

ST. PAUL'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome New Staff Members

This year we extend a warm welcome to several new staff members at St. Paul's Junior High. The new staff are:

Ms. S. Edwards	Student Assistant
Ms. M. Martin	Student Assistant
Ms. R. Parsons	Physical Education (one third time)
Ms. I. Russell	Homeroom 804 Lang. Arts
Ms. L. Shortall,	Instrumental Music Teacher
Ms. M. Sullivan	Special Education
Ms. L. Worthman	Homeroom 802 Science, Social Studies

We would also like to welcome back Ms. J. Harding, Mr. D. Mackey and Ms. T. Pearce.

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Parent Volunteers

Our school Resource Centre needs you. If you can give some time contact
Ms. Hatcher

Special points of interest:

- Last day to purchase textbooks at the school is September 13, 2002.
- School Council Nomination Deadline Sept 13th
- St. Paul's Curriculum Night is taking place on September 12, 2002 at 8pm
- School Photographer will be in the school from September 25-27, 2002
- Recycling drive will be held every Thursday throughout each month .
- Get involved with this years School Association. Meet at 7:30pm on Sept 16th in the Resource Centre.

St. Paul's School Association

The Home & School Association is planning to host a **Death by Chocolate Musical Evening with a Silent Auction** at the school in early November. Anyone interested in participating in *any capacity* (on the committee, soliciting donations, running of the event, or just to help out) should contact Patsy Slaney at pslaney@warp.nfld.net or leave a message at 753-7738.



The first meeting of the St. Paul's Home and School Association will take place on September 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the School Resource Centre. The Executive for 2002-2003 will be elected at this meeting and activities for the upcoming year will be discussed. Whether you are interested in participating in the executive or not, come along and hear what's going on. Old and new members most welcome!



Upcoming Science Trips

- Sept 18 - 20 One grade 8 French Immersion class going to the Brother Brennan Center.
- September 30 - October 2 One grade 8 French Immersion and one grade 8 English class going to Brother Brennan Center. (Cost \$25.00)
- October 7 Half the grade 9 classes will be going to the Fluvarium.
- October 11 The remaining classes will be going to the Fluvarium. (Cost \$3.00)

School Photos

Jostens will be taking student photos from September 25, 26 & 27, 2002. An order form will be sent home next week.

Grade 7 and 8 Text Books

We are asking parents and students to make sure that all school books from last year are returned to the school. We are under pressure from the Department of Education to keep within our book allocation. If we have to order more books than we are allocated, we must pay for them. **This will have a significant impact on our operational budget if this occurs.**

Network Server and Computers

Over the summer additions were made to the St. Paul's computer network. A used server was donated to the school and subsequently installed on the network. The server was donated by the City of St. John's. Included with the donation were 6 Pentium 1 and 2 computers.

No Nuts or Latex products Please!

Latex, peanuts and products containing those items are not permitted in the building. This year St. Paul's has a number of students who are highly allergic to these items where their breathing can be greatly affected if they come in contact with the latex item or the

odour of peanuts.

Parents, for the safety of all students, please ensure that your child's lunch and snacks does not contain nuts of any type.

St. Paul's Physical Education Program

On behalf of the physical education teachers, Ms. Parsons and Mr. Mackey, welcome to the physical education program at St. Paul's for the 2002-2003 school year. Our goal is to offer an innovative curriculum. Throughout the year students will be participating in various activities outside the school building. In order to take part in these activities we will need permission from the parent/guardian (forms will be sent home). The physical education program at St. Paul's is aiming to give students the opportunity to achieve curriculum outcomes that may be unattainable in the school facility such as structured swimming classes, various field trips for each grade level that will include golf, canoeing, archery, outdoor survival, orienteering and other activities.

We will be offering a lunch time intra-mural program open to all students using a house system comprised of students from their own grade level. We are currently building school clubs that reflect our school spirit and pride. We encourage student and parental input in this endeavor. There are a number of Sports teams for inter-scholastic competition. The physical education department at St. Paul's is in the process of recruiting coaches for a variety of School teams. Contact Mr. Mackey at the School: phone (753-6630) if you are interested in coaching:

Girls: junior soccer	Girls: senior soccer	Boys: junior soccer	Boys: senior soccer
Girls: junior volleyball	Girls: senior volleyball	Boys: junior volleyball	Boys: senior volleyball
Girls: Basketball Gr. 7	Girls: Basketball Gr 8	Boys: Basketball Gr 7	Boys: Basketball Gr 8
Girls: Basketball Grade 9		Boys: Basketball Grade 9	

We are expecting a great year and encourage students to participate and show their enthusiasm, skill and school spirit.

