

# Communicator

June 2004 Special Edition

## St. Paul's Junior High

### Memorial University/Fry Family Foundation Leadership Award

As former Chairman of the Memorial University/Fry Family Foundation Leadership Award, I am pleased to announce that we are extending this program provincially for the 2003 – 2004 school year. The purpose of this program is to develop and implement a scholarship program for all Junior High Schools throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

In general, scholarship programs have primarily been instituted at the Senior High and Post-Secondary levels. Funding for scholarships have come from both the public and private sectors and are generally used to cover the costs of tuition, housing accommodations, books and other expenses incurred during post-secondary studies. The purpose of scholarships can be many. Quite often, scholarships are instituted for motivational purposes. Students are financially awarded based on academic excellence and/or athletic performance. Other scholarships are based primarily on financial need with minimum standards placed on academics and/or athletics. Whatever their purpose, scholarships provide students with financial opportunities that help reduce the burden of post-secondary education. The Memorial University/Fry Family Foundation Leadership Award would consist of a one-time scholarship valued at \$1,200.00. The scholarship will be awarded to one grade nine student at each Junior High School within the province. The successful student will initially receive \$200.00 with the remaining \$1000.00 awarded upon graduation from High School.

The fundamental goal of the scholarship program is to encourage and foster the development of leadership abilities among our youth. High priority will be given to students who demonstrate exceptional leadership abilities. Likewise, students who have a B average and demonstrate quality leadership skills will be given significant consideration. This scholarship is not intended to be an academic scholarship only. In awarding the scholarship, involvement in liberal arts programs, academic standing, leadership abilities, athletic endeavors, and involvement in school-related as well as community-related volunteer service will be considered. Liberal arts programs could include but may not be limited to Drama, Theatre, Music, and Fine Arts.

The scholarship will be awarded to a grade nine student who plans to attend Memorial University of Newfoundland in the fall semester immediately following their completion of High School. The scholarship will be awarded to students who attend Memorial University only. The scholarship is not transferable to other institutions. The intent is to promote Memorial. Please encourage your child to apply for this unique and valuable opportunity.

Apply now!!! See Mr. Osmond for an application.

Mr. T. Osmond

### Upcoming Events

**May 31 (all day):** AESD Safe and Caring Schools Conference at MacDonald Drive Junior High. Students attending are Jessica Hann, Heather Noseworthy, Kim Martin, Liam Owens and Devin Lacey.

**June 1 (all day):** Professional Development Day at the school. There will be no school for students on that day

**June 3 (7:30 in the gym):** Band Concert. Tickets are available at the office.

**June 4 (evening):** Drop off for Flea Market

**June 5 in the gym:** Flea Market

**June 8 (7:30 p.m.):** School Council Meeting (tentative)

### Changes to June Exam Schedule

Changes have been made to the June exam schedule to accommodate the grade 9 Language Arts CRT. This exam MUST be written during the morning session of June 16th and June 17th. Grade 7 students will now write their Social Studies and Science exams in the afternoon on those days.

EXAM	Mon, June 14	Tues, June 15	Wed, June 16	Thurs, June 17	Friday, June 18
8:45 – 11:30 AM	Gr. 7 Language Arts Gr. 9 Social Studies	Gr. 7 Mathematics Gr. 8 Language Arts	Gr 9 Lang Arts CRT <i>Written in homeroom</i> Gr. 8 Science-gym	Gr 9 Lang Arts CRT <i>Written in homeroom</i> Gr. 8 Social Studies-gym	Gr. 9 Mathematics <i>Special Services testing accommodations</i>
11:45 – 2:25 PM	Gr. 8 Mathematics	Gr. 9 Science	Gr. 7 Social Studies	Gr. 7 Science	<i>Makeup Exams</i> <i>Special Services testing accommodations</i>

### Flea Market

On Saturday, June 5th there will be a 'Flea Market' at St Paul's School to raise funds to purchase new folding tables. This is a joint venture between St Paul's School and St. Paul's Knights of Columbus.

Please support this fundraiser by bringing donated items to the gym on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 between 5:00 pm. and 9:00 pm. The Flea Market will be on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Please come and bring a friend. If you are Interested In helping set up for the Flea Market, please contact Mr. Bartlett at the school.

# “Bringing Peace to our Schools, Homes and Communities”

The Avalon East School District invites parents and members of the school community to a special address by Hetty Van Gorp, President Peaceful Schools International “Bringing Peace to our Schools, Homes and Communities” on Sunday, May 30, 2004 at 7:30 pm. The presentation will be held at MacDonald Drive Junior High School. *Free Admission!*

Peaceful Schools International (PSI) is the focus of the Avalon East School District’s Safe Schools initiatives. Ms. Van Gorp is the keynotespeaker for the district conference. On Sunday, May 30th, Ms. Van Gorp will deliver her keynote address to the school community of Avalon East. Ms. Van Gorp is the founder and president of PSI. She is the recipient of many national awards and brings a grassroots understanding to her achievements in creating a culture of peace in schools throughout the world. *Safer Schools, Safer Communities*

## School Leaving Ceremony Information

There have been a number of inquiries about our school leaving ceremony. At present we have a group of teachers planning the event. As in past years, the evening will be divided into three sections.

### 6:30 School Leaving Ceremony

This part of the evening will take place in the church and will include presentation of student awards (academics, athletics and music), an address by the principal, a grade nine class speaker and student performances.

### 8:00 Social

We will arrange for a social for students, parents and teachers to be held in the gym immediately after the ceremony.

### 9:00 - 11:00 Student Dance

We would ask that all students and parents review the following points to ensure an enjoyable evening:

- Parents and students should be in the church and seated by 6:30. Doors will open at 6:00 PM
- Only parents / guardians of students will be permitted to attend the ceremony. There is limited seating in the church and regulations pertaining to numbers have to be followed.
- Outside guests will be asked to arrive at the front entrance of St. Paul's between 8:30 and 9:00 PM. where they will be permitted to enter if they are on our master list of approved guests.
- Our dress code is casual - no jeans. Dresses and cotton pants are fine but we do not want extravagant dresses or tuxedos.
- Once students arrive at 6:30 we expect them to remain until the end of the evening. Any student or guest who leaves the building will not be permitted to return.
- If a student wishes to bring a guest from another school, they must supply us with the student's name and school.
- Parents are asked to make arrangements to have students picked up once the dance is finished at 11:00.
- No knapsacks or book bags should be brought to school - we have nowhere to store them.
- Only students with signed forms will be permitted to attend this event.

**Grade 9 students should complete the registration form that was distributed last week and return it to the school by Friday June 4, 2004.**

## Memo to Parents and Guardians regarding June Exams

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During exam time, students write 2-hour examinations either in the morning or afternoon and use the other school hours to study. The school provides a supervised study area.

Several parents have contacted the school to ask if their children can be permitted to stay at home to study. They felt that their home would be a quieter place to study, away from the distractions of the classroom and their child's friends.

In the event that your child will be staying home when not writing an exam, please indicate your permission on the form below and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Without this permission form your child's absence from the study hall sessions will be considered unexcused in the school attendance register.

Please sign and complete the following permission slip by Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, **DOES / DOES NOT** (please circle one) have permission to stay home during the study hall hours, June 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

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Print Parent/Guardian's Name

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_