

# SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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## Principal's News

I would like to extend my appreciation to all who made our **Book Fair** such a tremendous success. It takes a lot of planning and *time* to run events such as this. For those parent volunteers who donated their time, we thank you!

It's hard to believe we only have three weeks left of school. And with the three weeks remaining, it will be really busy. I have posted some of the most important activities & events in this Newsletter. If you wish to know what is happening in the weeks remaining, please check the school calendar.

Beginning next week, **students can wear their gym uniforms** on a regular basis-as well as **gym shorts on days when it gets even warmer**. With the weather finally beginning to turn more summer-like (thank heavens!), students can take a break from their school uniforms in the remaining weeks we have left.

## Continued Principal News...

### 180<sup>th</sup> DAY

Our official last day of school will be on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> with dismissal at 11:30am. Buses will be running. We had originally planned a Retreat Day for our 180<sup>th</sup> day on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. However, after speaking with the school superintendent along with the time needed to set up the school for the upcoming Bible Camp the following week, we decided to just end our school year on June 17<sup>th</sup>. After the winter we've had not to mention the damp and rainy spring so far, let's just call the 180<sup>th</sup> day our day of *rest!*

### 2011-2012 ENROLLMENT

Just wanted to bring you up-to-date with our enrollment figures for next September. As it now stands, our classes are full in Pre-School (3 yr. olds), Pre-K (4 yr. olds), and Grade 1. Both Grade 2 & Grade 6 are almost full. We still have 4 openings left in our two kindergarten classes-just in case you happen to speak with someone who may be interested in this all-day program.

We have **over 200 students (and growing) registered for the 2011-2012 school year!** With the economy being as it is, I wish to express my gratitude to those families who sacrifice so much in order to have their children attend our school. On behalf of everyone at St. Paul School *we thank you* the *dedicated parents* for making St. Paul School what it is today.

## Odds & Ends

### WALK-A-THON

Our Walk-A-Thon was a huge success last week. Students raised over \$5,300! Even the weather held out in order for students to walk in. Thank you to everyone who helped in making this event a success.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Grade 8 Graduation** on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Church. Mass at 9:30am with students receiving their school diplomas followed by an awards ceremony in the school auditorium.
- **Pre-School & Pre-K Ceremony** on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am in the school auditorium. This will be the children's last day of school.
- **Kindergarten Graduation** on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am in the school auditorium. This is also the students last day of school.
- **Field Day** is scheduled to begin at 11:30am on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Fay Field. Everyone (including graduates) invited to attend.

**HAPPY  
MEMORIAL DAY!**

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## Preschool News

May has been a wonderful month of projects and learning in Preschool. We started by talking about flowers, planting and how a plant grows. We read a story called "Grow, Flower, Grow" where the little girl tries to feed her flower with her own favorite foods. We learned that plants need seeds, soil, water, sun and patience for them to grow. We also talked about our moms and Mother's Day. Mary was a focus of some of our Mother's Day discussions as well. We investigated bugs and used many Eric Carle stories in our unit as well. We learned how Eric Carle creates his illustrations in his books too. Lastly, we are ending May with a camping trip. We have been busy making all of our camping equipment to pack when we go on our trip. We even have a campsite in our classroom. June brings many activities, including our field day, End of the Year celebration and Spring

Concert. We have been busy preparing for all of these events. We look forward to more pretending during these last weeks of school. We will talk about ice cream and picnics, and we will make our own sundaes! We will be posting a donation sheet near our sign in and out board of some items that we will need for these units. Thank you for all that you have done for us this year; here's to a great month of June.



## Pre-K News

After an amazing trip to Hawaii the children are spending the next week and a half studying the various parts of an insect. We are taking a close view of the butterfly, firefly, ladybug and bee. The children are sharing their encounters with these insects and in particular the bee and 'when and where' they were stung! As we conclude the unit the children will take an imaginary stroll through their gardens and identify the insects they have observed.



As we look forward to June, we are going to kick back, relax and enjoy a day at the circus!!!

See you June 14<sup>th</sup> for our end of the year celebration! (Details to follow)



## K A & B News

This week's newsletter has some very important information about the end of the year activities. Please read carefully and mark the dates on your calendars!

