

KEY DATES



SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the Advent season Saint Paul certainly has been a very busy place. We have had a great start to the school year and as we work our way toward mid-term, fall sports are winding down and winter sports are just beginning. There's always something going on to keep our Patriots active and engaged.

We are very fortunate to be the first Niagara Catholic High School to build an artificial turf field which we opened in mid-October with a gala opening ceremony highlighted by a blessing of the field by Niagara Catholic District School Board Chairperson; Father Paul MacNeil. The field has been in full use since that date and we look forward to a very active spring sport season at our new facility.

Our grade eight class (next year's grade nines) have been to the school to visit us and took part in a Pep Rally and enjoyed a food truck lunch as well, and we look forward to inviting them back again soon. They certainly are an enthusiastic and energetic group! Faith life here at Saint Paul has been continuing with Grade Nine retreats and our Graduate retreat earlier in the fall at St. Ann's Parish organized and led by Chaplain Patricia. Our clubs are also running regularly after school and are organizing their charitable support of various causes. We will also be running our Christmas basket campaign throughout the Advent season with basket deliveries scheduled for the last week of classes prior to the Christmas break.

The highlight of the fall is always the Pilgrimage. This year our Pilgrimage was hosted by our sister school, Saint Michael's. We walked in solidarity with the Mustangs on Sunday, October 29th in support of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. I am proud to report that we raised over \$16,000 to support that cause! Way to go Patriots!

Our Social Science students and our Cadets also did an amazing job presenting our Remembrance Day assembly honouring those veterans who fought and died so that we could live in a free democracy like Canada. This is of course, one of our most important assemblies of the year. Other activities such as our Colour War Pep Rally and our Leadership class trip to Muskoka round out some of the fall highlights.

As we anticipate the upcoming Christmas season, let us all remember that "**Jesus is the reason for the season**" and that we are so fortunate to live in a country like Canada where we enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world and the right to choose our own course. On behalf of the students and staff here at Saint Paul Catholic High School I want to wish all our Patriot families a most joyous Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour with family and friends.

God Bless,

Brad Johnstone

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

**September 5th,
2017**

First Day of Classes

September 21st, 2017

Grade 9 Curriculum
Night

September 27th, 2017

Early Progress Report

October 6th, 2017

PD Day

October 9th, 2017

Thanksgiving

October 26th, 2017

Maplewood Markbook
Report

November 2nd, 2017

Parent/Teacher/Student
Conferences

November 18th, 2017

Santa Claus Parade

November 21st, 2017

Grade 8 Open House

November 23rd, 2017

Christmas Vendor
Market

November 29th, 2017

Midterm Reports
Distributed

December 1st, 2017

Christmas Semi-Formal

December 19th, 2017

Advent Mass

December 7th, 2017

Christmas Roadshow

December 25th-

January 8th, 2017
Christmas Break

January 23rd, 2017

EQAO Grade 9 Math

January 26-February

1st 2017

Semester One Exams

The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Hello Saint Paul Family, it's been my pleasure to spend time with the very welcoming students, families and staff of this great school. I'm Patricia Morgetano, the interim Chaplaincy Leader, and I ask that you keep Greg Robertson in your prayers as we look forward to his return to St. Paul CHS.

We have been busy since my arrival, the students and I have participated in various activities including school-wide liturgies and participated in a successful Pilgrimage, raising over \$16,000 for our sister school in Haiti, and retreats.

In the grade nine retreats the students were able to get to know one another while focusing on their "Gifts from God"; the grade eleven retreat students visited the revered spaces of other faith traditions including a mosque, temple and synagogue; and the grade twelve graduation retreat focused on the theme "Treating Humanity with Humanity". The graduates were challenged to be the difference the world needs.

We have had two conferences, the "When Faith Meets Pedagogy 2017" and "Culture of Life", at both events St. Paul CHS students were able to meet and learn from dynamic speakers and fellow students in Catholic education.

As Advent is upon us, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to all students and staff. We are about to embark on our Christmas Basket Campaign – a sacred tradition here at St. Paul CHS where we come together to serve our local community and live out the Gospel message of Jesus "just as you did to the least of my family, you did it to me".

