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St. Paul Catholic School

Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year!

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Newsletter, Issue 1

It is that time of year again! After such a long spring and summer away from school, it is with great pleasure that I welcome all members of our school community, new and returning, to St. Paul Catholic School. I hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and healthy summer. It will certainly be a different school year; however, we want all families to rest assured that we will work together to ensure that everyone in our building remains healthy and safe. Thank you in advance for your support in helping us achieve this goal.

I am beyond excited to return to this very special school, and I look forward to continuing to learn and grow alongside the students and their families as well as the staff throughout the year. Our theme of **All Are Welcome in This Place** will guide staff and students this 2020-2021 school year, as we continue to strengthen our learning and deepen our faith formation as disciples of Christ.

Information for parents will be communicated mainly through email, phone messages (*School Messenger*), and on the school website. Please make sure to check regularly for updates.

I thank you in advance for your ongoing support of our school, and I look forward to achieving, celebrating and worshipping with all of you this year.

Mrs. A. Coe
Principal

As we begin a new year...



Dear God,

We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless the students, faculty, and students' families that make our school a great place.

We pray that you will guide us in all ways, so that we will seek Your will in everything that we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

David Bennett

2019-20 Staff List:

Mrs. Anna Coe, Principal
Mrs. Kim Pearson, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Mike Sammon, Custodian
Ms. Denise Sammon & Ms. Laura Payne-Mullin (ECE), Kindergarten
Mrs. Alieda Nuvoloni, Gr. 1/2
Mr. Dan Pokotylo, Gr. 3/4
Mr. Steve Garrison, Gr. 5/6
Mr. Craig Stevens, Gr. 6/7
Ms. Sarah Coulter, Gr. 7/8
Mr. Kody Dupuis, French as Second Language (FSL)
Ms. Sonja O'Meara, Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT)
Janet Kenny, Robin Bartlett - Educational Assistants (EAs)
TBD - Child & Youth Worker
Ms. Cheryl Fisher & Ms. Brittany Hicks, Itinerant Arts Teachers (IATs)
TBD - Learning Resource Assistant (LRA)
Ms. Mary Miller, Lunch Supervisor



Communication of Information

The school calendar, news items, and upcoming events will be updated regularly on our school website at www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/paul.

We are encouraging families to refer to the school website on a regular basis for information updates, school news and notices. Also, if you have not yet provided your email to receive communications from the school, please do so as soon as possible so as to not miss out on important information. The monthly school newsletter has been phased out, and therefore, we will be posting relevant information to our website as it occurs throughout the year as well as sending email communication through *School Messenger*.

We thank everyone in advance for continuing to support our school as we progress through the 21st century.



Caring and Safe Schools

Entry & Exit: Students must enter from the **back door** in the mornings when the bell sounds. Students who arrive after the bell will need to enter through the **front** entrance and will also require a **late slip** from the Main Office. **Punctuality** is a life skill that is valued. The front door is opened by the monitor, two-way speaker system, and electronic lock **by the Main Office, only**. Students and staff are directed **not** to open the front door. Your co-operation will help ensure our school's safety. Visitors to the school are not permitted at this time; pre-arranged appointments may be arranged through administration only.

Safe Arrival - Parents/guardians are reminded to call the school to indicate if your child will be absent or late on any particular school day. Calls will be made to confirm safety, if an absence is reported by a classroom teacher, as the **SAFETY of ALL CHILDREN** is a priority.

Last Recess - Parents are asked to continue to wait for students at the front of the school for the dismissal bell at 3:00 PM. Any student who is picked up prior to the dismissal bell **must be signed out** at the main office; recess at 2:45 PM is part of the school day. Your cooperation will help guarantee student safety.

Agendas - The school Agendas chosen again this year are reflective of our Catholic faith. Once again, **the cost** of these useful resources is being shared

between the school and the St. Paul Catholic School Council. Please review **The Code of Conduct** with your child as it helps to promote a caring, safe, inclusive and respectful school environment. Parents and students are asked to **sign** the inside section of the Agenda, each term.

Sabrina's Law: Sabrina's Law states that a school must do everything in its power to ensure the safety of all students with serious allergies.

St. Paul Catholic School does have students who are seriously allergic to nuts and nut products. As a result, please refrain from sending any products in student lunches or as class treats that could be contaminated with nuts. Student safety must always be a priority.

Volunteers & Police Checks: Volunteers and parent engagement are blessings to any school. All volunteers are required to have an up-to-date Police Check (CPIC + Vulnerable Sector Check). Police Checks remain up-to-date for three years. Any parent who plans on volunteering and/or attending any school excursion or field trip with a class must have this documentation. Sometimes there can be a delay in processing, so it is best to obtain this requirement as soon as possible so it can be kept on file at the school.

Student Information Sheets: Please return all forms to the school **ASAP**. Any changes required should be noted on the form, when returned.

School Contact

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WE'RE ON TWITTER:

Follow us!



@alcdsb_paul

ECO SCHOOL

"E-NEWS": St. Paul is a **GOLD** certified school! Our school's webpage will be our main source of communication. To sign up to have important notices and announcements emailed to your family, please complete the sign up section on the school's webpage @

www.alcgsb.on.ca/school/paul. Notices (E.g., school events) and forms (E.g., Milk, hotlunch) will be posted. This is a way to save paper and to provide communication between home and school. If you would prefer a hard copy, please let Mrs. Pearson in the main office know and we will

certainly accommodate. Thank you for helping us with our ECO efforts.



