



St. Paul Weekly News
September 4, 2026

Principal's Memo

Hello St. Paul Families,

My name is Ferdinand Filiplic, I am the new principal here at the school. I have met so many of you over the last few days and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm welcome.

A bit about me, I have been with the division for over 25 years. As a teacher I spent most of my career teaching high school mathematics at all levels at St. Joseph High School. I also worked as the International Baccalaureate Coordinator at the school. My administrative journey includes time spent at St. Rose, Archbishop MacDonald, St. Thomas Aquinas and now St. Paul.

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I am very excited to join this community, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

St. Paul is a special place, and I know that the 2026/2027 school year will be a journey filled with joy, faith, academic challenge, and enriching experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

I invite all of you to Ride The Lightning!
(Lightning is our school's mascot)

God Bless and see you around the school.

Meet our Administrative Assistant: Ms. Ryksen

We are thrilled to welcome our new
Administrative Assistant, Ms. Nicole Ryksen, to
the St. Paul family!

Ms. Ryksen has already been busy behind the
scenes, helping get our school year off to a
great start and getting to know our wonderful
students and families. We are so happy to have
her as part of our team!

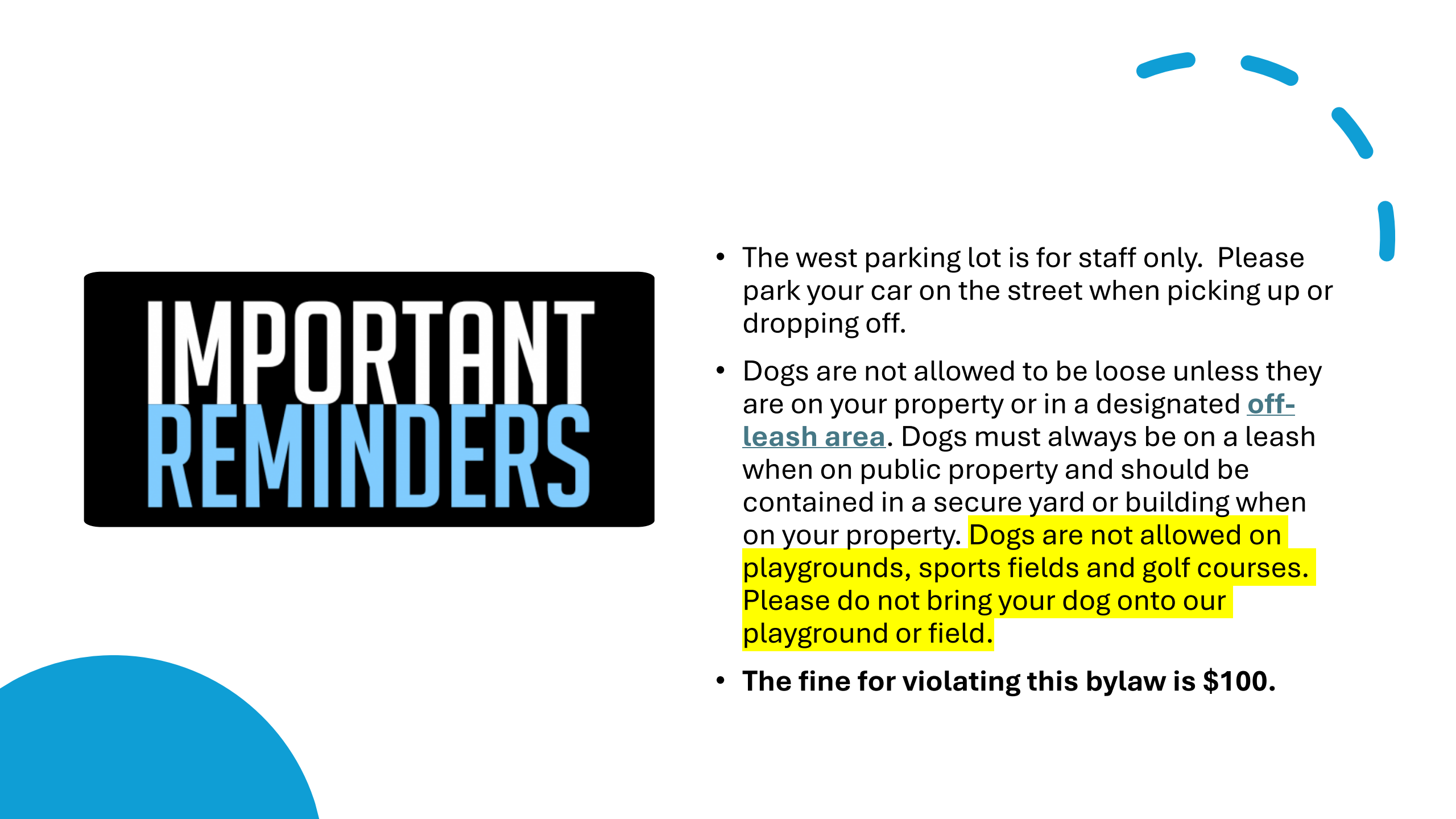
Be sure to pop into the office, say hello, and give
Ms. Ryksen a warm St. Paul welcome!

