



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17 - Christmas Market Sale Pers. 3A & 3C

December 18 - BSA Movie Night @ St. Paul's

December 19 - STP Christmas Fundraiser Assembly Per 4

December 20 - Final day of school before Christmas Break

January 22-27 - Semester 1 Exams



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we await, with great anticipation, the nativity of our Lord Jesus, our St. Paul community celebrates the season of Advent with hope, peace, joy, and love. Through our many food/clothing/toy drives, acts of charity, community outreach, and prayerful events, our students and staff are living the Gospel.

Our students have been very engaged this semester with enriched learning and the many co-curricular events and activities. We are fortunate and thankful for having His Eminence, Cardinal Collins, visit our school on November 12th. Cardinal Collins led our students and staff in reflective prayer through a Lectio Divina, followed by the blessing of a beautiful artwork of the Holy Family, created by our Technology and Arts students.

Our students have celebrated many achievements and successes, in the classroom and through the extracurricular activities offered this semester. Our 2023-24 Academic Award recipients were recognized in November. Students who have demonstrated exemplary character and perseverance were celebrated in December at our "Breakfast of Champions" ceremony.

Our Wolverines continue to show their athleticism on the field and court. Both our cross country and golf teams had impressive results at ROPSSAA; students Clara S. (cross country) and Tynan J. (golf) went on to represent our school at OFSAA.

Thank you to our student leaders and staff who coordinated our Indigenous Education Week and Anti-Bullying Awareness campaign. We are grateful for the resources, activities and information provided throughout these important weeks, increasing our understanding, raising awareness, and a call to action.

Two of our school teams were gold medalists this fall sports season: congratulations to our Senior Boys volleyball and Junior Girls Volleyball teams on winning the ROPSSAA championships!

Our Senior Girls Basketball team had a great season finishing as ROPSSAA silver medalists. Our Varsity Girls Volleyball team is having a stellar start to their season; through their tournaments and league play, our Wolverines are proving to be ROPSSAA finalist contenders.

Our Annual Terry Fox event, held in late September, was a success as our St. Paul community raised over \$2000. Our Thanksgiving Cereal Drive collected over 1300 cereal boxes; a school-wide domino run took place as we celebrated the incredible amount of donations collected for Canadian Food For Children.

Congratulations to our DPCDSB student senate representative, Joseph B., recipient of the CEFO Catholic Student Award. Joseph, along with our many STP Student Leadership Ambassadors, are doing great work in soliciting the voice of our students and coordinating many student-led school initiatives and activities. We are thankful for all members of our STP Student Leadership Crew and affiliated staff who are committed to engaging our students through diverse co-curricular and community building events.

Our student Robotics Club members are congratulated for their outstanding finish at the OTU competition, placing 8th out of 80 teams.

Thank you to our staff who assist with our Breakfast Program each morning. Our students are blessed with such caring adults who prepare a warm meal each day for students to enjoy before class.

Our fall Grade 7 and 8 Open House and IB Information night was well attended as we welcomed future Wolverines and their families to our school community. The evening highlighted the great academic programs, enriched learning, and many school clubs, sports, and activities our St. Paul school community has to offer. The evening was led by our guidance staff and numerous student volunteers who gave, first-hand accounts of what it means to be part of such a vibrant Catholic school community.

We wish to congratulate our Drama, Arts, Choir, and Music students for an excellent Christmas Coffee House event that took place on Friday Dec. 13th. We were proud and delighted to showcase the many wonderful talents, performances, and creativity of our St. Paul students. A special note of thanks to Ms. Reale for her inspiration and leadership in coordinating this evening of celebration and Christmas cheer!

Our annual Christmas Basket Fundraiser event is ending this week. Thank you to all staff, parents, and community partners for your generous donations. All funds raised through this event will be going towards helping local families in need. Thank you, Ms. Vono, for all your efforts in organizing this Christmas event.

Many student-led Christmas activities are planned for this last week of classes before the Christmas break. Some of the upcoming Christmas events our Student Leadership Crew have organized including classroom door decorating contest, Christmas marketplace, movie night, and festive wear day.