Thanks For All You Do!

Upcoming Events

Welcome Back BBQ, sponsored by St. Paul Catholic School Council →

School Masses - Our monthly school masses @ St. Joseph Catholic Church **have been cancelled for the time being.**

School Open House: Has been postponed. We will attempt to host a gathering when deemed safe to do so.

Terry Fox Walk: More details to come.

School Photos: TBD

Catholic School Council Update

1. **Welcome Back BBQ and School Open House** - Unfortunately, we will not be able to host this annual community event this September. We hope to be able to arrange an opportunity for our school families to gather and socialize once it is deemed safe by our partnering health officials. Thank you for your understanding.
2. **First Council Meeting Date: Wednesday, Sept. 23 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom.** Nominations for Catholic School Council will be sent with the Home-School Package and are due on or before Fri. Sept. 18, 2020. All parents are welcome to attend the monthly Catholic School Parent Council meetings, and need not have a nominated role in order to participate. Parent input is always valued.

FUN FRENCH FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Students who speak several languages will increase their chances of finding a job, whether at home or abroad. Learning another language enriches the mind and opens up new horizons, both personal and professional.

<http://bit.ly/2PclxUa>

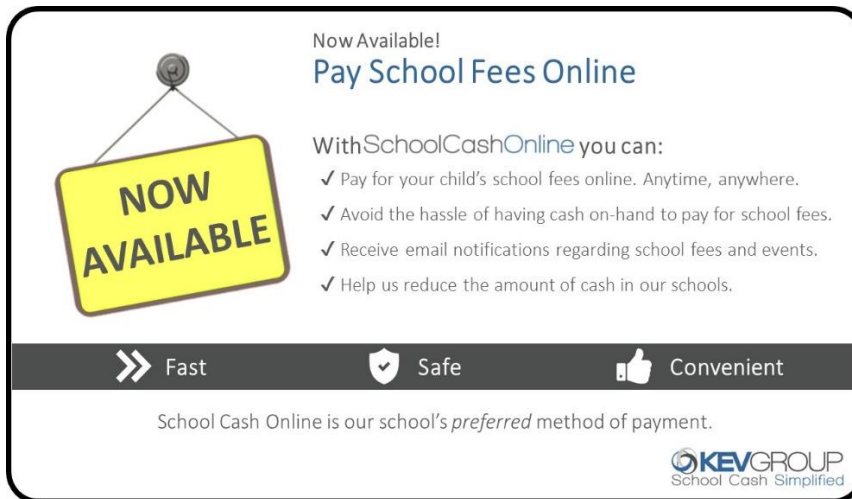
Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!

HOT LUNCH: Our Hot Lunch program has been suspended for the time being. Once it is deemed safe to start up the program, orders will be listed on a monthly basis in **SchoolCashOnline** which is located on **the school's website:** www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/paul . You must be registered to pre-order hot lunch. Should you require assistance to register for this service, please call or visit the school and we will be happy to help.

MILK: Milk will **NOT** will be available for purchase at this time. Milk orders will be posted on **SchoolCashOnline** once it is deemed safe to do so. Please visit the **school website:** www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/paul and register, if you have not already done so.

POPCORN: We are unable to offer popcorn for sale at this time either. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience this disruption to our usual services may cause. We will communicate any changes in protocol as more information becomes available.

Have You Registered Yet?



Now Available!
Pay School Fees Online

With SchoolCashOnline you can:

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Avoid the hassle of having cash on-hand to pay for school fees.
- ✓ Receive email notifications regarding school fees and events.
- ✓ Help us reduce the amount of cash in our schools.

➤ Fast ✓ Safe 👍 Convenient

School Cash Online is our school's *preferred* method of payment.

KEVGROUP
School Cash Simplified

St. Paul Catholic School will continue to offer **School Cash Online**, which provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as field trips, hot lunch, milk orders, school supplies, etc. **School Cash Online** is our school's preferred method of payment and is a great way to pay without the need for cash or checks.

Please follow the link below to register online – it takes less than five minutes! Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

For more information, please visit www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/paul

To register: <https://schoolcashionline.com/Home>

Thank you for support as we streamline our new cashless program in our school, as well as throughout our school board.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board (ALCDSB) and our community partners are committed to providing safe and caring school communities and learning environments for students, staff, school visitors and community members. We believe that each person should be able to study, work and attend our Catholic schools in an environment that is safe and free from threats of violence. The ALCDSB acknowledges the importance of promoting and supporting appropriate and positive student behaviours in schools. It is our hope that all members of our community demonstrate respect for the dignity of all persons.

In 2011, the ALCDSB and its community partners adopted the ALCDSB Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP). This risk/threat assessment process is designed to be a proactive and multi-disciplinary approach to developing intervention plans that address threats of violence, threatening behaviour and instances where the emotional and/or physical safety of individuals may be at risk. Recognizing that violence prevention in our schools and neighbourhoods is a community responsibility, the risk/threat assessment process will be initiated by school administration and/or community partners when behaviours have been identified that pose a potential risk to an individual or to others.

Providing notice to parents/guardians of the risk/threat assessment process ensures that parents/guardians are aware that threatening or high-risk behaviours will be investigated. This also recognizes the important role that the parents/guardians have in supporting and participating in the process itself. For further information, the Community Threat Assessment Protocol (CTAP) document may be found on our website at <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/Board/Policies/Lists/Documents/CTAP2016.pdf>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carey Smith-Dewey', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Carey Smith-Dewey
Superintendent of School Effectiveness