We know you'll love getting to know her! 💙



Upcoming Events

- September 7, Labour Day, No School. Enjoy the time!
 - September 8, AMA Patroller Training, Grade 6
 - September 9: GATE information evening @ 6:00 pm
 - Healthy Hunger, September 11. Please contact the office if you have any questions.
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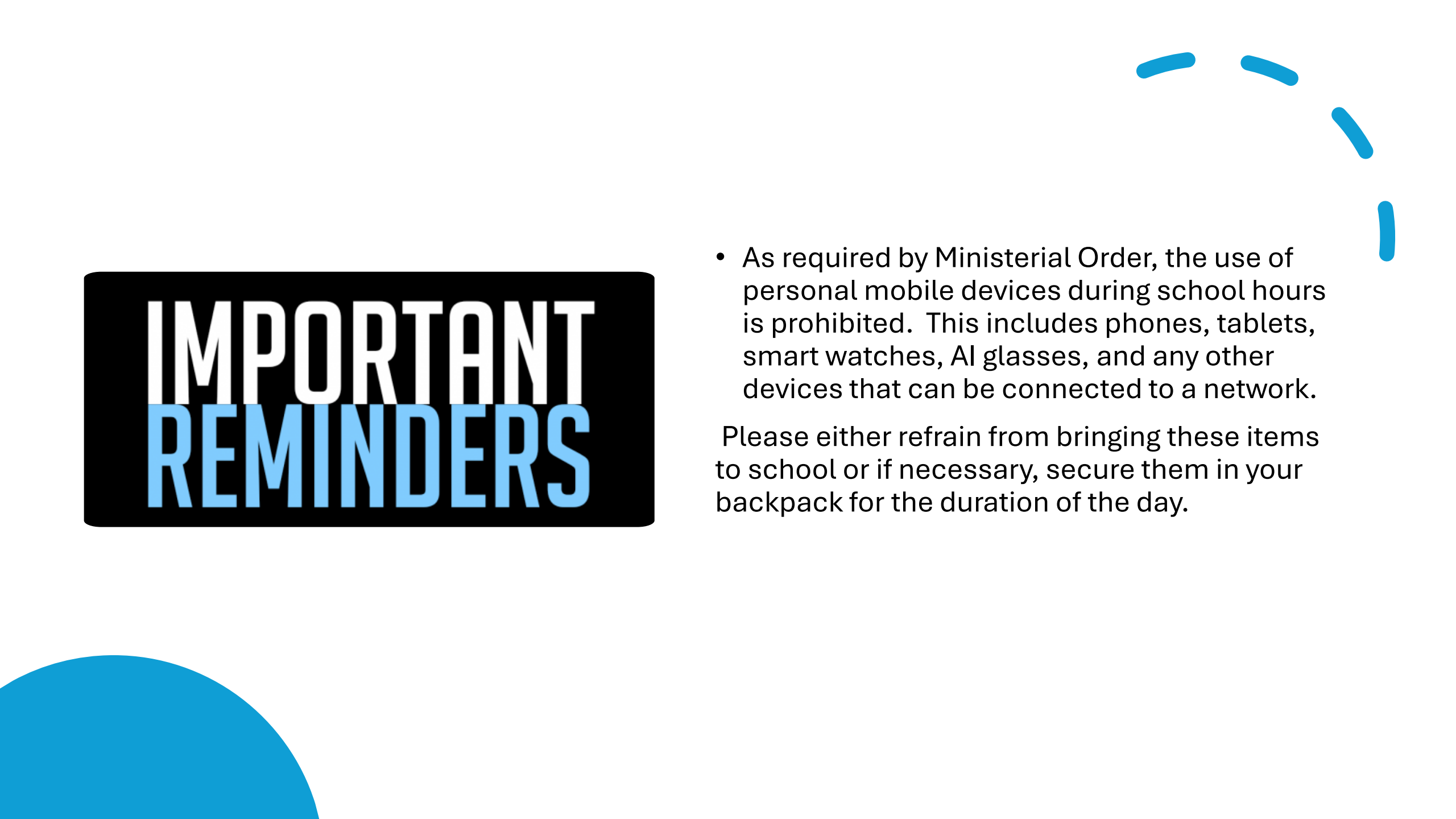
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- The west parking lot is for staff only. Please park your car on the street when picking up or dropping off.
- Dogs are not allowed to be loose unless they are on your property or in a designated off-leash area. Dogs must always be on a leash when on public property and should be contained in a secure yard or building when on your property. Dogs are not allowed on playgrounds, sports fields and golf courses. Please do not bring your dog onto our playground or field.
- The fine for violating this bylaw is \$100.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- As instructed by our division, please see the updated code of conduct attachment that was sent with this weekly newsletter. The updated code of conduct complies with new Alberta legislation: *An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and amend the Education Act*. The legislation comes into effect on September 1, 2026.
- Parents are reminded that unless you are picking up your child early, you cannot be waiting for them inside the school at dismissal time.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- As required by Ministerial Order, the use of personal mobile devices during school hours is prohibited. This includes phones, tablets, smart watches, AI glasses, and any other devices that can be connected to a network.

