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IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 27th - Graduation

Friday, June 28th - Last Day of School

Tuesday, August 27th - Grade 9 “Get Ready Program”

Monday, September 2nd - Labour Day

Tuesday September 3rd - First Day of School



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

As our 2023-2024 school year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and staff for another great school year at St. Paul CSS. Our wonderful STP staff have, once again, fostered a learning environment, centred on our faith, where all students excel and belong. Through the commitment and care from our teachers and support staff, our Wolverines have enjoyed numerous school-wide events and co-curricular activities. The many sports teams, student clubs and committees have enriched our students' learning and created a positive school climate, allowing all students to develop their leadership skills, showcase their talents, and celebrate their unique gifts and rich diversity.

We wish to congratulate Mr. Greg Gillis on his retirement and remarkable teaching career, serving our Dufferin-Peel and the St. Paul community for over 35 years. Mr. Gillis will be dearly missed; we thank Mr. Gillis for his passion and commitment to social justice and for inspiring our students, staff, and greater community, through his servant leadership, advocacy, and community outreach.

We would also like to thank and wish Mr. Plesko and Ms. Virjee well as they join other Dufferin-Peel school communities in the fall. We have been blessed with your presence, commitment, and care over the years; your new schools are fortunate and will be well-served through your many gifts.

Our St. Paul community is thankful for members of our Catholic School Council (CSC) who have supported our school programs and activities this year. Thank you to our parents/guardians, student and staff representatives for your commitment and volunteer work.

Thank you to our school pastoral team for fostering our faith through the many liturgical events, school masses, community outreach, morning reflections, and prayers. Led by our school Chaplains, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Devine (Acting), our students and staff took part in many social justice initiatives, religious retreats, and food/clothing drives, helping local Catholic charities and those in need. Thank you to Fr. Dias and St. Dominic's Parish for welcoming our St. Paul community to Eucharistic celebrations. We are proud of our St. Paul students who are contributing members of the youth ministry and church choir at St. Dominic's Parish.

We would like to also thank our Catholic school trustees, Mr. Mario Pascucci, Mississauga Wards 1&3, and Mr. Bruno Iannicca, Mississauga Ward 7, for their tireless efforts in supporting Catholic education and for being strong advocates and supporters of our St. Paul community. Your involvement and commitment to attending our school events are very much appreciated.

To our St. Paul CSS "Class of 2024" graduates, we thank you for your leadership and for serving as great role models to our younger STP students. As a graduating class, you have led the way in highlighting our many St. Paul Catholic traditions, successes, and academic excellence. Congratulations on fulfilling the Catholic Graduate Expectations and for doing "Everything With Heart". May God continue to guide you as you embark upon another exciting journey in your lives.

Wishing all our St. Paul community a safe, enjoyable, and restful summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. Cusumano



CHAPLAINCY HIGHLIGHTS

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

The end of the year is upon us. It has gone by quickly and we look forward to what the summer brings. Students are moving on to different grades next year, teachers are having new assignments and the perennials in front of our Marian Garden are going to be in full bloom in a few days to accentuate the beauty of our Holy Mother.

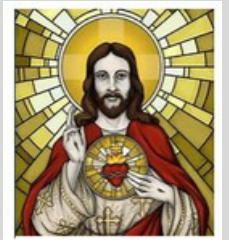
One of the greatest gifts of Catholic Education is following the Liturgical Calendar. It is filled with history, faith, and the flow of the Holy Spirit. I always look forward to June as the Church dedicates this the to Sacred Heart of Jesus. This tradition goes back hundreds of years, and the message of this image is unchanging. Simply Catholic explains the Sacred Heart as:

The Sacred Heart reveals God's love through the pierced heart of Jesus. It signifies a love that conquers sin and transcends death—a love that compelled Jesus to die for us and remain with us in the Eucharist.

Greg Gillis is a teacher who has worked 35 years at St. Paul. He is a shining example of what the Sacred Heart of Jesus is about. He shares his faith every Friday with a reflection to the whole school community, is an advocate for peace, a loving father and evangelizer. I wish him a great retirement and thank him for his dedication to students. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus continue to guide you...

In Christ,

Shane Byrne
Chaplain



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Guidance Counsellors

Guidance Department Head - Ryan Costigan - Grade 10, 11 & 12

Rosa Caldarelli - Grade 9's
Anne Marie Miki - Grade 11 & 12 IB

Student Services Google Classroom: 4ycec6g



Student Services Department Updates

Another year is almost completed! We want to wish all our students a safe and happy summer break. Some important information to keep in mind as you move through the summer holidays.

