

ST. PAUL'S  
JUNIOR  
HIGH  
SCHOOL



# Communicator

May June 2004

## Special points of interest:

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- Science Fair Result
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## Literature Fair

St. Paul's Literature Fair will be held on May 17, 19 and 26. Students are encouraged to find a good book and develop a project to present to students, teachers, and parents. Literature Fair is compulsory for all Grade 7 students. Grade 8 and 9 students have the option of doing a project for extra credit. The Literature Fair project is a home based activity. Language Arts teachers have discussed with their classes the content and necessary elements of each project. Now is the time to get started. Don't leave it for the last minute; all students have to read an independent novel (title to be approved by their Language Arts teacher). Good luck and be creative and original!

We have had to reschedule the Grade 7 Literature Fair; it was planned for May 14<sup>th</sup> but we will be attending Les Miserables on that date so the Literature Fair for Grade 7's will be on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Grade	Date/Time
Grade 9	May 17 (morning)
Grade 8	May 19 (afternoon)
Grade 7	May 26 (all day)



Students will be attending P.W.C. production of Les Miserables, on May 14th at the Mt. Pearl Glacier

## “School Ink Jet Collection Program”

Y B R recycling has formed a partnership with the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and will donate a portion of the proceeds for each cartridge it collects under the "School Ink Jet Collection Program." This involves students in the fight against breast cancer.

St. Paul's students are asked to bring in empty ink jet cartridges from their family and friends which will then be recycled. A donation of \$3.00 is made to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation for each ink jet cartridge retrieved under this program.

Please bring your donations of ink cartridges to the challenging needs classroom on the main floor of the school

## Dress Code at St. Paul's.

As the weather gets warmer and we can all shed our winter layers, 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. 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.

We appreciate students' and parents' cooperation.

## Rotary Music Festival

Congratulations to the Jazz Band, the Junior High Choir and the Chromatics on being awarded silver awards at the Rotary Music Festival.

Congratulations to our Concert and Symphonic Band on receiving gold awards at the Rotary Music Festival. Congratulations to all groups and their teachers on a job well done.

### Avalon East School District Safer Schools, Safer Communities Conference

As part of our continued commitment to developing and maintaining a safe and caring environment at St. Paul's Junior High, Mr. Bartlett, (Principal), Mr. Osmond, (Guidance Counselor) and five of our students will be attending the Avalon East School District Safer Schools, Safer Communities Conference May 30 - 31, 2004 at MacDonald Jr High School.

### Recycling

Staff and students are asked to take note that the recycling bins have been placed around the school again. Students are reminded NOT to put any garbage or milk containers in those bins. Also, following the strike there have been some minor changes to our recycling program. Hence, parents are asked to take note that from now, to the end of the school year the "pick-up" day for our recyclables here at St. Paul's has been changed to Thursday. We are asking parents who wish to drop off any recyclable beverage containers (in the designated area in front of the school) to do so on Thursdays NOT Fridays.

### Challenging Needs: Materials Needed

Ms Kelly's challenging needs class is still looking for kitchen and household resources for their functional living course. Please contact Miss Kelly via email if you have any questions. All donations can be dropped off at the main office.

The challenging needs class is also beginning a gardening project. If any parents have and seeds or other gardening resources they would like to donate, please email Ms. Kelly at jakelly@stemnet.ca

### Congratulations to St. Paul's Science Fair participants

The Science Department at St. Paul's would like to congratulate all of the entrants in the St. Paul's Science Fair held on March 25. Approximately 75 student participated in this event, demonstrating a high level of excellence in scientific method as well as exploring a wide variety of scientific concepts. Several projects from each grade level were selected to represent St. Paul's at the Eastern Regional Science Fair:

**Grade 7:** Ashley Fitzpatrick, Claire Lenehan & Emily Yetman, Cam Burke

**Grade 8:** Jason Thomas & Travis Inkpen, Keely Whitelaw, Alanna Flynn, Matthew Avis & Shereef Aboulazm

**Grade 9:** Kathleen Allan, Heather Sullivan & Kimberley Purcell, Maryll Lister, Nisha Patel & Christian Davis, Robert Bartlett

Special congratulations are extended to **Keely Whitelaw** (Grade 8), winner of a bronze medal at the Eastern Regional Science Fair held at MUN in early April. Keely's project on carbon dioxide and plant growth also won the Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Agrologists award for the best agricultural project.

