

KEY DATES



SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As I write this final message of the 2016-2017 school year our students are busy preparing for and writing their final exams. It is the culmination of all their hard work as they complete their academic obligations. It is hard to believe that another school year has come to an end.

We have had a very busy month of June! Our closing Mass and Graduation Luncheon was a huge success. I would like to extend a special thank you to Father Bill Drouse, our celebrant for the closing Mass and of course, to our wonderful Saint Paul family for organizing and hosting our Graduation Luncheon. Our Graduation Prom was once again, a fantastic evening and our senior Patriots looked great in their formal attire. We also had the opportunity to say goodbye to two of our Saint Paul faculty, Mr. Fred Girardo and Mrs. Joanne Morris have decided to retire and we thank them and wish them well as they move into the next phase of their lives.

The construction of our new turf field is currently well under way and work will continue throughout the summer months. If all work remains on schedule we will have a brand new facility to enjoy when we return in September. A sincere thank you to our partners; The City of Niagara Falls, the Niagara Falls Soccer Club and the Foundation for Catholic Education. It has been a pleasure working with you all.

As we draw this year to a close I would like to wish all those in the Saint Paul community a safe and happy summer. Please take this time to enjoy family and friends, rest and recharge and enjoy our beautiful Southern Ontario summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September.

God Bless,

Brad Johnstone

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

June 7, 2017

Markbook Report
Distribution

June 9, 2017

Prom at
The Americana

June 13, 2017

Closing School Mass
and Graduate
Luncheon

June 14-15, 2017

Grade 9 Math EQAO
Assessment

June 22-28, 2017

Final Examinations

June 28 2017

Graduation Ceremony
at Scotiabank
Convention Center

June 29-30, 2017

Professional Activity
Days

July 1, 2017

Canada Day

July 7, 2017

Semester Two Final
Report Cards Mailed

August 29, 2017

NEW

Gr. 12 Timetable
Pickup
8am-11am

August 30, 2017

Grade 9 Orientation
Day
Used Uniform Sale:
Saint Paul Family
12-3pm

August 31, 2017

NEW

Grade 10 Timetable
Pickup
8am-11am
Grade 11 Timetable
Pickup
11:30am-2pm

September 5th, 2017

1st Day of Semester
One Classes



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

The Saint Paul Catholic High School community should be so proud for their welcoming spirit towards new staff arriving at this wonderful school. Since my arrival to fill in for your Chaplain, Greg, everyone has been kind, warm and supportive. This is a testament to the beautiful spirit that is present here at St. Paul. This school is definitely a hidden gem in the NCDSB. Thank you to all of you for making my temporary stay as your Chaplain so enriching.

Our year end Grad Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill Derosie was very moving as well as uplifting. The respect students gave during the mass was extraordinary. All the grads were an inspiration to all of us.

A very special thank you goes out to the Chaplain's Crew for showing me the set up and tear down procedures. The team included Alexandra Gorodetska, Taylor Price, Jesse Marek, Tony DiDomenico, Christiano DiDomenico, Mitchell Rochon, Aaliyah Gardner, Rosa Pelissero, Noah Oakley, Kianna Santiago, Mikee Nerbida, Dave Manibog, Meah Nerbida, Abigail MacKinnon, Jaime Lard, Kendell Ramdass, Zsolti Nagy, and Tarah Dowd.

Dear Lord, give us the rest and rejuvenation we need this summer. Watch over us in the summer months ahead. Guide us each day as you have done this past school year.

Your Chaplaincy Leader,
Deacon Brian T. Prieur





SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

The Patriots started this year with the hope of returning to a 4th consecutive OFSAA championship. During 3 successful tournaments the boys were runners up in the Vaughan Tournament of Champions and the Niagara Cup. Eventually winning in the Nick Micelli Memorial tournament held by Saint Francis. In Niagara Catholic league play the boys finished with a record of 4 wins, 2 loses and 1 tie. In playoff action the squad defeated Westlane and St. Michael's to take home their 5th straight zone 3 title.

After a win versus Glendale in the SOSSA semi-finals the boys luck came to an end with a tough loss versus Holy Cross in the SOSSA finals. Mr. Seca and Mr. Tropea would like to thank all the players for a great season and wish the graduating players all the best as they move on to post-secondary education.



LADIES SOFTBALL

The ladies softball team participated in the NCAA tournament this year, beating Notre Dame and Saint Micheal's but lost to the eventual winner, Lakeshore Catholic in a heart breaker with a 11-9 score. Weather was unfortunately a factor in the limited number of games for the team. Coaches Mrs. Preece, Ms. Costantini and Mrs. Fazio-Candeloro would like to thank the girls for the great attitude and effort this short season and wish the graduates Valerie Pagnotta, Jackie Tremblay, Samantha Fisher and Michalla Biamonte good luck next year.





VIMY RIDGE

On April 6, 2017, a group of Saint Paul students accompanied by chaperones Mr. J. Oreskovich, Mr. S. Abbruscato, and Ms. Kelly Majka, embarked on a Niagara Catholic board-wide trip to Europe to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian battle at Vimy Ridge. The group began the journey in Rome where they visited the Roman ruins, the Trevi Fountain, the Coliseum, and attended mass at the Vatican. We then embarked to Paris where we saw the Eiffel Tower, the Arc d'Triumph, Champs d'Elysee, and Hotel Invalides.

