

# November Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

We wish to applaud the St. Paul community for helping to keep COVID-19 out of our school. We are so pleased with everyone's efforts. Our staff is working tirelessly to follow new protocols, help the children bridge the learning gap and recover from the leaning loss related to the spring closures. We truly appreciate all of the support and kind messages we have received and thank you for trusting us with our children. Now more than ever, we need to make sure we do not become complacent, as the fatigue of all the safety measures sets in. We've got this!

## MASK USE

Please be sure that your child has a fresh mask each day. We have noted some students wearing the same masks for consecutive days, which defeats the purpose. Also, you need to provide your child with a baggie or case to store their masks while not in use, in order for them to stay clean and away from contamination.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year, we will not be having Remembrance Day ceremonies in the gym. Each teachers will be teaching their classes the importance and significance of this day. We will be collecting online donations for poppies. Each child will receive a poppy (or poppy sticker) on November 11. Please click here to make a donation to the Veterans: [2020 Poppy Campaign donate here.](#)

## WARM CLOTHES

The colder weather will soon be upon us, though we had a little taste of it last week. Please be sure to dress your child for outdoor play. Students are outside for two 20-minute recess periods as well as 30 minutes at lunch. Bus students and pick up students are also outside for 10-15 minutes at the end of day, so being warmly dressed, is essential. Consider tucking an extra pair of mittens and socks in your child's bag, in case they get wet. We have noticed many students arriving with only a hoodies, which does nothing to protect from wind.

## REPORT CARD UPDATE

As you heard, the Term 1 report card is delayed until the end of January. Next week, parents of students in Grades 1-6 will receive a **revised** First Communication report, which includes assessments for learning and behaviour in all subjects, rather than just ELA/Math/FSL/Phys. Ed. We will still be having parents-teacher interviews, via Zoom, on Thursday, November 19. Teachers will invite parents of students who they need to meet. If you do not receive an invitation, but wish to speak to your child's teacher(s), please email them and they will be in touch to arrange a Zoom meeting or phone call on another day. The new end of term will be December 18, and the Term 1 report card will be issued by January 22, as mandated by the Ministry of Education.

## TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF CANADA

Parents who choose to travel outside of Canada with their children must understand that it is not the mandate of the school to provide work in their child's absence, nor in the 14 day quarantine period after the return to Canada. Your children will be responsible for catching up upon their return to school. Please do not request work from the teachers.

## STUDENTS ABSENCES

From now on, we will only be requiring the Parent Declaration form for students who have been absent with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID, or those who have been absent for 2 or more days. The form is available on our website [www.stpaulelementary.ca](http://www.stpaulelementary.ca) or can be requested from the secretaries. Thank you for your usual collaboration.

## CLASS BUBBLES

We have had some questions about class bubbles. The concept of class bubbles is a way of keeping students in a controlled group. This way, if we ever need to do contact tracing, we don't need to involve the whole school, just the bubbles concerned. I hope this helps clarify the situation.

## GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS

Since GB meetings are typically open to the public, and since we are currently meeting virtually, you may request a Zoom link by completing the following form: [CLICK HERE](#) On the day of the meeting, you will be sent a Zoom link to the meeting. Only those parents who have requested a link will be granted access to the GB meeting, so please do not forward it to others. Also, please ensure that the name on your device is clearly your name, as Zoom names that do not match the parents' names will be denied access.

## VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Just a quick reminder that the Virtual Book Fair is ongoing until November 13. This is a great opportunity to purchase some Christmas gifts. Purchases made Wednesday November 11 between 6-8 p.m. will receive free shipping.

## CLOTHING LABELS

Please make sure that your child's name is written inside any clothing items that they remove (hoodies, mittens, hats etc). Clothing with names indicated is quickly returned, whereas the unlabeled things go to the lost and found and are rarely reclaimed. It's better to invest in a sharpie or some labels than 20 pairs of mittens and two pairs of snowpants... ;-)

Please note that a dress-down day was added to the November Calendar, on the 27<sup>th</sup>. 😊