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A NOTE FROM MS. NATHOO'S DESK...

Inspired by Christ. Learning Together. Serving Together.

Dear Parents,

2019 is here! A new year brings a fresh start and new possibilities. We hope your holidays have been blessed with family and friends and that you look forward to twelve promising months ahead.

January will be full of activities and opportunities. This month, we will begin Intermediate Boy's Basketball, Gymnastics, and a Dance Club for our junior girls, to name only a few. We encourage our children to participate in all aspects of St. Paul school life.

We have experienced colder temperatures since the holidays. The forecast calls for continued cold weather this winter. It will be important that our children are dressed, bundling up to combat the cold elements while outside at play.

We look forward to seeing you often in 2019 at the many class celebrations and school events that are hosted here at St. Paul. Save the date of February 12th for our annual Professor Jamz Danceathon sponsored by our School Council. Your continued partnership and support are a blessing.

Happy New Year to all of our families for 2019! May this year be a year of peace and blessings for all of you.





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School Council

Hello and Happy New Year wonderful families! Hope everyone had a safe and memorable holiday season.

Volunteering is one of the best ways to support our school. A little or a lot, it all makes a difference. A few opportunities coming up -

Hot Lunch - Friday's and the occasional Thursday we always need a parent or two to come sort and hand out the hot lunch. It's very simple and only requires one hour of your time! Please contact Hilary Eves (hilaryeves@hotmail.com) if you would like to help out.

Professor Jamz - our annual dance-a-thon fundraiser will happen in February. We need a few parents to volunteer in the morning and the afternoon to help sell glow items to our students! If you would like to help with Professor Jamz - please contact Hilary Eves (hilaryeves@hotmail.com).

Annual Fun Fair - this is a giant fundraiser that requires a lot of helping hands to organize - behind the scenes and on the day of. Planning has started now and if you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Drennan in the office.

Also, please remember our Fundscrip Fundraiser is still ongoing! You can order online ANYTIME! Our Christmas campaign was great and we will be updated soon on what amount we raised. Thank you so very much for all your support. We will complete another paper order run prior to Valentine's Day if there is interest!

Once again, thank you to everyone who has been a part of supporting our school through volunteering and fundraising. It takes a village!

We would love to see new faces at our council meetings. It's a great way to find out what is going on in the school or a place to make suggestions for new ideas! There is no commitment- come to one, two or all of them.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 12 @ 6:00 pm

Have a great January,

Hilary Eves Co-Chair





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Junior Girls Dance Club

We are thrilled to announce that Miss Schneider is starting this New Year with a Junior Girls Dance Club at St. Paul School. This past Monday a brief meeting was held to all junior girls who were interested in signing up. The dance club will be held every Monday and Wednesday in the gym, during lunch hour recess. Miss Schneider has a background in dance; she did ballet for over ten years, and continues to dance at North London Dance Studio in London. The junior girls will learn different dances and techniques that range from ballet, jazz, lyrical and hip hop. We look forward to a recital in the coming months!



Gymnastics

In the next few weeks tryouts for the gymnastics team will take place. Information will be given to students over the announcements about upcoming dates and times for these tryouts. Students will be required to listen to the announcements for further information. Any student who makes the team will be expected to be at all practices and practices will be before school and at lunch. Our date for the meet is tentatively scheduled for **Tues. March 5th 2019**. Special thanks to all staff who are coaches for all the teams.

Registration for Kindergarten January 21—February 8 2019.

Children born in 2015 are eligible to register for FDK. If you have a child you would like to register, please contact Mrs. Sherry Drennan at: 519-660-2790 to make an appointment. When registering your child, you will be required to provide the following documents:

- Proof of address
- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate (Child's or Parent/Guardian's)

We look forward to hearing from you.

UPCOMING

Jan 7 – Back to School

Jan 8 & 15 – London Hydro Presentations

Jan 18 – PD Day

Jan 21 – Kindergarten Registration Begins

HOW COLD is COLD?

We had a few days before the Christmas holidays that showed us frigid temperatures. The Health Unit/Environment Canada issues COLD ALERTS if there is: daily predicted low temperature of -15 degrees Celsius without a wind chill; a wind chill so severe that Environment Canada issues a warning; extreme weather conditions like a blizzard or ice storm are forecasted for the area.

Three on Three Basketball

Our St. Paul Sports Student Chairs and Co-Chairs have organized, and are currently running, an intermediate House-League "3-on-3" Basketball intramural during the lunch hour. The top two teams will proceed to our board competition at CCH. Boys on Tuesday, January 29th and the Girls on Wednesday, January 30th at 10 am. (We will need a parent volunteer/coach to be with each team on those days - we will send home the necessary information once teams have been confirmed.)



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LIBRARY CORNER

The Forest of Reading 2019 kicks off this week in the library! Students are excited to participate again this year.

For primary students, the Blue Spruce Reading Program takes place during their weekly library time. Ten stories have been chosen by a committee as being the top ten children's picture books in Canada. Each week a story is read to the class and each student has the chance to "vote" on how they feel about the book. At the end of the program, one more vote is cast and a school favourite is chosen. Our votes are submitted with those from students across Canada and a national winner is determined.

Junior and Intermediate students can choose to participate in one or more of the four reading programs for their age level. In these programs, Silver Birch and Red Maple, the students must read five of the ten nominated books to become an eligible voter. Their vote is cast in the spring along with thousands of students across Canada and a national winner is chosen. These programs give students an opportunity to be heard!



Learn more about the Forest of Reading Program, past winners and this years' nominated titles on the official Ontario Library Association website at:

http://www.accessola.org/web/OLA/Forest_of_Reading/Nominated_Lists/OLA/Forest_of_Reading/Current_Program_Year.aspx?hkey=0cc23a7a-1d90-4358-be37-dacca7327157



2018 Blue Spruce winner: *The Shark Lady*
which happened to be our school favourite too!
2018 Silver Birch winners include: *From Ant to Eagle*,
Smiley: A Journey of Love and *Top Dogs: True Stories of Canines Who Made History*
2018 Red Maple winner: *The Winnowing*

Parking at St. Paul

Parking is always a challenge at schools, and St. Paul has less parking than most. However, please be advised that parking south of our parking lot is prohibited. We have been advised that **violators will be ticketed and towed away** if families from St. Paul are found to be using the parking next door during school events. If possible, we will do our best to open extra parking on our playground tarmac during school events. Also, please do not stop in the Bus Zone out front of school in the mornings and afternoons when buses are unloading and loading students.

Thank you for your help with this parking issue.

School Hours/Safety

Supervised Yard Entry	8:35 - 8:50
Morning Entry Bell	8:45
Morning Recess	10:10 -10:25
Lunch Break	11:45 -12:45
Afternoon Recess	2:05 - 2:20
Supervised Dismissal	3:20 - 3:35

If, for any reason, your child will be late or absent please call If, for any reason, your child will be late or absent please call the school 1-833-275-6702 or use the SchoolMessenger App.

As per our *Safe Arrival Procedures*, unexplained student absences are responded to as follows:

1. Phoning parents at home/work
2. Phoning emergency contact person
3. Notifying police.



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St. Paul Winter Wonderland



Bus Patroller of the Month – December

Congratulations to Charlotte Loosemore on being our December Bus Patroller of the month!