

Administration Report SAC meeting

It is my great pleasure to be chairing my first SAC meeting here at St. Paul. My name is Ferdinand Filipic, the principal here at St. Paul.

We have had a great start to the year. Unlike other schools in the division, St. Paul started the year with a full compliment of staff and in fact, we were able to add staff as our kindergarten class was split into a morning and afternoon cohort. We were at 29 and ECSD was not going to consider the split unless our numbers increased to above 30, but we were successfully able to advocate using the lower number.

We have had many great events already, which we will get into during our items to celebrate and we look forward to that continuing.

A few housekeeping items, we have been able to remove the bottle bin from the parking lot, which was attracting houseless individuals, we have been able with volunteer help, to refresh our front garden, and we are exploring the maintenance of the side shrubbery and trees adjacent to the east pathway.

I also want to thank everyone who has been complying with the city bylaw regarding no dogs on the sports field or playground of our school.

This year's ECSD theme is rooted in Joy. As the year moves on, we will focus our work on this fruit of the Holy Spirit. Joy to help sustain us through all the trials and tribulations of the school year. We use Joy to help us reflect upon the importance of Catholic education and how that helps create conditions for optimal learning. Optimal learning is centered on learning and living our faith, excellent student learning experiences, and nurturing student well-being.