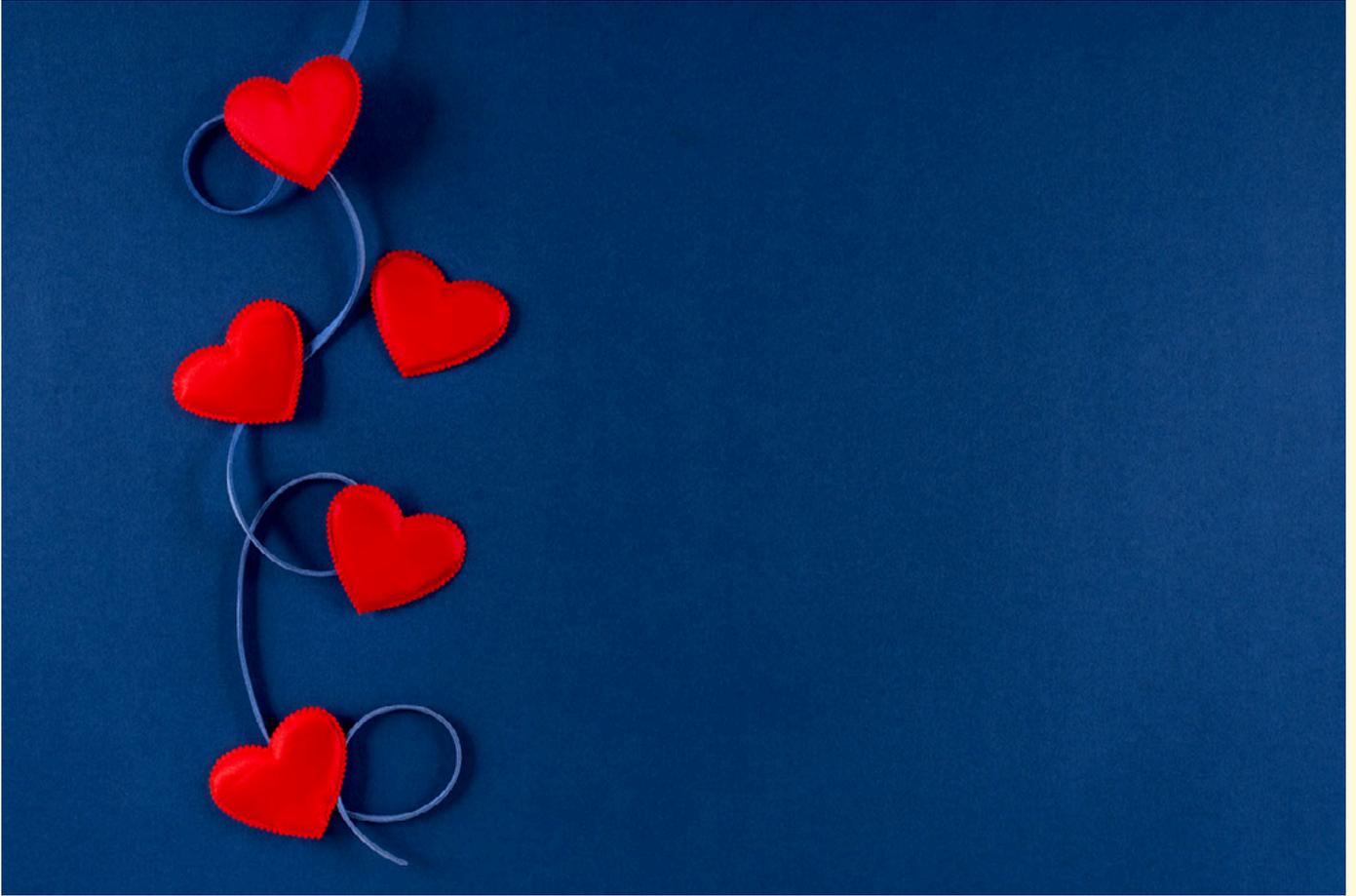




ST. PAUL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

February 6, 2026



Principal Message

Dear St. Paul Families,

As we move into the month of February, we are reminded of God's great gift of love. In our Catholic tradition, love is not only something we feel, but something we live out each day through kindness, compassion, and service to others. As we head into Valentine's Week, this is a beautiful opportunity for our students to reflect on how they can show Christ's love in simple and meaningful ways.

This Friday afternoon, classrooms will be engaging in Valentine-themed activities that celebrate friendship, gratitude, and caring for one another. In addition, our Leadership Team will be selling Candy Grams throughout the week for \$1. Students can send a sweet message to a friend as a small act of kindness and connection—thank you to our student leaders for organizing this joyful initiative.

We are also looking forward to welcoming families and community members to our School Open House on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our classrooms, meet staff, and experience the vibrant learning environment that makes our school such a special place.

