

# Communicator

## St. Paul's 25th Anniversary

The Home and School Association is organizing a silent auction to take place on November 14th. In addition to the auction, there will be deserts and refreshments served while our musical students provide entertainment throughout the evening. Proceeds from the event will go toward improving extra-curricular facilities and equipment.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to unite parents, students and teachers with a common goal... to improve both the recreational facilities and the school spirit here at St. Paul's. The Home and School Association would like to see a renewed sense of belonging and a sense of pride that only comes with being involved and making a difference. We want our childrens' experience at St. Paul's to be enriching. This year marks the 25th anniversary of St. Paul's and we encourage everyone to invest in your child's future and become involved in our school.

We recognize that families today have monetary and time commitments. We are asking only what you can spare. Donations are needed for the silent auction, however large or small. Handicrafts, gift certificates for specialized services...whatever innovative ideas people can come up with. All donations are welcomed and needed! We ask people with corporate connections to volunteer to approach businesses for a donation. If every family will make **one** donation, this fundraiser will be a huge success.

Please return the bottom portion of this form to the school office tomorrow to let us know how you can help. Even if you can't assist with the preparations, do plan to attend what will be a spectacular evening of fun, prizes, and bargains! Bring neighbours and friends!

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**I can help with the following:**

**Donate a Silent Auction Item** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Provide a Dessert for the event** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Volunteer: Assist in Preparation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Assist Night of event** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

## Update on High Enrolment at the Grade 7 Level:

The Avalon East School District has allocated an extra 0.25 unit to help deal with the unexpected increase in the enrolment at the grade seven level. Along with this allocation, Mr. Hounsell, our Assistant Principal, has taken on some extra classroom duties.

Through the use of these extra resources, we have been able to add an extra class of Mathematics, Language and Science at the grade seven level. This will reduce class sizes in these subject areas from approximately 36 to about 28.

***There will be an early dismissal on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> to facilitate planning and preparation sessions for teachers. Students will be dismissed when they returned from "Bye-Bye Birdie" performance at the Arts and Culture Centre. There will be no lunchtime cafeteria service on this day and buses will be running at approximately 12:30 p.m.***

We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we worked to address this situation and ask for your continued support as we work to implement these changes to schedules and classes.

### Coats for Kids

Again this year, in cooperation with the Canadian Red Cross and VOCCM, St. Paul's will be participating in the Coats for Kids campaign. If you have winter jackets or snowsuits that you no longer need you can send them along to the school. They can be dropped off at the office or given to Mme. Dean. The deadline for collection will be in early November. Please check the school website for the exact date.

### World Food Day

Wednesday, October 16th is World Food Day. This day commemorates the anniversary of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization branch of the United Nations in 1945. Around 800 million people go to sleep hungry every day. The celebration of World Food Day helps to heighten public awareness and understanding of world hunger, malnutrition and poverty. On October 16th we are asking students to make a small donation at recess or lunch time. The money raised will be donated to

### Old Calendars

If you have outdated wall calendars at home that you would like to donate to the school we would appreciate having them. We will be doing a project in grade seven social studies which involves recycling old calendars. Any wall calendar that has pictures of flowers, scenery, etc. would be useful. Calendars can be dropped off at the office or given to Mme. Dean.

## Global Club News

Again this year we will be collecting old eye glasses for distribution to those in developing countries. Glasses which are in good condition may be dropped off at the office or given to Mme. Dean. Many thanks as well to all those who brought in glasses last year. We collected over 100 pairs!

As well, this year we will be collecting cancelled postage stamps. These stamps are donated to OXFAM and then sold on the international market to stamp collectors. OXFAM uses the funds raised for its many worthwhile projects. Please leave a 1 inch border around the stamps. They may be dropped off at the office or given to Mme. Dean.

We are also planning again this year to participate in Operation Christmas Child. For the past two years many students, parents and teachers have prepared shoe boxes containing a variety of small gifts which would be appreciated by a child in a developing country. Items may include: crayons, soap, tooth paste, candy, small toys, etc. If you are interested in participating in this project, boxes and an information pamphlet are available from Mme. Dean. Filled boxes may be dropped off at the school by Nov. 1st. A \$5 donation placed inside each box covers the cost of shipping.

## Community Representatives for School Council

St. Paul's Junior High School Council is seeking expressions of interest in three Community Representative positions. They are one, two and three year terms. Anyone interested in one of these positions is ask to fill out the Community Representative Nominee Form, which is available at the school or may be downloaded from our web page. This form must be returned to the school by Friday, October 4th. If you require any further information, please contact Mr. Tom Bartlett, Principal.

## MUN Teacher Interns

On September 30th eight student teacher interns visited St. Paul's on an 'Observation Day', as part of their teacher training program. They will observe our teachers 1 day a week for the next 5 weeks. They are:

Ms. J. Gosse – Biology/Chemistry  
 Ms. J. Gulliver – Linguistics/French.  
 Mr. P. Joy –Biology/Chemistry  
 Mr. J. Williams –English/History  
 Ms. C. Sutton –English/History  
 Ms. J. Williams –History/Rel. Studies  
 Ms. N. Windsor –Biology/Earth Science.  
 Ms. S. Russell –Chemistry/Biology

## Important Notices for upcoming teacher in-service.

There will be an early dismissal on Friday, November 1st for a District directed in-service. There will be shortened periods for this day and students will be dismissed at 11:38 a.m. There will be no lunchtime cafeteria service on this day and buses will be running at 11:38 a.m.

There will no school on Friday November 4th as our teachers attend a LEADERS workshop.

## *School Council Training: An Orientation For New School Council Members*

**Where:** District Conference Center  
 116 Strawberry Marsh Road  
**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 9th., 2002  
**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
**Facilitators:** Cyril Coombs, Program Specialist  
 Derrick Moore, Assoc. Assistant Director, Staff Development

## Report Cards and Interviews

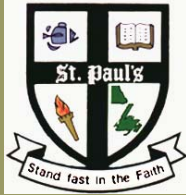
As of October 4th there are twenty-five instructional days remaining until the end of Term 1, November 8, 2001.

Term 1 Report Cards will be released by November 15th. and parent interviews will be held before November 22.

The interviews will be by appointment only and will be limited to 3 appointments per student. Parents and guardians will be able to book their own appointments via our school website. Details regarding interview appointments will be sent home in November's newsletter.

### Recycling Days

The recycling pick up days have changed. Parents and Students can drop off recyclable materials every Friday



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## Leaving the School at Lunchtime?

If your child leaves the school grounds at lunch time to purchase lunch at any of the businesses in the neighborhood, please take some time with your child to discuss how you expect your child to behave while visiting neighborhood stores.

We have met with officials from Dominion who have expressed concerns with how 'some' children behave in the store. Consequently they have increased security and will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law any students who shoplift or cause a disturbance on the premises.

# October 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Day 6	2 Day 7	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 Recycling Day 'Bye Bye Birdie' at Arts and Culture Centre Early dismissal 12:30 pm	5
6	7 Day 3 Gr. 7 Student schedules change.	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 7 Recycling Day	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day	15 Day 1	16 Day 2 World Food Day	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 Recycling Day	19
20	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 7	24 Day 1	25 Day 2 Recycling Day	26
27	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6	Nov 1 Day 7 Recycling Day Early Dismissal at 11:38 am	Nov2