Thank to our Catholic school Trustees, Bruno Iannicca and Mario Pascucci, for your continued advocacy. We are also grateful for the support from our STP Catholic School Council members and Fr. Terry at St. Dominic's Parish. We are incredibly thankful and proud of the strong relationships we hold with home, school, and parish at St. Paul.

Our Christmas break commences on Friday December 20th. Classes will resume, following the holidays, on Monday January 6th. Wishing our students, staff, and all our STP families a Merry Christmas and a joyful, healthy, New Year!

Sincerely,
P. Cusumano
Principal



"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope." (Psalm 130:5)



CHAPLAINCY HIGHLIGHTS

Greetings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!!!

Chaplaincy was delighted to host Cardinal Collins to our school in partnership with St. Dominic parish. Cardinal Collins led our grade ten and eleven students in Lectio Divina, an ancient scripture meditation that began early in Church history. He spoke about the parable of the Good Samaritan and how teenagers can adapt the mercy that was shown to the person at the side of the road. St. Paul's choir was delightful as they made his visit special by singing the Cardinals favorite song as well as performing the Magnificat during a special blessing in the Chapel. A masterpiece of artwork was created in collaboration with Mrs. Petrauskas, and Mr. Mondelli of the Nativity of our Lord and it was blessed by his Eminence. Cardinal Collins spoke of the star in the artwork and how each Cardinal around the world has the same star on their ring. The day was concluded with a luncheon with guests and Chaplaincy Students.

In Christ,

Shane Byrne
Chaplain





ADVENT AT ST. PAUL CSS



EVERYTHING WITH HEART!

Community member, Ms. Maria Hrabovsky, recently donated religious statues and a beautiful nativity scene for our school chapel, on behalf of her beloved husband, and former St. Paul staff member, Michael John Hrabovsky. Michael served St. Paul CSS, as a classroom teacher from 1972-1995.

As a Catholic educator, Michael was very passionate about his faith; he was also a great artist, using different forms of drawing and painting to display his creativity. Our St. Paul students and staff are grateful for Ms. Hrabovsky's thoughtfulness and generosity.

We pray for the repose of Michael and offer our sincere condolences to the Hrabovsky family.



Eco-club shows heart!

STP homeroom classes collected gently-used clothing donations in a friendly competition to see who which class could collect the most - by weight! As a community, we raised over 550lbs of donations that were delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Cereal Success:

Our Thanksgiving Cereal Drive

For Thanksgiving, our Chaplain, Mr. Byrne, challenged Wolverines to raise 1000 boxes of cereal for charity. The plan was to set them off and create a domino effect through the halls of St. Paul.

Use the QR code to check out the video and see how we raised **1311** boxes and started the domino from the foot of Mother Mary!

Thank you to students and families for being part of such an exciting experience!



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Services Department Updates

On behalf of the St. Paul Student Services Department, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new team members:

1. Morley Lapp, Child & Youth Worker (CYW)
2. Katrina Parik, Mental Health Support Worker
3. Elizabeth Tirovolas, Psychologist

Here is the rest of our team who are available to all students on a daily basis. To make an appointment, students can complete the online appointment slip on the Student Services Google Classroom.

Guidance Counsellors:

1. Rosa Caldarelli - Gr.9, Gr.12IB
2. Randy Sanabria - Gr.10-12 (Me-Z)
3. Ryan Costigan - Gr.10-12 (A-Ma)

Student Success Teacher (SST): Marilena Di Carlo

Social Worker: Shannon Paul

Just a few reminders as we head into the Holiday season...

Midterm Report Cards

All semester 1 midterm report cards were emailed directly to students on November 19th. The link provided in the email expires on December 3rd but can be extended by contacting your child's Guidance Counsellor.

Course Selection 2025-26

Students will be able to begin their course selection in myBlueprint on December 15, 2024. Guidance will be visiting homeroom classes in the new year to walk the students through the selection process and to discuss post-secondary pathway options.

