

St. Paul Catholic Secondary School

Catholic Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Catholic School Trustees:**

-Bruno Iannicca and Mario Pascucci are arranging for Matt Richardson, a human trafficking guest speaker, to present to parents in January 2024. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

-Human Trafficking school concerns are directed to the Peel Regional Police Human Trafficking Task Force. Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board provides anti-human trafficking resources for all teachers and parents. Through Religion (Family Life) students are being educated on human trafficking and teachers are learning more about it through professional development at staff meetings.

-Currently, all schools are no longer allowed to offer raffle tickets as fundraisers. Bruno and Mario have spoken to the board director. A possible solution is to have a master agreement to allow raffles to proceed. Update to follow.

-STP parents who would like to donate please go to 'donate cash online' to ensure the entire donation amount goes directly to the school.

-Secondary curriculum updates: Financial Literacy is part of the grade 10 careers course.

-Sports outdoor field update: Cawthra Park High School is in agreement with a private company. St. Paul's continues to provide students with rich opportunities through the community.

-Parents will be asked to complete an online survey. The Ministry of Education has instructed the data collection to be shared with the school community. Date TBA.

-They will continue to advocate for the STP school community, ensuring educational needs are met, money is spent on school building upgrades and renovations, and creating a safe school environment (masks, bullying, and building relationships).

**STP Student Representative Report:**

-Chiara C. shared the many sports and school club activities being offered this semester to STP students. She participated in the Equity Lead Board level meeting. This year's Diversity Club will focus on promoting acceptance and combating micro-aggression behaviours.

-January exams will focus on mental health. Students are encouraged to speak to STP staff members and access resources from the Dufferin Peel School Board website.

**CSC Meeting Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes were approved; minutes are posted on the school website.**

**School and Community Updates:**

-The Chaplaincy Plan is uploaded on the STP website. Students participated in retreats and in leadership roles within the community.

- Upcoming Advent Soap drive for Doctor Simone. More information to follow.
- During the season of Advent, STP staff will gather and pray a decade of the rosary in their ‘Mornings with Mary’ liturgies.
- OAPCE (Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education) is in its 85<sup>th</sup> year. The meeting shared information about OAPCE and its role within the school council. The Central Committee for Catholic School Council will host a virtual meeting for parents on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Please follow OAPCE on Twitter @oapceontario and @oapce\_dp

#### **Parish News:**

- Information on First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sacraments are on the
- Advent day of Confessions is on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm.
- The Christmas mass schedule is available on the church’s website. [St. Dominic's Parish, Mississauga - Christmas New Year Schedule \(archtoronto.org\)](http://St.Dominic's Parish, Mississauga - Christmas New Year Schedule (archtoronto.org))

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- EQAO Grade 9 Testing will be in January 2024. More information will be shared with students.
- OSSLT Grade 10 Testing took place in November for both in-person and remote learners.
- Supporting Anti-Bullying on November 30<sup>th</sup> students are encouraged to wear pink.
- Wednesdays are Spirit Wear.
- Breakfast of Champions will be held on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. This event is held to celebrate and recognize student’s achievements.
- School Advent Mass December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am.
- The Arts Christmas Coffee House will be held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Successful student-run book drive and the Eco club collected gently used winter clothing.
- Many more activities and events are planned for STP next semester.

#### **Principal’s Items:**

- Ontario Pro-Grant allocation has been received. Father Michael Goetz, John Cabot, Philip Pocock, and St. Paul’s will pull their pro-grant funds together for a parent engagement night. Parents will vote on a list of potential guest speakers. This event will take place in the spring of 2024.
- In preparation for exams, STP will prepare students with reviews, and TIP sheets for both students and parents. Exam Wellness Pkg. to be distributed to students. Students will demonstrate their learning in the allotted time.
- The exam period runs from **January 24 to January 30**. If an exam needs to be canceled due to poor weather conditions, students will be notified of their new exam date.

-E-learning and remote students will submit a CPT Culminating Performance Task worth 30%.

-Spirit Wear will be delivered prior to the Christmas break.

-Safety procedures: each semester students will participate in 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown.

-Peel Region Public Health shared an online resource for parents called Not an Experiment. An interactive website on the long-term health effects of vaping. [Home Page - Not An Experiment](#). Students can also access the online reporting tool.

-Student drivers require a parking pass. Students must complete a package at the office and comply with the rules.

-2024-2025 course selections will begin before the Christmas break, students are encouraged to make an appointment with their guidance counselor.

**-Please follow St. Paul's school's X@STPaulCSS1 and Instagram @stpaulcss1**

**-Next Catholic School Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME😊.**