Our weekly Wednesday morning Mass occurs at 7:30am in the Saint Paul Chapel, for all students, staff and we invite each of you to join. I also encourage you to incorporate this Mass into your Advent preparation as we wait in joyful anticipation to celebrate the birth of our LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Peace, love and miracles,
Patricia



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STUDENT COUNCIL

The 2017 school year has seen many fun and helpful Saint Paul Student Council initiatives. We started promoting school spirit in August with our very successful Grade 9 Orientation Day. Students toured our school, were divided into teams, and played a variety of competitive games!

In September, we sold Patriot Perks cards. Students receive the SPC card benefits paired with our Patriot Perks. The many discounts at local businesses and school incentives make this a popular card to have! Wacky Wednesdays in the cafeteria are a great way to get students involved and to build our school spirit.

October was busy! Halloween Candy-grams, Movie Night, and Food Truck Day there is always something going on. Halloween was "Spooktacular" as classes competed in the pumpkin carving contest. Way to go Miss MacDonald's class! Your pumpkin was "out of this world." "Freak Week" wrapped up with our costume contest: creativity and originality along with extravagant homemade efforts were seen in every hall. Congratulations to Elissa Lawrence and Nicole Gregory as "The Shinning" twins and Jocelyn Navarro for her shower costume.

In November, Student Council attended the Ontario Student Leadership Conference. This was an excellent experience as we heard from inspiring speakers: Michael "Pinball" Clemons and Olympic Gold Medalists Heather Moyse and Sarah Wells. The messages we brought back: believe in your abilities, work hard, and be helpful!

Lastly, excitement is brewing as students look forward to our Patriot Semi-formal. December 1 Club Italia will host our *Beauty and the Beast* themed night which includes dinner and dancing! This is an event where Student Council invites everyone to "Be our Guest!" for a memorable night.



Saint Paul Student Council Presents

Be Our Guest

Semi Formal - December 1st, 2017



\$45.00

*Club Italia
Doors Open 6pm
Doors Close 7pm
Ends at 10:30pm*



ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Athletic Council hosted our third annual Colour Wars Pep Rally, which took place on October 25th, and it was a blast! Each grade participated in events such as “Patriot Pong”, “Hungry Hungry Hippos”, “Plunger Langer”, and “Lip Sync Battle”, all while representing their respective colours. Grade nines were red, grade tens were orange, grade elevens were yellow, and grade twelves were green. Overall it was a great success and each grade brought their game, but it was the green grade twelves who collected the most points and took home the Colour Wars trophy!

Leading up to Pep Rally, Athletic Council hosted a spirit week where customizable t-shirts were available for purchase in each grade colour. There were two competitions in which grades could win additional points towards pep rally. Whichever grade bought the most freezies and posted the most pictures on twitter with the hashtag ‘STP Colour Wars’ won these 2 bonus points. Green dominated these events winning both, as well as being rewarded an additional point for showing the most spirit throughout the week.

Our brand new turf field was also introduced with a junior boy’s football buy-out on grade 8 day. Athletic Council hosted yet another intense assembly for our future patriots by welcoming all feeder schools for a day of fun! These students participated in a blue and white colour wars pep rally and are definitely excited to become proud Patriots!





SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The senior boys' volleyball team had a fun and successful season. The boys participated in Jean Vanier Lynx Invitational tournament this year. The team played very well making it all the way to the semifinals but unfortunately came up 2 points short of moving on. In regular season play, the boys played fun and exciting volleyball. The team finished the regular season in 2nd place and defeated both Notre Dame and St. Mike's in playoff action to advance to the NCAA finals against Holy Cross. Unfortunately the senior boys came up short against Holy Cross. The boys also competed for the Zone 3 Finals against E.L. Crossley. The boys fought hard but were eliminated. Mr. McCormack would like to wish the following graduating players good luck next year: Matthew MacLean, Michael Donnison, Alex Page, David Leone, Ethan Pasco and Siar Esckendari.



JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The junior girls' basketball team has had an amazing season, hustling their way to the semi-finals in style! Led by Julia Garisto and Josee Severin, this phenomenal group of athletes never ceased to amaze Coach McDonald and Coach Long. The team always banked on the offensive skills of Liv Piccirillo and the defensive hustle of Maia MacClean, as well as the passion and development of Courtney Ferron and Julia Savoie! Saint Paul is truly impressed with the heart and "muck" of this amazing team! Well done ladies!





