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Principal's Comments

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE:

- All Souls Day — Nov. 2
- Remembrance Day — Nov. 11
- Quadmester One CPTs— Nov. 2 - 12
- Grade 8 & IB Virtual Info. Night — Nov. 12
- Quadmester Two — Nov. 13

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Thank you to our St. Paul SS students, staff and parents for the warm welcome I have received upon my arrival at this wonderful Catholic school. I am truly blessed to be joining such a vibrant, engaging and faith-filled school community. I would like to welcome our students to what is amounting to be an extraordinary school year. I congratulate you on how well you have adapted to our new learning models and school day. Through your resiliency and maturity, you have helped us create a safe, welcoming, and inclusive school. Thank you to our incredible St. Paul staff for your innovation and commitment to ensuring that all our learners are being supported through adaptive learning. As professionals, our staff have adjusted their instruction so to ensure our diverse learners are equipped with the necessary tools and resources to meet with success. Although our daily

school activities may be slightly different, we continue to support our students and staff through a variety of virtual and 'in person' activities to foster our faith and sense of community. Whether it be morning prayer in the Chapel, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Virtual School Opening Mass with Fr. Terry as our cele-



brant, Spiritwear Wednesdays, Halloween Dressdown Days, Remembrance Day Virtual Liturgy, and our "grab 'n go" student snack program, we continue to promote student and staff wellness through our relationships and community activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/guardians who joined us at our 1st Virtual St. Paul Catho-

lic School Council meeting on Wednesday October 7th. Congratulations and thank you to those parents who were nominated to serve as representatives on our 2020-21 Catholic School Council (CSC). I know that our parents are already busy planning a number of parent/student engagement events. All parents/guardians are encouraged to join us at our next Virtual CSC meeting scheduled for Wednesday December 2nd. A reminder to students that we have a number of support staff available to assist you throughout our unique circumstance. Student and staff wellness remain our priority at St. Paul; we are all in this together. Please check our school website for updates. As well, be sure to follow our school on Twitter @STPaulCSS1 and Instagram @stpaulcss1.

Wishing our students continued health, happiness and success. Good luck with your final CPTs!

— Mr. P. Cusumano

Student Success

Welcome to St. Paul from your Student Success Teachers: Ms. Sudac & Ms. Di Carlo.

Our Success Team consisting of our Student Success Teachers, Guidance Counsellors, Support Staff, Chaplaincy and school Administration abide by the Guiding Principles from the Ministry's "Growing Success Document: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools". As Student Success

Leaders our key areas of responsibility are:

1. Track the progress of students
2. Support school-wide efforts to improve outcomes for students struggling with curriculum.
3. Provide direct support and instruction to students as to improve student achievement and successful transition.
4. Work with parents and the school community to support

students.

If students require academic, organizational, class or personal well-being support, they can make an appointment with one of us by scanning the QR code labelled Student Success in the Student Services office. They may also visit the Student Services Microsoft Team group (**class code x5xu5sv**) where they can also access the QR code as well as many other helpful tools including an organizational school planner. Looking forward to a successful quadmester and year!

Chaplaincy



*Let us not become
weary in doing
good, for at the
proper time we
will reap a harvest
if we do not give
up.
— St. Paul*

Looking back to Quadmester 1 of this unique and challenging school year... much has happened through Chaplaincy. We have engaged differently. Our routine and socialization has taken place with protocols of masks and handwashing and distancing.... It has not stopped the following events from happening.

The visit from our Pastor, Fr. Terry who came to **bless the school** and pray with the students and staff over the PA. Fr. Terry blessed each classroom, stayed until dismissal, and greeted each student, as they left for the day. We are blessed to have Fr. Terry as our Pastor.

Our **'Grab and Go' Breakfast club**. Every day, students can take a prepared snack home with them to give them the energy they need to face synchronous learning. This is done with the leadership of Ms. Multari and dedication of Ms. Primicias.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – We had a successful food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Dominic Parish. We will continue to partner with them for the Christmas Season. Our **School Opening Mass of Thanksgiving**. We celebrated this virtual Mass with staff and students from St. Dominic and Queen of Heaven School. The Mass was recorded at St. Dominic Parish. Fr. Terry spoke of the need for gratitude in every aspect of our lives.

Sessions – Classes have been coming to the Chapel after signing up for candid discussions on topics such as desensitization, End of Life issues and topics that do not make the news. These sessions have been engaging and given an opportunity for students to look at these issues from the lens of faith. Reset of our **School Leadership Program...** Mr. Plesko, Ms. Scozzaro, and I are revamping our Leadership Program for next school year. We are planning to train senior leaders this year for next year. Many exciting activities and adventures lay ahead. Be Safe! God Bless! Peace,

Mr. J. McLevey

Guidance News

Welcome back Wolverines, and a special welcome to our grade 9 students. While this year has been far from a normal year at St. Paul, we wanted to reassure you that there continues to be support at St. Paul for all student academic and social/emotional needs.