University and College Application Deadlines:

The deadline for Equal Consideration to University is January 15, 2025 and for College is February 1, 2025. Semester 1 midterm marks have been uploaded to both OUAC & OCAS. Students are reminded to check their accounts and speak to their Guidance Counsellor if there are any questions or concerns.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy holiday season, and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2025 at St. Paul CSS.

Stay Safe and be well!

Your Student Services Department



ACADEMIC RESOURCE & ELL DEPARTMENT

The staff of the Academic Resource Department wish to acknowledge all the hard work students have been putting into their studies. Every step forward is a success!

Resource Room continues to be a quiet space to study, complete tests/assignments, as well as receive assistance from the Academic Resource Teachers. Please know that you are always welcome to contact your Resource Teacher with any questions about your IEP or for assistance with any schoolwork.

Academic Resource Staff (Semester 1):

Ms. Caldarelli (ARDH) - Grade 9
Ms. Primicias – Grade 10
Ms. Sudac – Grade 11
Ms. MacDonald – Grade 12
Ms. Bhola-Ramkissoon – Remote

ELL teachers and Resource Teachers (Semester 1):

Ms. Continenza – ESLA01/BO1
Mr. Brzek – ESLCO1/DO1/EO1 & ELL Resource Period 3
Mr. Zitnansky – ELL Resource Period 2

ARD & ELL want to wish you all a safe and restful Christmas break - See you in the new year!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION of PARENTS in CATHOLIC EDUCATION (OAPCE) ENGAGE. ADVOCATE. ENHANCE

OAPCE is the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the publicly funded English Catholic System of Education in Ontario, since 1939. Their mandate is to share information and resources with parents.

A message from our OAPCE Director for DPCDSB - Diana Carlesimo (graduate of St Paul)

“As the Director for DP I am here to support and provide a voice for all parents and guardians and answer any questions you may have regarding OAPCE and DPCDSB, reach out to me at: dufferinpeel@oapce.org In the event I cannot help, I will direct you to whomever can and recommend the best course of action.”

<https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/WHO-WE-ARE-1-Pager.pdf>

<https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/BROCHURE-2-Sided.pdf>

OAPCE is only as strong as its parental involvement. Take a moment to add them to your social media platforms and treat yourself by accessing the live links below, especially the Parent Resources on the dynamic OAPCE website.

OAPCE Social Media

- Follow us on Instagram @OAPCE85
- Follow us on X @OAPCEONTARIO
- Follow their new Facebook page OAPCE85!

1. Parents4Parents newsletter <https://oapce.org/parents-4-parents/>

2. OAPCE <https://oapce.org/contact/> OR [Subscribe here](#)

3. OAPCE needs ten parents to subscribe to the distribution list [Subscribe here](#)

4. The year of the Jubilee!

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

31 October 2025 - 2 November 2025 - Jubilee of the World of Education

Coming soon...

- Details regarding OAPCE's 2025 Conference in Dufferin Peel
- **St. Paul's CSC meeting Wednesday February 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**
Presentation by OAPCE Director, Diana Carlesimo

Submitted by: Ms. L. Cordeau, 2024-2025
OAPCE Representative
St. Paul CSS Catholic School Council



STUDENT SERVICES STAFF



ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU!

"EVERYTHING WITH HEART"





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Mr. Lapp
CHILD AND YOUTH WORKER
Guidance



Ms. Paul
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Guidance
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday



Ms. Parik
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKER
Guidance
Monday



Ms. Kret
SETTLEMENT WORKER
Guidance
Monday & Tuesday



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Another year, another IB adventure! This year we welcome the IB class of 2027 into the Year 1 Programme and will be sending off the Year 2's in June! The students in the Grade 9 and 10 Pre-IBDP and the Year 1 and 2 IB Diploma Programme don't often get the recognition they deserve. These students are working hard, not only in enhanced programs and in their SL and HL courses, but also on their Extended Essays, Theory of Knowledge requirements, Creativity, Activity and Service projects, and all the extra-curriculars they do in and out of school!