St. John's will be hosting the Canada-Wide Science fair in mid-May. Grade 7 students will get the opportunity to tour these fabulous projects on May 20. Hopefully this will spark their imagination for next year's science fair!

### French Public Speaking

During the months of February and March, Grade 8 and 9 French Immersion students participated in in-class French Public Speaking. In Grade 9, the top students were given the opportunity to speak-off for the opportunity to represent the school at the district level Canadian Parents for French "Concours Oratoire". The finalists were: Kathleen Allen, Kairee Islam, Emily Martin, Jessica Sinclair and Amy Stapleton (Late French Immersion) and Stephanie Albert (Francophone). The school winners were Kathleen Allen (Late French Immersion) and Stephanie Albert (Francophone).

Kathleen and Stephanie represented St. Paul's in their respective categories at the regional competition on March 20th. Kathleen received third place (Late French Immersion Grades 9 & 10) and Stephanie placed second (Francophone). Congratulations to all finalists and to Kathleen and Stephanie for their excellent performances at the regional level.

### Grade 9 School Leaving Celebration

This year's Grade 9 school leaving celebration will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd here at the school. Specific information about the event will be distributed later this month. The school has been proud to host this event for the past 5 years. Grade 9 students and parents gather in the parish church for presentations of awards, followed by a social and then a dance in the school gym.

Dress for the event has always been casual. We suggest khakis and a collared shirt for the boys (no t-shirts and jeans) and skirt or pants/blouse combination or a dress BUT not a formal "graduation" dress/gown, for the girls. Over the years a few students have tried to equate this event with a high school graduation and inform their parents that they need grad dresses, nail appointments, tanning sessions, etc because everyone else is getting these things. Please follow the school's suggested clothing guidelines for the event as closely as possible. Last year there were a few students that did not attend the school leaving celebration because they did not have a dress to wear. This was unfortunate and the school is concerned that this year, with the 4 week strike, that many more girls and their families may feel pressured to make unnecessary purchases or may simply skip the event altogether.

The school leaving celebration is intended to be a casual evening and the cost to parents should be minimal.

### Sewing Club Quilt Project.

The sewing club had been busy creating a quilt as a fund raiser for the NEW Autism Centre soon to begin construction on the old Shamrock Farm located behind the Health Sciences complex. Tickets are now on sale for \$1 from members of the sewing club, and Ms. Rowe. The draw will take place on Monday, May 31st.

## June Exam Timetable (revised May 28, 2004)

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	Gr. 9 Lang Arts CRT <i>Written in homeroom</i> Gr. 8 Social Studies	Gr. 9 Mathematics
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>

**Core French and Immersion Exams****Important notice**

The grade 7,8 and 9 Core French and français exams will be held on the last day of regular classes (**Friday, June 11**) during period 4 and 5. Students will write these exams in student homerooms.

**Child and Youth Advocacy Week:**

As part of "Child and Youth Advocacy Week" May 2-8, students are invited to participate in the 'Calendar Project'. This project provides an opportunity for students to contribute to a Calendar which will be distributed by the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate. The theme for the calendar is "Our Rights Our Voices". The students' submissions can vary; a poem, a story, a drawing or a painting, a personal letter or a limerick are all acceptable. Please check the Child and Youth Advocate Website at [www.childandyouthadvocate.nl.ca](http://www.childandyouthadvocate.nl.ca) for more information on this and other activities.

As part of **Police Week Activities** our students will be competing against the police in a Hockey Game on May 9th and a Basketball game on May 12th.