Feel free to contact Mr. Mackey if you have any questions regarding the physical education curriculum or issues pertaining to our Athletic Department.

Please notify (in writing) Mr. Mackey or Ms. Parsons if your son or daughter has any medical conditions which you think we should be aware of. We are looking forward to working with the students and community of St. Paul's Junior High School.

Electric Library

Again this school year our school has subscribed to Electric Library Canada, with funding provided by the St. Paul's Home and School Association. E-Library is a leading online research service. Up-dated daily, the service delivers 100% full-text articles from over 500 magazines, 200 newspapers, and hundreds of reference works and journals.

Students can access this service both in school and at home with a username and password.

Please see Ms. Hatcher for information you need to use this reference database in your homework assignments.

School Association

St. Paul's School Association will hold its AGM and election of officers on Monday September 16, 2002. The meeting will be held in the school resource centre.

School Council Nomination

We are currently seeking nominations for the following School Council position:

Parent Representative (3 year term)

The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 13th. Nomination forms may be downloaded from our website or picked up at the school office. If needed, elections will be held on Tuesday, September 17th.

The first School Council meeting for the year will be held on Thursday, September 19th at 7:30 pm in the school's Learning Resource Centre.

The School Council meets once per month and provides parents a voice in decision making in their child's school. If you would be interested in running or if you would like to nominate another parent please contact Mr. Tom Bartlett.

Student Information Form

A student information form has been distributed to all students. This form needs to be updated on a yearly basis and must be signed by the parent or guardian. Please ask your child about this form so that you can complete it and return it to the school

Curriculum Night September 12,2002

Parents and teachers will have the opportunity to meet and discuss the curriculum offered to students of St. Paul's on Thursday evening 8 pm, September 12,2002. The evening will begin in the gymnasium and from there we will disburse into

School Doors

We would like to remind parents that the doors to the school will remain locked until 8:15 am.

Students arriving before that time must remain outside the building until teachers are on duty at 8:15 am. Parents who drop students at the school early should try to make alternative arrangements for the coming cooler days of fall weather.

Busing at St. Paul's

There are six buses dropping off and picking up at St. Paul's making for even more congestion at the entrance/exit point between the school and the church. **Please give the buses the right of way as they have to drop our children home and then make a run to another school.**

Scouts and Cubs Registration

Registration for Scouts and Cubs will be September 19th, at Mary Queen of Peace School gym from 7-9 pm. Scouting offers youth fellowship, fun and an opportunity to participate in a wide variety of unique and challenging activities. For adults, why not consider becoming a Leader? No experience necessary. For further information, please call Liz Jenkins at 754-8338.

as soon as possible. The two most vital pieces of information for each child are a **MCP number** and a **phone number** so that we may contact parents especially in emergency situations.

smaller groups. We look forward to meeting you, introducing our staff and giving an overview of the curriculum objectives, expectations and evaluation



Text books will be sent back to the Dept of Education on September 13th.

Text books will continue to be sold until September 13th. After that date students will have to purchase text books from the school supply depot in Pleasantville. Books can be purchased using cash or cheque.

St. Paul's Athletics needs coaches. GET INVOLVED Contact Mr. Mackey



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Exam and Reporting Schedule 2002-2003

Term 1 (September 3, 2002—November 8, 2002) (47 days)

Reports will be released by Nov. 15, 2002.
 Parent-(Student)-Teacher Conferences will be before Nov. 22, 2002

Term 2 (November 12, 2002—January 31, 2003) (49 days)

Examinations will be held from Jan. 27-31, 2003.
 Reports will be released by Feb. 14, 2003
 Parent-(Student)-Teacher Conference will be held before Feb. 21, 2003.

Term 3 (February 3, 2003—April 4, 2003) (43 days)

Reports will be released by Apr. 11, 2003.

Term 4 (April 7, 2003—June 27, 2003) (51 days)

Examinations will be held from June 16-20, 2003.
 Reports will be released by June 27, 2003

September 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Admin Day	4 Day 1 School Begins	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7
8	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12 Day 7 Cur- riculum Night Recycling Day	13 Day 1 School Council Nomination deadline	14
15	16 Day 2 Home and School Meeting	17 Day 3	18 Day 4	19 Day 5 School Council Meeting Recycling Day	20 Day 6	21
22	23 Day 7	24 Day 1	25 Day 2 School Pictures	26 Day 3 School Pic- tures Recycling Day	27 Day 4 School Pictures	28
29	30 Day 5	1 Day 6	2 Day 7	3 Day 1 Recycling Day	4 Day 2	5