Each year we acknowledge student achievements in Year 1 and 2 with Learner Profile Awards. These awards are given out monthly to a student who exemplifies that specific Learner Profile. The following awards have been given out so far:

September: Inquirer - Yevgeniy Koblytsky

October: Knowledgeable – Joseph Barbosa

November: Thinker – Matteo Munro and Chiara Collaco

We will be adding the following award winners in the coming months: Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, Communicators, Principled, Reflective.

Congratulations to these students for living the IB Learner Profile!



IB Exams

IB Year 1 and Year 2 exams are slowly creeping up! Students will be receiving their exam timetables to plan their revisions. Exams begin April 29th, 2025 and end on May 21st, 2025. Further information regarding exams will be shared with all students.

IB Course Selections on MyBlueprint



MyBlueprint will be open shortly for students to enter their courses. Ms. Caldarelli will provide the current Grade 9-11 Pre-IBDP and IB students with information sheets for selecting their courses. If you have any questions, please see her.

If you want to learn more about the IB program, you can access information from the following websites:

- DPCDSB website – dpcdsb.org
- St. Paul Website – dpcdsb.org/PAULS
- IB website – ibo.org



Grade 9 Pre-IBDP applications

Current Grade 8 students can apply to the Grade 9 Pre-IBDP at St. Paul CSS until December 6, 2024. Applications close at that time. Acceptance emails will be sent to successful candidates by December 13th. Please see the St. Paul website under Guidance/Courses > IB Program for the application link, application fee link and important dates. If you have any questions, please email PaulsIBProgram@dpcdsb.org



WOLVERINE - ATHLETICS



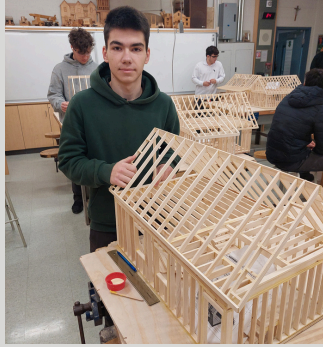
It has been a very successful Fall sports season here at St. Paul for our Wolverines. The Cross Country Team had the greatest year in St. Paul history finishing as a team in 2nd place out of all 65 schools that competed at ROPSSAA. The Varsity Girls Basketball team won the silver medal in the ROPSSAA Division 3 playoffs. The Junior Boys Volleyball team made it to the quarter finals out of 45 schools, losing to the eventual Gold Medalists. The Senior Boys Volleyball team won the Gold Medal in the ROPSSAA Division 2 playoffs. To start off our Winter season, our Junior Girls Volleyball team won the Gold Medal at the St. Marguerite D'Youville Invitational tournament. Thank you to all our Players and Coaches for their time, commitment and dedication to St. Paul Athletics!



The St. Paul Cross Country team was remarkable this year. Under the head coaching of our Chaplain, Shane Bryne, and teachers Ms. Di Carlo, Ms. Popik and Mr. Cvetnic, the team competed against many other secondary schools in the ROPSSAA competition, with the Novice Girls placing **5th** overall. The Novice Boys, Junior Girls, and Junior Boys all placing **3rd** overall! Although being one of, if not the smallest team competing, massive and impressive milestones were accomplished through great perseverance and dedication. A big shout out to Clara S. who qualified for the OFSAA competition! It was a good year and a big thank you to all runners and staff.



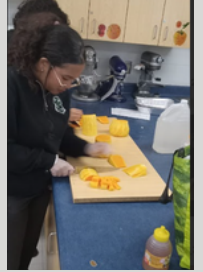
STP CLASSROOMS AT A GLANCE...



