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ST. PAUL'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Communicator

News From Home Economics

The new Home Ec groups have begun, and a letter is presently being sent home to all parents with respect to expectations. All students are to have a duo tang folder in which to keep their class work, and the homework assignments they will be given. All grades will be required to complete 10 weekly assignments and have parent's signature on each. A checklist of assignment requirements has been sent home. Please ask for it if you haven't already seen it. Assignments are available on Miss Rowe's webpage, if students are absent on class day. Assignments are due on the following week's class. Student's are encouraged to pass all work in early in the collection basket in the Home Ec room.

Our Breakfast Club Needs Your Help

Our Breakfast Club is having another successful year. It's now the halfway point of the year, and we are in need of help to restock our cupboards to keep us going till June. Please remember to bring home the request sheets that were passed out to all students last week, so that Mom or Dad might add it to your grocery list. We are only asking for one, but of course more is always welcome. And of course, money donations will never be turned down! Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. We are very proud of our Breakfast Club here at St. Paul's, and with your help, we can have another successful year. Please bring all donations to the Home Ec room. Thanks for all your support!

Scent Free is the Way to Be!

Just a reminder to students that our school is a scent free environment. Some students and staff are particularly sensitive to strong scents from such products as perfumes and deodorant. Please be mindful and respectful of your friends and colleagues when getting ready to go to school every day. Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week took place from February 8th – 14th this year. During this week teachers were treated with kind gestures from many families and friends who brought in lovely food and baked goods for teachers to enjoy. Our spirits were energized with the demonstrated appreciation through all these kind acts, and through the acts of helpful students who showed us their appreciation throughout the week as well. Everyone on staff would like to extend a big "Thank you" to all for a great week!

Association for New Canadians

The Association for New Canadians now has a Helpline/ Information Service that is available through email and phone access. Anyone with inquiries with regards to: Immigration, International Students, Refugee Information, Temporary Foreign Workers or any questions in general may contact this service. The Email address is: ancinformation@nfld.net, and phone lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am – 4:30pm at 1-877-666-9650. For more information on this service, please visit them online at www.anc-nf.cc.

Junior Achievement Visits St. Paul's

Junior Achievement provides business and entrepreneurship education programs delivered by trained volunteers who share their practical work experience. The program encourages junior high and high school students to reflect on the advantages of remaining in school to acquire the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed for long-term career success. The program also explores the personal and economic costs of dropping out of school and, to take it a step further, to show students how important life-long learning is in today's society. This visit from Junior Achievement volunteers will take place on Wednesday, February 18th.

St. Paul's Student Newspaper

The school will be publishing a student newspaper entitled "The St. Paul's Quarterly." The first edition was printed this past Friday, February 13th with columns including current events, sports, entertainment, fashion, comics and much more. Students are encouraged to participate in the newspaper, and writing positions are always available. Everyone is welcome to contribute their ideas for the paper, written pieces and/or drawings. Please see Ms. Earle, or email newspaperNL@hotmail.com. Suggestions may be dropped off at any time! We would like to thank Ms. Ridgley as well for editing this month's newsletter, we really appreciate it!

Fitness Sessions with Mr. Shave

Our physical education intern from Memorial University, Mr. Shave, is going to be offering fitness classes every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 4:30pm until just before the Easter break. Mr. Shave will be there to provide fitness advice and help to any students wishing develop a personal fitness plan that is right for them. Fitness equipment will be available during this time for student use. Come join this free service and tone up for the summer months that aren't too far away!

Girls' Volleyball Provincial Tournament

Our girl's volleyball teams recently participated in the provincial tournament that was held in Clarenville the weekend of February 6th – 7th. Both teams represented the school with great accomplishment finishing the tournament with a 3rd and 4th place finish. We wish to congratulate the girls on an excellent performance and thank the coaches, parents, and teachers involved with the event, especially, Krista Vincent, Tammy Doody and Ms. Burry. Well done, girls!!!

“Spring Fling” Theme Day

This year our music teachers, Mme. Pope and Mrs. Coady, will be organizing a special themed afternoon at the school for all to enjoy. This event called “Spring Fling” will take place on Sunday April 5th. More details on this special day will be available soon. Students, parents and teachers will have an afternoon of food, entertainment, music and fun in store and we are all certainly looking forward to a beautiful day with “Spring Fling” this April.

School Science Fair

Our school Science Fair will take place Wednesday March 11th, in our cafeteria. Students will be permitted to setup their projects between 2:30 and 3:30pm that day with judging taking place afterwards. That evening we will be hosting an open house when all parents, family and friends may come to visit and look at all that our students have accomplished. Presentations will be scheduled to follow the open house. All are

After School Homework Program

Mr. Roach will be providing an after school homework program every Wednesday for any student who would like some extra help in with their studies. Any student with any questions can see Mr. Roach, or participate in the program that will be held either in the cafeteria or the resource room.

School Leaving Dance

Thursday May 28th may be the date for our dance. As soon as more details are available, we will let you know. Just a reminder that this will not be a formal event, rather more on the casual side of things. Further details on the event to follow as they are decided.

Camp Delight Fundraiser Success

After two weeks of cancellation, we were finally able to have our school dance this past Thursday, February 12th. We would like to thank all the students who attended and supported such a great cause as Camp Delight, and a thank you as well to all teachers and parents who participated, and volunteered their time to chaperone the event.

Grade Nine Peer Counselors

Are you in grade nine and interested in becoming a peer counselor? Develop skills to enable you to become a peer helper such as listening, responding, assertiveness, decision making and problem solving. To find out more about this program, or to pick up an application, check with Mr. Cole or Mr. Osmond.

Education Week, March 1—7

Education Week has always been about celebrating education and the importance of learning. This year’s theme, **CELEBRATE OUR HEROES • CÉLÉBRONS NOS HÉROÏNES ET HÉROS** involves celebrating our heroes, past and present, and recognizing their importance in our everyday lives. Education Week can be an enriching experience for students, teachers and parents. All teachers are encouraged to continue to observe Education Week with their students. All students have much to contribute and would grow and learn from involvement in Education Week activities.

March/April 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 01 <i>Education Week Begins</i> | 2 Day 4 | 03 Day 5 | 04 Day 6 | 05 Day 7 | 06 Day 1 • <i>Recycling</i> | 07 <i>Education Week Ends</i> |
| 08 | 09 Day 2 | 10 Day 3 | 11 Day 4 | 12 Day 5 | 13 Day 6 - <i>Recycling</i> | 14 |
| 15 | 16 • <i>School Holiday</i> <i>No Classes</i> | 17 Day 7 - <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> | 18 Day 1 | 19 Day 2 | 20 Day 3 - <i>Recycling</i> | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Day 4 | 24 Day 5 | 25 Day 6 | 26 Day 7 | 27 Day 1 - <i>Recycling</i> | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Day 2 | 31 Day 3 | April 1 Day 4 | 02 Day 5 | 03 Day 6 - <i>Recycling</i> | 04 |
| 05 - <i>Spring Fling Theme Day, 2pm</i> | 06 Day 7 | 07 Day 1 | 08 Day 2 | 9 Day 3 - <i>Holy Thursday</i> - <i>Break for Easter Holidays</i> | 10 Day 4 - <i>Good Friday</i> | 11 - <i>Easter Saturday</i> |