That same evening, we will be hosting two important information sessions:

- Kindergarten Information Session at 6:30 PM
- GATE Information Session at 7:15 PM

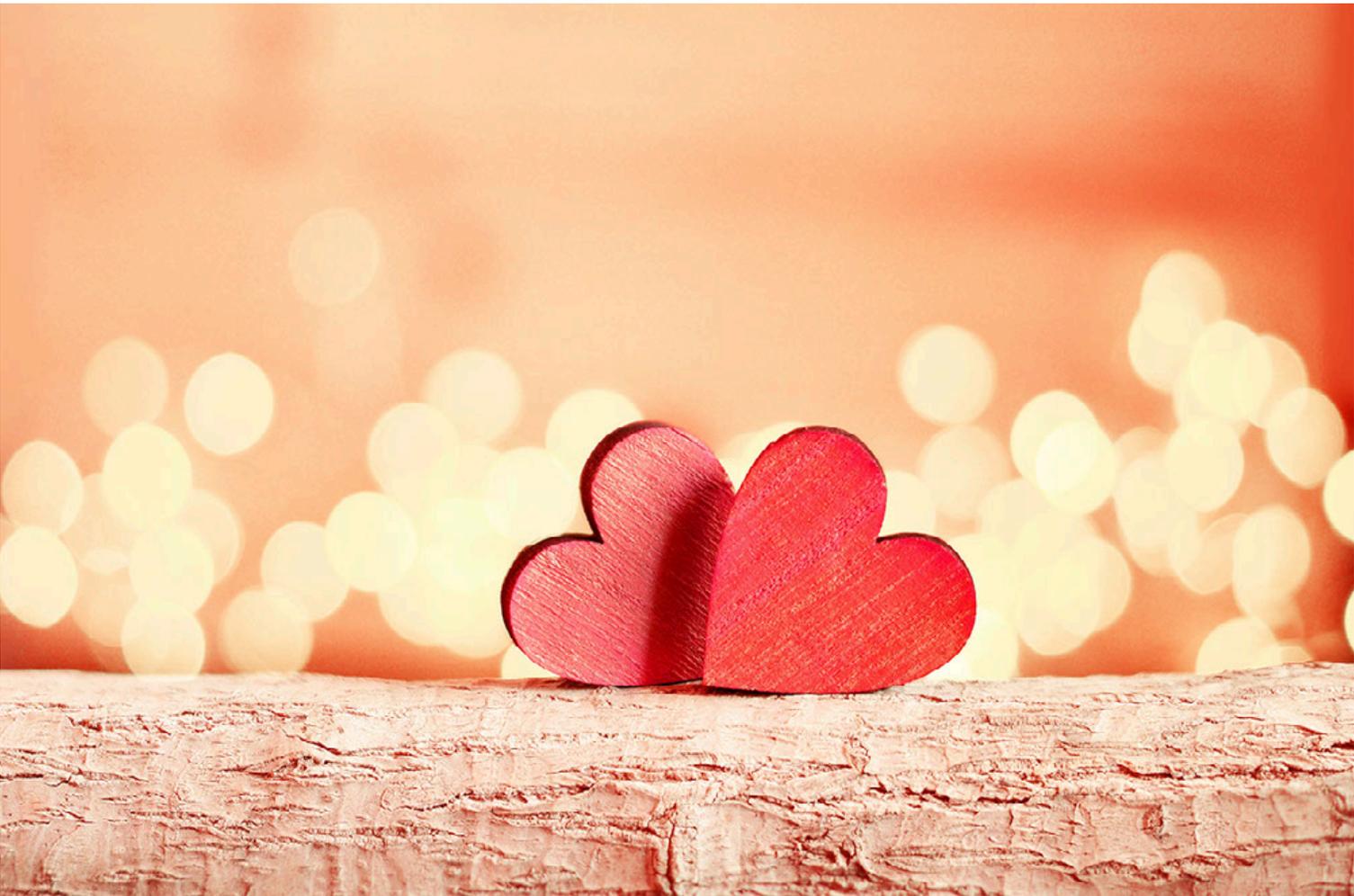
Whether you are new to our school or continuing your journey with us, we look forward to connecting, answering questions, and sharing more about the programs we offer.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support. May this month be filled with moments of joy, kindness, and love, grounded in our shared faith and commitment to one another.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Carr-Jeschke & Mrs. McNamee

Week of February 9-13, 2026



Upcoming Events

Monday 9- Healthy Hunger- Pizza Hut; Wellness Champions student symposium (all day); Candy Gram sales begin (all week)

Tuesday 10-

Wednesday 11- St. Paul Open House @ 6:30 PM

Thursday 12- Kindergarten at the Zoo- 9-11 AM; Half day; off at 12:10 PM

Friday 13- Healthy Hunger-Booster Juice/Chopped Leaf; Valentine's Day classroom activities PM

February Clubs & Activities

Intramurals begin at recess (all month)

February 9-13: Candy Gram Sales

February 13: Valentines Day exchange and class activities

February 17-20: Random Acts of Kindness week
(Leadership Team activities)

Stay up to date with St. Paul Activities through the school calendar!