**Notes of Congratulations**

**April 5, 2004** Congratulations to the following students on their achievement at the 'Big Air' Competition at Whitehills over the weekend: Danny Beer: First place in the 15 - 17 age group (Free Style Skiing) Chris Follett: Third place in the 15 - 17 age group (Snowboarding)

**April 6, 2004** Congratulations to Jenny Cunningham, Stephen Ryan and Kylie Power on placing 3rd in the Coughie Cup school curling tournament at the St. John's Curling Club.

**April 28, 2004** Congratulations to the following students who competed with great success in the 2004 Provincial Karate Championships Karate Federation Newfoundland and Labrador held on Saturday, April 24, in St. John's: Kata in the Green Belt Division: Silver Medalist (2nd place) David Greene Kata in the Green Belt Division: Bronze 4th place Samantha Bullen Kata in the Green Belt Division: Bronze 3rd place Samanth Bullen and Ryan Withycombe. Kumite in the Green Belt Division 13+: Gold Medalist (1st place Ryan Withycombe.

**April 28, 2004** Congratulations to Kelsey Alexander on being one of four Newfoundlanders named to the Atlantic Canadian Swim Team. She will compete with a 36 member team against elite swimmers from Ontario and Quebec in Montreal from May 14 to the 18th. She will be the youngest competitor from Atlantic Canada.

**April 28, 2004** Congratulations the St. Paul's Hockey Team on capturing gold at a recent CBS Hockey Tournament.

**May 4, 2004** Congratulations to Mark Yang, a grade 8 student at St. Paul's on achieving a Bronze Certificate in the 4th MUN Math Challenge. Bronze certificate is given for superior performance.

Keep up with student success by visiting Mr. Bartlett's website at  
<http://teacherweb.com/NF/StPaul'sJuniorHighSchool/MrTBartlett/h0.stm>

# MAY & JUNE 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10 <i>Day 5</i>	11 <i>Day 6</i> Coral Connections	12 <i>Day 7</i> Police week Basketball game	13 <i>Day 1</i> Parent Meeting for Gr8 French Trip @7:30pm	14 <i>Day 2</i> Les Miserables at Mt. Pearl Glacier	15
16	17 <i>Day 3</i> Gr. 9 Literature Fair (am)	18 <i>Day 4</i> Spring Concert @7:30pm	19 <i>Day 5</i> Gr. 8 Literature Fair (pm)	20 <i>Day 6</i> Gr 7 Students to National Science Fair at MUN (am)	21 <i>Day 7</i> Grade 8 French Trip	22 Grade 8 French Trip
23 Grade 8 French Trip	24 <i>Victoria Day holiday</i> Grade 8 French Trip	25 <i>Day 1</i> Grade 8 French Trip	26 <i>Day 2</i> Gr. 7 Literature Fair all day	27 <i>Day 3</i>	28 <i>Day 4</i>	29
30 Safer Schools Conference	31 <i>Day 5</i> Safer Schools Conference Sewing Club Quilt Draw	1 <i>Day 6</i> Teacher in-service	2 <i>Day 7</i>	3 <i>Day 1</i> Band Concert	4 <i>Day 2</i> Gr. 9 Language Arts	5
6	7 <i>Day 3</i>	8 <i>Day 4</i>	9 <i>Day 5</i>	10 <i>Day 6</i>	11 <i>Day 7</i> Core French and Français exam to be held this after- noon in homeroom	12
13	14 <i>Day 1</i>	15 <i>Day 2</i>	16 <i>Day 3</i>	17 <i>Day 4</i>	18 <i>Day 5</i>	19
<b>&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;&lt;Final Exam Week&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>						
20 Gr 7 Immersion St. Pierre Trip	21 <i>St. John's Day Holiday</i> Gr 7 Immersion St. Pierre Trip	22 <i>Day 6</i> Gr 7 Immersion St. Pierre Trip	23 <i>Day 7</i> School leaving celebration . Gr 7 Immersion St. Pierre Trip	24 <i>Day 1</i> Gr. 7 & 8 awards assembly. Report Cards	25 Administrative Day	26