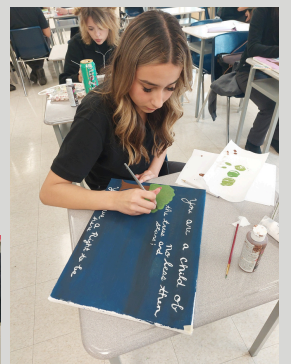
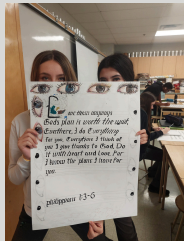
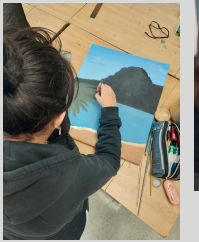
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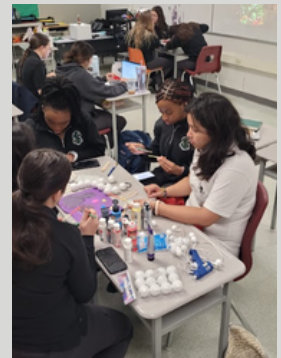
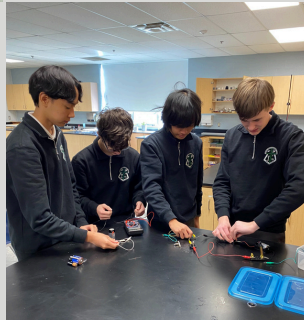
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ST. PAUL CSS EXCURSIONS

Mr. Montoya and Ms. Malyk's grade 9 English classes attended TH'OWXIYA the Hungry Feast Dish at Waterloo University



Senior English & Drama classes spent a day in the magical town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to watch the Shaw Festival's staging of "A Christmas Carol".



Ms. MacDonald's Grade 12 IB students went to the Stratford Festival to watch Henrik Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler".



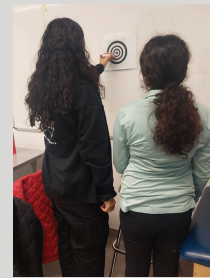
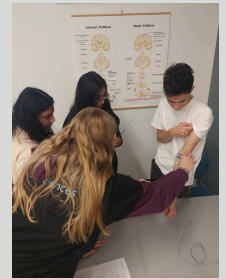
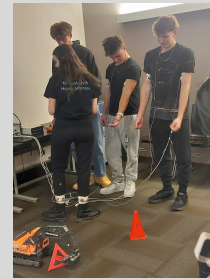
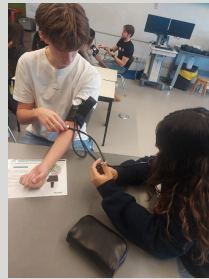
BEETLEJUICE! BEETLEJUICE! BEETLEJUICE!

The grade 9 & 10 Drama classes studied production elements and how they enhance scenes and audience experience. They watched the original 1988 Oscar winning film in class and compared it to the new 2024 film! Amazing what 36 years of enhancement in special effects can do!



ST. PAUL CSS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Mr. Vicars' grade 12 Kinesiology students visited the University of Waterloo to participate in their LIVE LABS! Students were introduced to the field of kinesiology - the science of human movement. Students: learned how to use sensory inputs used for balance; tested heart rate, blood pressure, and cardiovascular ability; studied muscle activation through exercise; observed and measured how the brain adapts to changes in sensory input to perform skilled motor tasks; were introduced to athletic taping, the importance of taping and common injuries in sport; distinguished upper limb bones from lower limb bones, counted and organized vertebrae and ribs, determined left- from right-sided bones, and placed them in proper anatomical position; and explored the musculoskeletal and cardiovascular systems using real human cadaver specimens!



Semester 1 Physical Education classes visited Silver Creek Outdoor Educational Centre and Dellwood Park and Andy Bathgates Driving Range.



STP CLUBS



St. Paul is buzzing with excitement...

As a wide variety of extracurricular clubs open their doors to students, offering a perfect blend of fun, learning, and community involvement. From creative pursuits such as the recent rendition of “Oh Canada” by the Guitar Club, to leadership opportunities, there’s something for everyone!

Clubs provide an excellent platform for students to connect with peers, develop skills, and enhance their resumes.

Students eager to join can sign up by speaking with a staff member or by checking out club updates and activities on Instagram. The school’s social media channels are a great resource to learn more about each club and their schedules.

Get ready to dive into these enriching experiences, make new friends, and leave a lasting impact at St. Paul. Don’t miss out—the possibilities are endless!



Here’s a glimpse of some of the STP clubs that are in full swing:

Coding Club: Build problem solving skills by learning to program in a variety of languages.

French Club: Embrace the beauty of the French language and culture.