The next day we attended the emotional ceremony at Vimy Ridge, the sight of Canada's famous WWI victory in 1917, which was attended by Governor General David Johnston, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Prince Charles and his sons, and French Prime Minister Hollande. Upon returning to Paris we visited the artsy Montmartre and went on the Seine River cruise. Soon it was time to say "au revoir" as we headed off to London on the train.

Over the next few days, we visited Kensington Gardens, Buckingham Palace, King's Cross Train Station, London Bridge, Convent Garden, and the Imperial War Museum. We attended the Easter Vigil Mass with the Saint Michael's group to end our trip on a memorable note. Finally, it was time to head back to Canada on Easter Sunday as our ten day trip was quickly over. We had an amazing time over the course of the ten days travelling as a part of a Saint Paul family. It was a trip that will be fondly remembered forever.



"True Patriot Love"





ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Athletic Council is pleased to conclude another successful year! The spring and summer months have been filled with lots of action. Junior Intramural Dodgeball was better than ever, with the Groundhogs taking the championship! Athletic Council also introduced a brand-new spring line of spirit wear. Patriots were able to purchase bucket hats, jackets, jerseys, and more! The Athletic Awards assembly took place on Monday June 12th, which acknowledges all of our Saint Paul athletes. This school would not be complete if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication put in by our athletes, which always makes us proud to wear blue and white! Our spring and summer sports teams represented Saint Paul with courage and passion.

Congratulations goes out to the soccer, track and field, softball, baseball, rugby, and rowing teams! A huge thank you goes out to every student athlete, coach, or teacher representative that helped to make this year another great one! We can't wait to see what next year has in store for us!



CLN4U MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT

The CLN4U Senior Law class competed in the Ontario Justice Education Network competitive mock trial tournament in May. The class litigated the R. v. Steems case at the St. Catharines courthouse. The team won the Gold medal outscoring Blessed Trinity, A.N. Myer, and Stamford to be proclaimed the 2017 Niagara Region Champions. Aden Wegelin won the award for the Best Advocate. The class then travelled to Hamilton to compete for the Central Ontario title. The team defeated Waterdown Collegiate in the semi-finals and captured the 2017 Central Ontario Silver Medal. Mr. Oreskovich would like to congratulate the team for their outstanding performances.

The team is featured in the photograph from left to right: Sabrina Filice, Sierra Packer, Regan Greatrix, Karina Primerano, and Anthony Persia, Connor Tries, Josh Simpson, Aden Wegelin and Devon Long.





TECH CREW

Throughout the year, the tech crew has been using their artistic flare, technological skills, and hard working attitude to help take care of Saint Paul’s technical needs. Daniel Young, Stefan Watson, Christian Rossi-Taylor, Justin Huynh, Alisandra Iacobaccio, and Drew Trottier have been quite busy this year. They were responsible for various tasks including: creating various promotional videos, recording sporting events, creating inserts for the student handbook, and preparing and running the audio visual pieces at assemblies and masses. The students found an excellent balance between work and play. There was never a dull moment in room 603. These students have always been hard working and emulated Christ like behaviour in the club and out in public. Saint Paul is proud of these students and appreciates all the hard work they have put into the school all year long!



CIVICS AND CAREERS

On Sunday April 30th, Grade 10 Civics and Careers students partnered with the City of Niagara Falls to participate in the Story Walk held at the MacBain Centre to support the Healthy Kids Day. Students helped give away over 2000 free books to children in the Niagara Falls community to promote children's literacy, physical activity, and community involvement. On site was the author of the children's story *Teddy Star*, Hannah Gill (a Saint Paul alumni and previous valedictorian), whose family business Complete Courier Plus donated 500 books for the day. Thank you for your generous donation and taking the time to personally sign all your books! As well as thank you from all the kids to Mayor Jim Diodati who read the *ABC's of Canada* as a special treat.





ARTS DAY

Visual Arts Award Recipients

- Justin Huynh Best in Show
- Blair Cave-Brown-Cave Best Painting
- Alessandro Fabiano Best Drawing
- Kendell Ramdass Best Sculpture
- Paula Gomez Best Printmaking
- Alessandro Fabiano Best Photography
- Christina Lucisano Best in Grade Nine (First Semester)
- Christian DiDomenico Best in Grade Nine (Second Semester)
- Taylor Dennis Best in Grade Eleven Art
- Jasmin Gicante Best in Grade Twelve Art





MUSIC

The music department had a busy few months!! From performances by our Rock Ensemble at Cleveland's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Picnic on the Q/Heart Niagara Fundraiser, our Concert Band performances at a beautiful outdoor vineyard wedding to our culminating ARTS DAY/Coffee House. At each of these events our gifted young musicians never cease to amaze as they continue to share their musical gifts and passion within our school community and beyond!

Our Pit Band for the musical Sister Act was also awarded a prestigious Cappie for Best Orchestra! Applause, applause to all and wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

We look forward to another incredible performance year in 2017/18! Stay tuned for information about our upcoming Performance Trip in 2018!



BOSTON PIZZA SPECIAL OLYMPICS CELEBRATION



SEAC REPORT

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) participated in the Niagara Catholic Festival of Families event that was held on Thursday, May 25 at Saint Michael High School.

The 2017-2018 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Ministry video was presented to the SEAC members at the May meeting.

SEAC participated in the Education Accessibility Standard Engagement Survey.



CLASS OF 2017



TURF FIELD COMING FALL 2017