Please either refrain from bringing these items to school or if necessary, secure them in your backpack for the duration of the day.

St. Paul Staff

2026-27



Kindergarten:
Carly McAvoy

Gr. 1A:
Shanelle Potolicki

Gr. 2A:
Laura Stachniak

Gr. 2B:
Abbey Seefried

Gr. 2/3 GATE:
Melissa Guzzo

Gr. 3A:
Andrew Patan

Gr. 4A:
Sonia Dent

Gr. 4/5 (4-6 GATE):
Meaghan Doram

Gr. 5:
Karla Silva-Ludtke

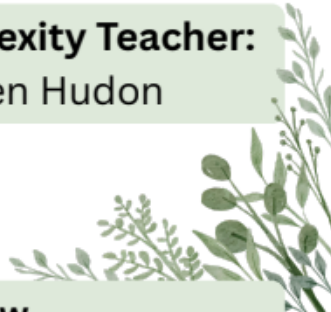
Gr. 6A:
Kathryn Filevich

Gr. 6B (AM):
Christina Wolinski

Complexity Teacher:
Jen Hudon

Inclusive:
Chiara Cimino

100 Voices- Zoo Crew
Lynne Novak- teacher
Fiorella Desouza- EA
Kirsten Halsey- TASL



Meet our Staff!

St. Paul Staff

2026-27



EA:
Dusica Radojcic

EA:
Sheryl Trimble

EA:
Montana Tomiuk

EA:
Syeda Akhter

TABT:
Danielle Boenig

TABT:
Brenna Allan

Head Custodian:
Perry Yates

Light Duty Custodian:
Selam Tewolde

Principal:
Ferdinand Filiplic

Assistant Principal/Instructional Coach:
Dalyace McNamee

Administrative Assistant:
Nicole Ryksen



**WELCOME
BACK**



Volunteers needed

- St. Paul is currently seeking volunteers to help maintain the garden by the front entrance of the school. If you are interested, please contact the office.



Stay Connected with St. Paul!

- Follow along on our school Instagram to stay up to date with important dates, upcoming events, school celebrations, and all the amazing things happening in our classrooms! 🏡 ✨
- From special events to everyday learning, we love sharing what makes St. Paul Catholic School such a special place to be. 💙
- Follow us and keep up with all things St. Paul!
 - @st.paul_ecsd



A teaching from St. Paul

- “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:32