Incoming grade 9 students are invited to the Get Ready! For High School program taking place on August 27th. Parents are reminded to check their emails and confirm attendance.

Student schedules for the 2024-2025 school year were given out to students on June 13th during Period 1. Students with Period 1 spares are asked to pick up their timetables from Student Services. Students wishing to make course changes are asked to pick up a pink course change form from Student Services and submit it completed with their request. They must also make an appointment with their Guidance Counsellor using the QR code or the form on Google classroom. Please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate all course change requests, but we will do our best to try to accommodate students. Course changes will be addressed during the last week in August before school begins.

The Summer School registration deadline for DPCDSB was June 5. They are now only accepting late applications if there is room in the course being requested. Online Registration forms is still available on Google classroom however will place students on a waitlist at this point. All other summer school registrations have been confirmed and students have been notified.



ACADEMIC RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

This year has flown by! The Academic Resource Department and Teachers are so proud of all our ARD and ELL students! They have worked so hard and done extremely well at achieving their goals.

A few reminders before we head into the summer break:

Any devices and accessories borrowed during the school year, including all SEA devices, are to be returned to Ms. Caldarelli before the end of the school year. Requests to keep any devices over the summer must be approved by Ms. Caldarelli.

Students going into Grades 9-12 in September will be able to pick up their SEA devices from the resource room by the beginning of the second week of school. Devices will only be given to students once they return the Acceptance of Responsibility form, which they will receive on the first day of classes. These forms will be available for pick up from Student Services on the first day of school.

If there has been a new assessment or anything related to a change to a student's learning needs, please ensure you send in copies of those documents for review by the Academic Resource Department Head.

We wish you all a safe and restful summer. We'll see you again in September!

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE



Congratulations IB Diploma Programme Graduates – Class of 2024!

Congratulations to our graduating IB students! We are so proud of all your hard work and perseverance. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and look forward to seeing what you will accomplish. We hope you take the summer to reflect on your achievements and recognize all your incredible efforts.

As IB learners we strive to be:

Risk-Takers: We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

IB DP Graduates are more likely to maintain a higher GPA and academic scholarships throughout their undergraduate studies.



LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

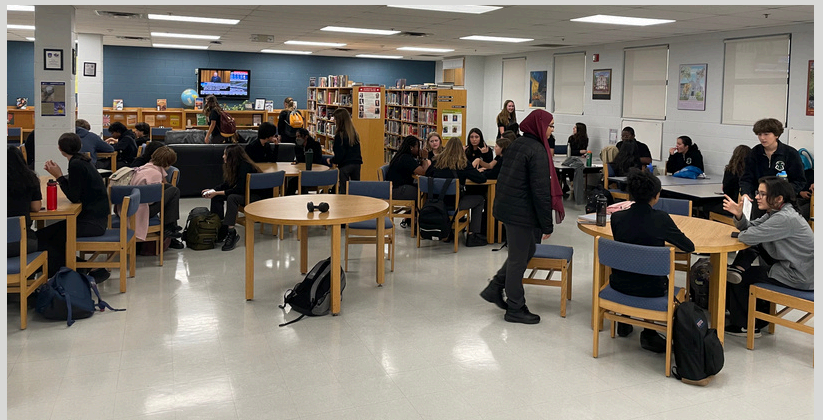
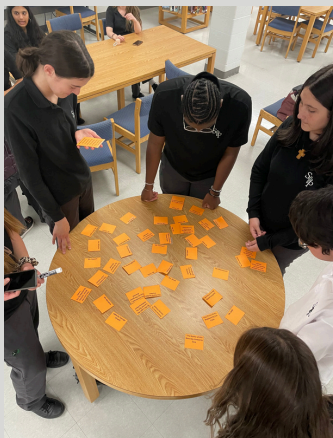
The next chapter...

Find out what's new in the STP LLC!

A big thank you to our book club chairs Tikal Thornburn and Aliza Baig. These two students ran programming for our monthly book club meetings and did an excellent job of bringing students together through their love of reading. Special congratulations to Aliza who will be graduating this year. Thank you for all your help!

At book club, we do more than just discuss books. Aliza and Tikal created fun activities throughout the year for students including book recommendation speed dating, matching games, reading advent calendar, scavenger hunts, blind date with a book, reading vibes playlists, and so much more!