Eco Club: Get involved in environmental initiatives and make a difference.

Robotics Club: Explore the exciting world of technology and innovation.

Diversity Committee: Celebrate inclusivity and learn from diverse perspectives.

Instagram Club: Share school highlights through creative social media content.

Breakfast Club: Start the day right with teamwork and morning activities.

BSA (Black Student Alliance): Promote awareness and celebrate cultural heritage.

Chess Club: Test your strategic thinking and compete in friendly matches.

Fitness Club: Stay active and energized with fun fitness routines.

Guitar Club: Strum your way to musical mastery.

Music Club: Explore melodies and harmonies in a collaborative setting.

STP Leadership: Take the lead and make a difference in school initiatives.

Pulse TV: Dive into the exciting world of broadcasting and media.

And many more!



STP MUSIC CLUB

The St. Paul Music Club kicked off the 2024 school year with a great opening mass. It is through our school masses at St. Dominic's Parish that the Music club has the opportunity to showcase new musicians and vocalists. We look forward to opening the Winter Drama Showcase "A Christmas Carol" with heart warming music to ring in the Christmas season.

STP's Music Club offers students a space to share their musical talents and collaborate to create music. It has also serves as a space for students to simply discuss the current music they are listening to. We continually look for opportunities to showcase our talents throughout the school.

The club meets regularly in Room 122 every Tuesday after school from 2:30-3:30.

We always welcome new members and are currently in search of a drummer!



STP BSA CLUB

The St. Paul Black Student Association plays an essential role in fostering inclusivity and cultural awareness. We will be leading initiatives that educate the school community about Black history, culture and contributions. This club not only celebrates diversity but also helps to combat stereotypes and build understanding among all students. Being part of a BSA gives students opportunities to develop leadership skills and self-confidence by organizing events, leading meetings and setting goals. The St. Paul BSA continues to help build a culture where diversity is celebrated and students feel valued.



ST. PAUL CSS ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our award and certificate recipients who have received recognition so far this year!

Awards Breakfast honoured the 2023-2024 academic year by distributing Excellence Certificates to those students who had the highest mark in each course, Achievement Certificates for those students who were recognized by their teachers, Merit Awards to those students with the highest average in each grade, and Omnia Cum Corde Awards to those students recognized for giving their time selflessly to our school through various clubs and events.

Wolverine Pride Certificates are distributed monthly and students are invited to the Breakfast of Champions each semester to celebrate various achievements as recognized by staff.



ST. PAUL CSS SCHOOL EVENTS

In **September**, the school community came together to observe **Orange Shirt Day**, a significant event dedicated to honoring survivors of residential schools and promoting reconciliation. Another major event in September was the **Terry Fox Event**, where students and staff joined in raising funds for cancer research. The event provided an opportunity for physical activity and reflection, inspiring participants to continue Terry's legacy of hope.

October saw several heartwarming and festive gatherings. The month began with **Senior Sunrise**, where our grade 12s gathered early in the morning to watch the sunrise and celebrate the beginning of their final year. Later in the month, **Halloween** celebrations brought together students and staff decorating pumpkins and dressing up. Additionally, October featured a **Meet & Greet** event aimed at welcoming new students at St. Paul and individuals new to Canada. A morning filled with snacks and staff speakers aimed at creating a warm, inclusive environment where newcomers could build connections and feel at home.

November continued the trend of meaningful engagement with **Remembrance Day** activities. Students and staff worked together to organize solemn ceremonies and educational programs that paid tribute to veterans and their sacrifices. Schools across St. Paul hosted events that encouraged reflection and gratitude. **Open House** welcomed future Wolverines and provided an opportunity for students and staff to showcase their work and the school's vibrant culture.

Throughout the semester, the **STP Soccer League** offered students and staff a chance to bond through sport. The league emphasized teamwork and sportsmanship, with matches bringing together participants of all skill levels.

These events underline the dynamic spirit of St. Paul, where students, staff, and the community come together to celebrate, learn, and grow. As the year progresses, St. Paul can look forward to even more opportunities for engagement and connection.