Please join our St. Paul Student Services Microsoft Teams port using the Team code: x5xu5sv.

This portal will be used to update students on all the important information related to activities/events, post-secondary application process, EQAO, and much more. Appointment with Guidance counsellors will also be completed by students through this portal.

Grade 12 Full Disclosure Date: Nov.4th — last day to drop a course so it does not appear on student's transcript

University Application Deadline: January 15, 2021

College Application Deadline: February 1, 2021

Guidance Counsellors: Ms. R. Caldarelli — A to L — extension — 77289

Mr. R. Costigan — M-Z — extension—77292

(Department Head of Guidance & Academic Resource)



IB Program



Congratulations IB Diploma Program 2020 Graduates!

This past school year was a historical achievement in St. Paul academics. We congratulated our first graduating class in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. These students demonstrated discipline, creativity, global mindedness, and commitment, leading to their success in the Program. It was incredible to see this class transition from grade 9 -12, facing the challenges and excitement of the IB Program and pioneer a path for future students. We wish them the best of luck as they continue their education at their respective Universities.

We will be welcoming new students into the IB Program for the 2021 September school year. More details on the program will become available at our Virtual Open House on November 12th. Updates will be available on the school website and our twitter account: @STPaulCSS1

— *The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.*

Student Support Services

Academic Resource Teachers

Ms. G. Primicias, Mr. J. Mondelli, Mr. R. Sanabria,
& Ms. M. MacDonald

Student Success Teachers

Ms. M. DiCarlo & Ms. V. Sudac

Support Staff

Ms. G. Craig-Smith -- Child and Youth Worker
Mr. A. Garber -- Social Work
Dr. I. Rukavina -- Psychologist

St. Paul Child and Youth Worker (CYW)

Ms. G. Craig-Smith, Child and Youth Worker, assists students who cope with social, emotional, behavioral, challenges. CYW's respond to the strengths and needs of students/families by providing individual, small group or class/school wide support.

In September we began a very new and different school year, emphasis is on class and school wide support with respect to conflict, stress and self-care. Students at St. Paul have been amazing with their resilience and adaptability to change.

On November 3rd at 11:30am., St. Paul has the opportunity to join Student Voice Forum on Anti-Black Racism. This is an exciting opportunity for students to share their concerns with a common goal of inclusion and igniting hope.

Student Voice

Congratulations to Grade 12 student Ella Uppal on being selected by her peers as St. Paul's 2020-21 DPCDSB Student Senate Representative. We look forward to Ella's leadership and advocacy in representing our student body at the Board and School Level. Thank you to all student leaders who participated in our nomination process. Through the support of Mr. McLevey, Mrs. Scozzaro and Mr. Plesko, our Student Leadership Group will be facilitating a number of virtual student engagement, school spirit, and community outreach/charity activities. Stay tuned!



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Superintendent: Cairine MacDonald

St. Paul SS 2020-21 Catholic School Council Members

Chair — Ms. G. Siracusa

Secretary — Ms. E. De Rango

Treasurer — Ms. D. Cavatassi

Parish Representative — Ms. A. Worobec

OAPCE Representative — Ms. R. Chambers

Council Member — Ms. K. Lepore

Chaplain/Teacher Representative — Mr. J. McLevey

Student Representative — TBD

Virtual Catholic School Council Meeting Dates:

- **Wed. Nov. 18th @ 7:00 p.m. — Parent Engagement Event: “Human Trafficking” Presentation — see flyer attached**
- **Wed. Dec. 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Wed. Feb. 10th @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Wed. April 14th @ 6:30 p.m.**



Community News



Peel Public Health shares tips to help prevent the flu amidst a pandemic

It’s flu season and we want to make sure students stay as healthy as possible. Getting the flu shot this year is more important than ever, in order to reduce the chance of having an illness that can be confused for COVID-19. Influenza (flu) spreads easily from one person to another and Peel Public Health has some tips to help reduce the risk of catching the flu and spreading it.

Get your annual flu shot: The flu shot is your best defense against the flu. The flu virus changes frequently so you need to get the vaccine every Fall. There are many locations across Peel where you can get your flu shots by appointment only:
Family Doctors’ Offices, Walk-in

Clinics, and Pharmacies
Remember to physically distance and wear a mask at the clinic to help protect yourself and others.

Be sure to contact your healthcare provider to book an appointment, as walk-ins are not accepted due to COVID-19 safety measures.
Keep children home when they’re sick: If your child develops flu-like signs and symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue), keep them home

from school. Contact your health care provider if symptoms are severe.

Practice good hygiene: Help your child get into the habit of covering their nose and mouth with a tissue when they cough or sneeze and throw tissues in the trash. Cough or sneeze into a sleeve or elbow, if they don’t have a tissue. They should also avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth. This is how germs are spread.

Wash your hands: Encourage your child to wash their hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after they cough or sneeze.

For more information, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit: www.peelregion.ca/flu