MUSKOKA WOODS CAMP 2017

Mr. Keighan's Recreation and Leadership class once again planned an unbelievable trip for the Grade 8 students from our feeder schools. Over 120 Grade 8's participated in the 2nd annual trip. When the Recreation and Leadership class and members of the Athletic Council of Saint Paul students were added, over 150 students descended onto Muskoka Woods this November to participate in co-operative team building games, zip-lining, outdoor broomball hockey, indoor skateboarding and plenty of camp fires. Students from the 7 feeder schools had the chance to make new friends with other students from other schools as groups were made from selecting students from each of the feeder schools. This was done to challenge each student in their leadership skills at this camp. This 3 day, 2 night camp came together due to the dedicated efforts of Mr. Keighan and his Recreation and Leadership class. It is Mr. Keighan's hope that all Grade 8 students in the Niagara Catholic District School Board will be able to experience this awesome camp to help them prepare for high school and foster friendships and skills that will last a lifetime!



GRADE 8 DAY

Students from all 7 feeder elementary schools, Cardinal Newman, Notre Dame, Mary Ward, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Gabriel's, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's converged onto Saint Paul for the first ever Grade 8 Day Colour War Pep Rally. Half of the Grade 8's were assigned either a WHITE or BLUE colour the week before and they were asked to dress in their assigned colour before they arrived to Saint Paul. They created posters to help cheer for their colour during the pep rally. During the pep rally, each group had a chance to participate in fun events to collect points for their colour team. In the end, all participants were winners! After the pep rally, Grade 8's had the opportunity to enjoy Food Trucks, witness the opening ceremonies of our new turf field and while watching Jr. Football Game christen the new turf field. It was a fantastic Friday the 13th!





SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

This is a very exciting year for Saint Paul Science! Four of our elite science students were selected from the Niagara Region to each work with a professor from Brock University. They will be spending an entire semester researching and gaining experience that will benefit them for a lifetime. Congratulations to Michael Donnison, Bianca Marcella, Connor Scappaticci and Sidney Stefanac for not only being chosen for this prestigious opportunity, but for making Saint Paul so very proud of you!



CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Gordon's double period Construction class attended the Annual Construction Day field trip hosted by the Heavy Construction Association of Regional Niagara. In Welland, they visited Niagara Catholic's Launch Center and the new G.E. plant being constructed. In Thorold, they visited Walker's Quarry and Walker's headquarters where students had the opportunity to use a Backhoe simulator which is used for training purposes. During the month of October students also put the final touches on the new Trophy Cabinet that is now set up outside the gym and cardio room, as well as helped construct the haunted house as well as, individual projects.





MUSIC

Our flourishing Music Department has had an exciting start to our 2017 Performance Year! From putting on another successful Haunted House to adding spirit and energy to our pep rallies, opening ceremonies, the Santa Claus Parade, Grade 8 Open House and our School Liturgies, these talented young musicians in our Concert Band, Drum Line, Choir, Rock Ensemble & Music Council never cease to amaze! We look forward to spreading Christmas cheer at our upcoming Christmas Concert, "Underneath the Tree", December 7 and 8th at 7 pm!



SEAC REPORT

The following is a list of the current goals that the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) are working on for this school year.

SEAC Goals for the 2017-2018 School Year

- Have a SEAC meeting at a school to promote parent engagement.
- SEAC members to visit a school – look at best practices regarding inclusion.
- Review of the new Special Education Ministry document, ***Draft Special Education In Ontario – Kindergarten to Grade 12 Policy and Resource Guide 2017***; to aid with the review of the Special Education Plan. Special Education staff to provide presentations on related topics.



Saint Paul Music Department Presents...

Underneath The Tree

Christmas Roadshow 2017

Thursday, December 7th and Friday, December 8th

Featuring performances by the Drum Line, Concert Band,
Choir and Rock Ensemble!

General Admission: \$5

Doors Open at 6:30 PM. Showtime is 7:00 PM.

Saint Paul Theatre
3834 Windermere Road
Niagara Falls, Ontario

For tickets contact Angela Iorio at
angela.iorio@nedsh.com

Tickets will also be available at the door
Or from any student in the Music Department!