The walk-a-thon was a success last week! Thank you to everyone who contributed with their pledges. This year's walk raised a record breaking number of pledges. Thanks again! Our kids enjoyed a frozen treat after lunch on Tuesday as a special thank you. The "dress down" passes were sent home Monday in their folders for those who earned the passes from their pledge money. Please keep track of the upcoming dress down days.

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\*\*\*\*Our Kindergarten graduation is on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM in the school auditorium. The children have been busy practicing for this special day. They have been told to keep as much of the performance a surprise from you and they are very excited! The children can wear an appropriate outfit of their choice. This is a *special day* so we are asking for something a little dressy and festive for the event. The children will be on the stage for most of the ceremony so please make sure that the shoes are safe and appropriate. The kids are asked to arrive to school at regular time between 8:00-8:15 and we are going to get ready in the classroom. This is a good time for you and your family members to reserve a spot in the auditorium and to get your cameras ready. The graduation will conclude within an hour and your child is free to leave with you at the end to begin their summer. Their last full day of school is on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> so please plan accordingly.



## Grade 1 News

Congratulations first graders! We collected the most money for our walkathon last week. Our prize is a week of dress down days. Our dress down week will be June 6 - June 10. What a nice treat. Many thanks to our parents and contributors.

In Reading this week, we read a biography of Alexander Graham Bell. We've been learning about inventions that have changed the world like the telephone, cars, record players and computers. We also read about Earle Dickson, who invented adhesive bandages for his wife who kept cutting her hand while preparing dinner. Next week, we'll read about Ben Franklin and his kite. This will complete our Reading Street program for the year.



In Math, we finished our money chapter. Counting money is always very challenging. This might be

something to continue working on during the summer. Next, we'll learn about measurement.



We also began our ocean study with a field trip to the Audubon Society in Bristol. It's always a great time and a fun way to learn things. This year we learned about whales.



## Grade 2 News

I am so proud of the second grade class because last week they showed 100% participation in morning prayer. Each student worked hard on practicing their reading. They all did a wonderful job!

Second grade is hard at work getting ready for the Ascension Thursday liturgy. We will be hosting mass on Thursday, June 2nd at 9am. I encourage all families to try and come to mass that day. I know that the students would love to see you there!

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In class we have started talking about Ocean Life. It is always fun to learn about animals who live in our vast oceans. Our field trip to the Audubon Society was a success. The students learned about whales and how they survive in their habitat.

As we approach the end of the year, I want to suggest that each child continue to practice their reading and math skills over the summer. They should continue to read each night. I strongly recommend that they participate in local library activities over the summer.



I want to thank all the families who have helped our class this year. I am very appreciative of all your support and encouragement you have shown through the year. Thank you and have a wonderful summer!



## Grade 3 News

Grade 3 has finished our study of the New Testament with the completion of Acts of the Apostles. Next week we will go back to the Old Testament to Genesis and the story of creation. Other topics the children expressed interest in are David and Goliath, Moses, Noah and Daniel. Hopefully we can get to all of these in the next few weeks. We have completed our reading program and will be taking the End of the Year Test next week. Look for the results in your child's folder. Over the summer, in helping your child with summer reading, it would be advantageous to refer to the skills help letter you received after the Unit 1 Test. If you need a second copy, please let me know. To supplement our study of ancient Egypt in social studies, we have begun reading "The Egypt Game". We will continue our study of geometry as we learn about angles. Also over the summer, continue to work on the multiplication tables with

your child, as well as regrouping and reasoning skills. It can be very simple to turn many simple activities you do each day into a problem solving activity.



In science, we turn our attention to living things. Last week we dissected a seed to see what was inside and this week we "planted" seeds in see through containers so we can observe their germination. Thank you for your support this past school year and have a great summer!



## Grade 4 News

What a year it has been in the world of Grade 4. This past month has been filled with adventures such as the walk-a-thon and field trips as well as exciting in school learning experiences.



