arts students will be looking for speech topics and writing speeches for class competitions which will be held towards the end of November and early December.

November 2001

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Day 6	2 Day 7	3
4	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 School Holiday	10
11	12 Holiday for Remembrance Day	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 7 Report Cards released for Term 1.... Recycling Day	16 Day 1 Book Your 3 appointments	17
18	19 Day 2 Book Your 3 appointments Book Fair	20 Day 3 Confirmed Appointments sent home Book Fair	21 Day 4 Parent Teacher Appt. 1 pm-5 pm Book Fair	22 Day 5 Parent Teacher Appt. 7 pm-9:30 pm Book Fair	23 Day 6 Book Fair	24
25	26 Day 7	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3 Poinsettias Orders and money due today.	30 Day 4 Teacher In-service Day School Closed	