OILERS WATCH PARTY

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 at 2PM

STAFF ONLY

**NO DROP-OFF
OR PICK-UP**



Staff Parking Lot

A reminder that the staff parking lot is **not to be used for student pick ups or drop offs.**

There are staff vehicles, as well as Division vehicles coming in and out of the lot, making it very unsafe for students.

Please choose safety or convenience and drop students off in designated drop off areas: 96 Ave in front of the school or 145 Street to the west of the school.

Thank you for your support with this!

School Council Corner

Please see the update below from your SAC Executive:

Understanding the Role of Our School Advisory Council and School Fundraising Society

St. Paul Catholic School has two parent-led groups that support our community in different ways, and the same volunteers serve on both.

School Advisory Council: Advisory and Community-Focused

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a group of parents, the principal, teachers, and community members who meet to share perspectives and provide advice to the principal and the school division. School Councils focus on supporting communication between families and the school and offering feedback on matters that affect the overall school community. They do not direct programming or make decisions about curriculum or instruction. School Councils are established under Alberta legislation and are not legal entities, so they cannot be incorporated or take part in fundraising activities that require a gaming licence.

School Fundraising Society: Financial Support for School Needs

Our School Fundraising Society is a separate, incorporated group of parents and community members. Its role is to raise funds for school-identified needs such as equipment, extracurricular activities, or enhancements that support the school environment. Because it is incorporated under the Societies Act, the

society can apply for fundraising opportunities that require a gaming licence, including casinos.

The society manages its own finances, applies for grants, and submits the required annual reports, working closely with the school to ensure that all fundraising aligns with Division guidelines.

How They Work Together

While they have different responsibilities, both groups are supported by the same parent volunteers. School Council provides advice, and the Fundraising Society raises funds. Together, they help build a connected and well-supported school community.

To learn more, visit:

- [Alberta School Councils' Association \(ASCA\)](#)
- [Alberta School Councils' Association - Fundraising Associations](#)

Community of School Councils: What We Heard

In November, members of our SAC, Mrs. Carr-Jeschke, and Mrs. McNamee attended ECSD's Community of School Councils session. ECSD has shared a summary of the feedback from all 85 school councils. Families spoke about belonging and visible faith, engaging and consistent teaching, access to mental health supports, and supports for diverse learning needs. This collective feedback will help shape the 2026 to 2029 Division Plan. [Click here to read the summary report.](#)

We have a Yearbook Committee!

A huge thank you to everyone who stepped up to be part of our Yearbook Committee this year! Your time, creativity, and enthusiasm will make such a difference for our students and our school community.

Wanted: Casino Volunteers

We are also still looking for volunteers for our upcoming St. Paul Fundraising Casino on March 4 & 5, 2026 at Starlight Casino, West Edmonton Mall. These casino events provide essential funding for school resources, field trips, technology, and more. We cannot run them without your help. We have 21 spots to fill! [Click here to sign up.](#)

