



St. Paul Elementary December News

NEW PEDAGOGICAL DAYS

As you have undoubtedly heard, the Ministry of Education has added three pedagogical days to the school year calendar. The choice of these days was to be made at the local level in order to provide teachers with professional development opportunities for virtual learning. As such, the following three pedagogical days have been added to our calendar:

- Friday, December 11, 2020
- Monday, January 25, 2021
- Friday, February 26, 2021

The daycare will be open for students who are registered daycare users on pedagogical days, though there will be no fees for these three days.

The pedagogical day originally scheduled for February 26 has been moved to January 15. Daycare will be open for usual attendees and regular fees will apply.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The government recently announced that the schools will be closed as of December 17th for students. Students will be given assignments to work on from home and teachers will “check in” with them via their online platform on each of those two days. We will be sending you more details about this after our December 11 pedagogical day.

Classes are scheduled to resume, as planned, on January 5, 2021. Please be reminded that daycare is not open on January 4, as this is a board-wide professional learning day, for all employees, daycare educators included.

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST & PJ DAY

We will be treating our students to a holiday breakfast on Wednesday, December 16, around 10 a.m. Each child will be served a yoghurt, juice and three pancakes with syrup. We will also be encouraging students to wear their PJs on this day so that they can have a cozy last day with their class families and teachers.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Please make sure your child(ren) have appropriate outdoor clothing. Boots are now required. Ensure everything is labeled. Extra socks and mittens are highly recommended.

PICK UP PROCEDURES

Beginning December 10, parents who are picking up their child(ren) **MUST** advise **the office** if someone other than the custodial parent will be picking up their child. We will not release children to anyone other than the custodial parent if we are not advised. Please email Miss Gloria (K4-Gr. 2) gpiperissa@swlauriersb.qc.ca or in the annex contact Miss Virginia vlahara@swlauriersb.qc.ca (Mon-Thurs) and Miss Ellie on Fridays eviolo@swlauriersb.qc.ca.

CHAPMANS ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER

We will begin our annual ice cream fundraiser after the holidays. You will receive an order form to place your order, which will include dates from mid-January until March. Please be sure to respect the deadline, as the orders need to be placed in advance. This year, we will only be accepting cash, which will be quarantined for 24-28 hours before being counted and deposited.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

This year, due to COVID-related restrictions, we will be organizing our annual holiday food drive differently. Each grade level will have a specific day on which they can contribute their non-perishable items. Further, we will be asking for specific items from each grade level in order to ensure a healthy variety of items for our two chosen charities. All donations will be given to the Divino Amore Church and AGAPE Laval.

Please take note of the following schedule and requested items:

Monday, December 7
Pre-Kindergarten and Grade 3
Requested items: Crackers, granola bars, lunch snacks toothpaste

Tuesday, December 8
Kindergarten and Grade 4
Requested items: Pasta, rice, canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, ham) toothbrushes

Wednesday, December 9
Grade 1 and Grade 5
Requested items: Cookies, cake mix, muffin mix Shampoo/conditioner

Thursday, December 10
Grade 2 and Grade 6
Requested items: Canned fruit, canned veggies, canned sauces, apple sauce, pudding, Jell-O soap/body wash

Students are permitted to dress-down on the same day that they are bringing in their donation.

REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

If you have a child who will be starting K4 (pre-kindergarten) or K5 (kindergarten) next school year, we will be sending out the information on the registration process shortly. We are still discussing and awaiting directives regarding the best way to proceed given the limitations to access to the buildings, manipulation of paper etc. More information to come.

We wish to take this moment to wish you all a very safe, healthy holiday season. We hope that you take this time to connect with your immediate family, spend quality time with the kids and follow the safety measures in place. We want everyone to return in 2021 in top shape, healthy and ready to continue their learning journey. Please read with your children over the break. This is our biggest concern right now. Like in sports, they need to keep their reading brains in shape and continue to recover from the learning loss from the spring. Take care, stay safe and be well.

♥ Mrs. Verrall & Mrs. Venieris