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In Language Arts, we are reading "Out of the Blue", a biography based on the life of Benjamin Franklin. The class is very interested in learning about his childhood as well as all of the inventions he came up with from an early age. This topic also coincides with what we're focusing on in Social Studies. In S.S., we've spent a great deal of time on our founding fathers. We've been discussing the importance of The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution. The fourth grade history curriculum is so important in the importance of democracy, our great nation, and how it came to be. We're also continuing our focus on the map of the U.S. We've made our way into the South. We've been reading about the first settlers, industries, land, and agriculture.

In religion, we're focused on the Ten Commandments. We are working on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. This is an important lesson because the focus is on the needs of others. We're trying to spend time thinking about

what is a need and what is just a want.

This past week in grammar has been a review of all that we've covered over this last trimester. Over the summer, please try and review verbs, adverbs, pronouns, quotations, proper nouns, and what is a complete sentence. I'm so proud of how far these students have come in terms of the writing process. We sent letters to the President and I was very impressed with sentence structure and overall content. Keep up the great work, my friends!

Thank you for an incredible year in Grade 4, have a wonderful summer!



## Grade 5 News

In the next few weeks of math class, we will be working on multiplication and division of fractions, geometry concepts such as symmetry, and addition

and subtraction of decimals.



Religion brings us to a better understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We have been studying about the first disciple, Mary, the Mother of God, and learning about the Rosary. Our understanding of the Rosary was enhanced today with the entire school coming together in the school yard to pray this very special prayer. We will finish our study of the sacraments, concluding with the Sacraments at the Service of Communion-Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony.

We are continuing to learn about our country and our government through the Center for Civics Education program *We the People*.



In science we are learning how to identify minerals by examining their properties, such as hardness, magnetism, luster, shape, streak and texture.

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## Middle School News

In **sixth grade** science we finished Chapter 7 which dealt with evolution, we had our test on that chapter on Tuesday 5/24. In literature we will be still reading "The Sword of Darrow", by Alex and Hal Malchow. We will have our third quiz this week and will be finished with the book by finals.



In **seventh grade** science the students have finished working on their projects in which, through guidance, they were charged with teaching their classmates various chapters. The students were working in pairs and will be introducing their classmates to important topics we will be learning about before years end. We are part way through the presentations and the students are doing very well thus far.

In **seventh grade** literature we finished reading "The Giver" by Lois Lowery, and will begin working on reading comprehension through the use of short stories. This should take us through the remainder of the year.



In **eighth grade** science the students are finished with chapter 14; we will review the chapter and have the test by the week end. The students will then be preparing for their finals which begin on Friday the 3rd of June. In eighth grade literature we are working on reading comprehension through the use of short stories.

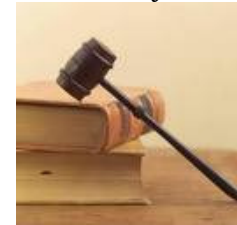


**6th Grade** Social Studies- We have completed our study of ancient civilizations for the year. The unit on Rome provides a nice lead-in for the students' final assignment of the year: Project Citizen. In the final weeks, your students will examine how United States citizens can influence public policy

through a series of activities requiring them to define public policy, choose an issue they feel needs to be addressed, develop an action plan, and finally present it to a panel of judges. They have a lot to do and they will be busy with homework until the end of the year.



**6th Grade Skills-** In the coming weeks, students will continue to work in their creative writing handbook in conjunction with Project Citizen to produce a persuasive essay.



**7th Grade** Social Studies: Our class continues to study the issues of the 1787 Philadelphia Convention. They have worked collaboratively to discuss the issues of representation in Congress, international and intranational trade agreements, and slavery. Next up, we will study the powers of Congress and take a close look at the Washington, Adams, and Jefferson administrations.

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7th Grade Skills: Students should be working nightly to complete their Early American magazines. They are currently in the middle of a persuasive essay. Due date is May 31st and the essay should closely follow the format in Chapter 8 of their Creative Writing Workshop text.



8th Grade Social Studies- Students should be working nightly to complete their travel itineraries through WWII battle sites. Completed travel itineraries are due on June 3, 2011.