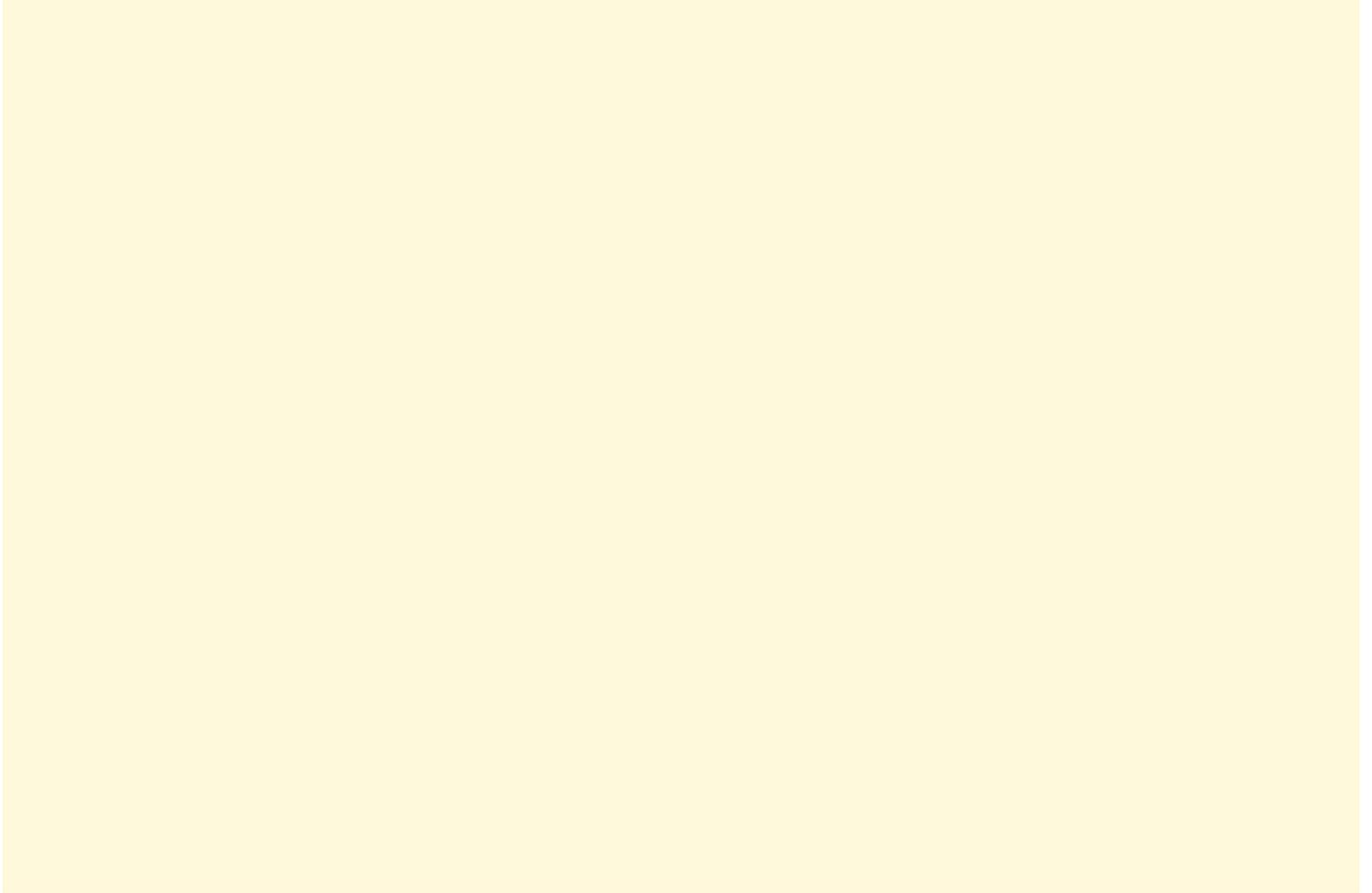
This year will also be Simon's final year as our Casino Lead, and we are incredibly grateful for his years of dedication. Because casinos occur only every second year and require coordination, record-keeping, and communication with the casino and the school, we are looking for a parent who can take on this leadership role moving forward. Ideally, this would be someone who will be at the school for several more years and is comfortable with a multi-year commitment.

If you're interested in learning the Casino Lead role, we'd love to hear from you!

School Council Welcoming Families at Open House

Our School Council will be at the Open House on February 11 at 6:30 PM. We look forward to welcoming families, answering questions, and sharing what makes our school a great place to learn! If you are bringing a friend or neighbour who is considering our school, please stop by our table.





Icy Conditions

Freeze-thaw conditions are making walking really tricky, especially when the snow melts during the day and then refreezes overnight. This can create icy spots that are slippery and increase the chances of slips and falls.

As well, our playground, tarmac and field conditions can fluctuate vastly from morning recess to lunchtime.

We do check walkways regularly and put down sand and salt as needed. Please remember to wear proper footwear and to walk carefully; Alberta Health Services recommends "**Do the Penguin Walk**" in these conditions.

Inclement Weather

With winter comes all kinds of weather conditions. A reminder that students will go outside for recess if the temperature (with wind chill) is warmer than -20 degrees, as per ECSD policy.

Should the temperature fall to -20 or lower, including wind chill, we will move to indoor recess.





WEEKEND!

Enjoy Your Weekend!

Credits:

Created with images by · gitusik - Rustic heart. · Svetlana Glazkova - Red hearts with ribbon on classic blue 2020 color background, Valentines day 14 february concept, Flat lay, copy space, top view, banner. · Belight - Hearts on a wooden branch and background is a bokeh. · Oksana Kuzmina - Art and craft activity in kindergarten, Preschool kids hands working in day care center, Group of children engaged in handcrafts · smolaw11 - Situation of Covid-19 disease outbreak resulted in inability organize teaching learning in college, Lecture school empty classroom with desks chair iron wood when student close stay home in highschool · A2Z AI - A person walking on a slick icy sidewalk in winter, wearing brown boots and dark pants, showing the potential dangers of winter weather and icy conditions outdoors, with a snow background. · StockUp - a snow covered road sign, warning of cold weather ahead · EdwardSamuel - Weekend as a sign for time off and vacations