

WEEKLY NEWS

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Calendar

Monday 27

Healthy Hunger - OPA

Teachers Pet FT - Gr. 6

Tuesday 28

Grade 6 Immunizations

Wednesday 29

SAC Meeting @ 6PM

Thursday 30

Early dismissal @ 12 PM

Boys Volleyball Tournament @ STM (pm)

Friday 1

Healthy Hunger - EDO



Principal's Message

The Church has preserved and passed on the Word of God from generation to generation. In art, music, and liturgy, the Word of God has been proclaimed, celebrated, and treasured.

Recognizing that we are all called to grow in faith and the love of Christ, we now prepare to hand on that precious gift to our Grade 4 students. Knowing God's Word teaches and guides us, each student received their personal copy of the Bible this week - even blessed and signed by Father Dean! What a special longstanding tradition for our Catholic community of learners.



Thank you to all of our families who visited the school for our parent teacher conferences on **Thursday, November 23, 2023**. It was a great success sharing all the teaching and learning here at St. Paul. We are all so proud of our students!

We concluded our week with the Dream-Builders Fundraiser for the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Foundation and helping students and families within our School Division. We raised over \$600 in one afternoon! Students were treated to a movie, chips and a drink! What a great way to welcome the weekend! Thank you to our Leadership Team for organizing this initiative for our school!



Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs. Jones



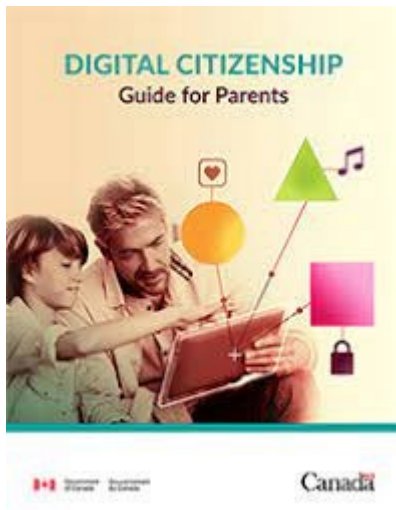
Parent Council Meeting

Our next SAC meeting is **Wednesday November 29, 2023 @ 6pm**. The meeting will take place in the Learning Commons! We will be sharing our School Assurance Data, PAT results, Casino details, upcoming school initiatives and much more. We will also revisit the role of fundraising initiatives and the need for volunteers to support what we have currently in place - we hope you will join us!

New Swing Installation

After waiting a few months, our new swing is set to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to our Parent Council for supporting this fix. Our students are so excited to have the swing repaired!





Five Key Tips for Digital Parenting

Before you get started, here are five key tips to guiding your kids to safe and responsible digital lives:

Don't be scared!

You hear a lot of scary stuff about kids and the internet, but the fact is that most kids do just fine. Think of the internet as being like a swimming pool: the best way to keep your kids safe there is to teach them how to stay safe.

Talk to your kids.

Don't wait until things have already gone wrong to talk to your kids about online issues, and don't just have one "big talk." What your kids need from you is *guidance*, so they're prepared to deal with problems before they happen, *support* from you when things do go wrong, and for you to *reinforce* these messages by continuing to talk to them as they get older and are more able to make decisions for themselves. The three main sections of this guide have lots of tips on how to talk about all of the major online issues. If you have older kids and haven't talked to them about the internet yet, don't worry: it's never too late to start!

Be a part of your kids' media lives.

What your kids are watching, playing, reading and listening to is a big part of the person they're turning into, and their online lives can be just as important to them as the "real world." Younger kids are usually glad when their parents show an interest in the things they like, so get them to show you how their new favourite game works or why they're so excited about joining a new social network. You can also use media to talk about sensitive issues: kids may be more comfortable talking about sexting or bullying when you're discussing a character in a TV show than someone they know.

Be the person your kids come to when they have problems online.

A lot of the time, kids don't want to go to their parents when things go wrong because they're afraid they'll get in trouble. When your kids start going online make sure they know clear **procedures** on what to do if things go wrong, like if they can't figure out a game or they accidentally access something unpleasant. (Check out the "How do I talk about..." and "How do I ..." sections below for some of these procedures.) If they're in the habit of coming to you about the little things, they'll be a lot more likely to talk to you about the big ones.

Set rules and communicate values.

The internet may seem like the Wild West sometimes, but the rules you set still affect how kids behave online. What's most important is that your rules are a way of **getting across** the **values** you want your kids to live by, that way they'll keep living by them even when they're grown up and out on their own.

[Digital Citizenship Guide for Parents](#)

[Government of Alberta](#)

ATTENTION PARENTS!

ArtCards
by Kids



Sample Art Cards going home!

Your child has created a work of art at school so watch for their **SAMPLE CARD** in their backpacks!

Find instructions on **HOW TO ORDER** on the inside of their sample art card.

Your Order Deadline is:
NOVEMBER 30th (midnight)

www.artcardsbykids.com



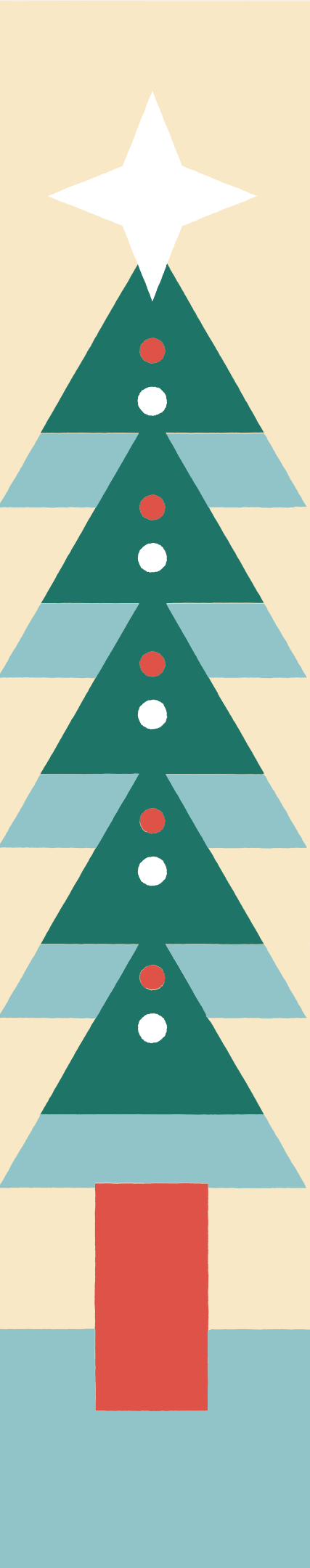
Christmas Fundraiser

With Purdy's Chocolates!

Grab some chocolates and treats in time for the Christmas season, and support our school community!

Deadline to order: Saturday November 25, 2023
Pick up @ the school: Monday December 11, 2023

[PLACE YOUR ORDER HERE!](#)



St. Paul School

Giving Trees 2023

KINDERGARTEN MITTS AND GLOVES

GRADE 1 A/B TOYS (AGES 4-7)

GRADE 2 TOILETRIES

GRADE 3 GIFT CARDS (WALMART, SUPERSTORE)

GRADE 4 BOOKS & STATIONARY

GRADE 5A TOYS (8-12)

GRADE 5B BABY ITEMS

GRADE 6 COZIES FOR MOMS

NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE

*Items collected will be donated to WINGS
(Women In Need Growing Stronger)*