In our final days together, we will discuss the Cold War and the Civil Rights movement of the 1950's and 1960's. Final Exams begin June 3rd.

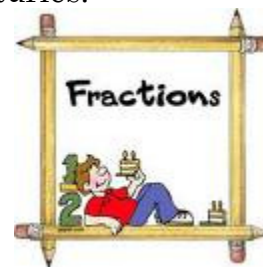
8th Grade Skills: Time Magazine is due for publication on June 8, 2011. Students will need to meet all the requirements of that assignment by this date. This assignment will serve as the final skills assessment of their Saint Paul careers.



Congratulations to all graduates and good luck in High School.

The **sixth grade** Religion class has completed their examination of the Old Testament and the New Testament. This journey has exposed them to an introductory exploration of the Catholic faith and to their ancestors in faith, the Jewish people. For their final exam on Friday, June 10th, the class will be responsible for the material in Units Three and Four. In the **seventh grade** Religion class, discussion of the Works of Mercy and the parable of the Good Samaritan has begun with the question, "Am I a Good Samaritan?" The class will be using the Works of Mercy to answer this question as we continue our studies. Evangelization as a work of the Church and its' impact on modern society has led to the knowledge that all members of the church are responsible for spreading the Word of God. The eighth grade Religion class has been exposed to this

fact in its' recent studies of the role of the Church in the 19th and the 20th Centuries.



The **sixth grade** Math class has been studying fractions of all types and in the usage of computation skills involving them. Currently, they are learning to relate fractions to decimals while using decimals to order and compare fractions. In the **seventh grade** Math class, the class has finished a review of the usage of the four basic operations with decimals. They will be starting a unit on negative exponents following Memorial Day weekend break. The **eighth grade** Math class has completed a unit on Slope, Slope/Intercept form, using Slope/Intercept to solve linear equations, and word problems.

Final exams will begin for the **eighth grade** on Monday, June 6th and will end on Thursday, June 9th. If an exam is missed, it will be made up on Friday, June 10th. Graduation ceremonies will be held on Sunday, June 12th during

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the 9:30 A.M. Mass. As the 2010-11 Academic Year draws to a close, students are encouraged to continue to work hard and put their best effort into all that they do. Congratulations are extended to the **eighth grade** class on their work, upon their acceptances to high school, and on their successful completion of their final exams.

May the Prayer of St. Francis be your guide as continue your life's journey and may Jesus live in your heart forever.



## Library/Technology News

For all library and computer news please visit [www.mrsash.org](http://www.mrsash.org).



## Art News

This school year we have been blessed with many opportunities to learn about art, not only at the Art Studio classes but also outside of our school setting. In the Fall we visited the Rhode Island School of Design Art Museum and Brown University Anthropology Museum in Providence. We also had a workshop from our visiting artist Mrs. Covert. As a result 200 books were created by 200 students in only two days. A good number of our students participated in this year Google Contest creating unforgettable Google logos, and six logos represented our school.

This was a wonderful year also to display our students artwork outside the school. This spring students showcased their work for the community, parents, relatives, and friends at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Cranston. In addition five of our students' work was selected to represent our school at

the RI Alliance Art Education Show at the URI Providence Campus Gallery downtown Providence, throughout the month of May.

Our After School Enrichment Art program was a huge success providing a wonderful expedition into Art education. Through the program we were able to enjoy making art and friends at the same time. This was such a fantastic group of talented kids! Mrs. Yattaw was such a great help this year, not only helping with the kids but also sharing ideas and art experiences. Thank all of you.



Given the overwhelming number of artwork selected to these shows and contests I wish to congratulate my students on job extremely well done! As well as wish them all a wonderful summer full of adventure filled with creativity and originality. Make art!

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And remember: “If you hear a voice inside saying, ‘you are not a painter,’ then by all means Paint! and that voice will be silenced.”

-Vincent Van Gogh.

I would like to extend my thanks to all parents who helped us this year and made all of the above events possible. Through the numerous events and programs over the course of the year we’ve unveiled how plentiful Art is in the world, and proven Art counts and is important piece of our children’s education.



FIELD DAY  
JUNE 16  
FEY FIELD

***See you there!***