New members are always welcome, and we look forward to starting up again in September!





The St. Paul Archers did very well this year. They competed in NASP (National Archery Program) here in our school and their scores competed against other high school throughout Ontario. Two of our archers placed 2nd and 4th. Ella Dube got 2nd place and Olivia Roy got 4th place. AND as a team we placed silver. The team went on to compete at ROPSSAA, and Dylan Sousa came back with BRONZE, with his team mates Aidan Gauci-Galvez, 4th, Jen Delicana 5th and Darius Kishibe 6th. These archers went on to the Great Lakes Invitational (OFSAA sanctioned,) and brought back hardware. Dylan Sousa brought back BRONZE , and the team placed silver. The Coaches award went to Darius Kishibe, and the MVP to Dylan Sousa.

It was a good year and a big thank you to all archers and helpers.



“The boys baseball team made it to the ROPSSAA Tier 1 Finals against Robert F Hall. The team played amazing throughout the season and playoffs, and earned a silver medal. The team hopes to build on their success into next year and beyond”



Congratulations to Veselja Treacy for finishing in 5th place in the province in the Open Girls 2000m Steeplechase at this years OFSAA Track and Field Championships held at the University of Western Ontario in London. Good luck at the University of Maine with your future running endeavors and academic success.



The St Paul Boys Varsity Soccer team (Futbol Club) had come together this season in a way that has left a positive impact on the program. The team was a blend of veteran players with multiple years experience at the Ontario Championships as well as some younger skilled new players that were new to St Paul.

Playing in the OFSAA division for their season games provided a great challenge for our players as they were up against other much larger schools in the area. They finished the season with a record of 1-4-2 which is not an accurate representation of how the team performed over the 7 games. What was important about this season was that the entire team grew together and developed the chemistry and tactics necessary to be successful in their OFSAA playoff game on May 30th and beyond.

After winning the AA ROPSSAA title in a hard fought match against Streetsville Secondary School, STP FC took their talents to North Bay for the AA Ontario Championships. Tournament day 1 resulted in two victories and the team was looking to gain a berth in the quarterfinals. Unfortunately two losses in day 2 left the team third in their group and ending their season. The coaches are proud of this teams success this season, but more impressed with how they handled themselves as young men. Multiple compliments from referees, other coaches, and employees at the restaurant we held our team dinner proved these students are both polite and courteous to those around them. It was a pleasure to coach these students and the experience gained by all team members will leave the STP FC program in good hands for future years.



V. Iannicca, S. Lettieri, E. Dontoh, C. Vicars

ST. PAUL STUDENT VOICE

My name is Dealla Assaf and I am currently a 16 year old in grade 10 at St. Paul Secondary School. I have been very fortunate to be a part of different **St. Paul sports team** for the two years that I have been at this school. The sports teams here at St. Paul has always been a great experience for me as our coaches and teammates are always supportive and hard workers. When I first decided to try out for a team, I was feeling anxious but once I arrived all the coaches and students that were trying out made everyone feel very comfortable and welcomed. At every practice we are always pushed to try our best and work hard, attending these practices were a way I have had many opportunities at St. Paul but being a part of the varsity girls soccer team has always been the best part of my year. I would like to thank all the coaches at St. Paul for always making every athlete feel welcomed and safe. -**Dealla Assaf**

On Wednesday, May 29, our school transformed into a hub of excitement and relaxation for **Mental Wellness Day!** With the end-of-year rush of CPTs and exams, this event was a perfect way to unwind and de-stress. A catering company kept everyone fueled with hotdogs, burgers, veggie burgers, chips, drinks, popcorn, and refreshing freezies. This year's event surpassed last year's, offering a diverse range of activities for everyone. Students sang their hearts out at karaoke, competed in soccer, volleyball, and hit the weight room, or unleashed their creativity with origami. Community walks and gardening provided a peaceful break, while the rec room, movie night, and Just Dance sessions kept the energy high. The day was a great success, leaving everyone recharged and ready to tackle the final stretch of the school year! -**Tikal Thornburn**

The **St.Paul Diversity Committee** works to promote inclusion, equity and diversity within our school community. Run by many hard-working students and teachers who have a passion for inclusion, the Diversity Committee runs various initiatives to make sure our school is a safe environment for everyone. From our annual Culture Fest to activities during Black History Month and Pride Month, the diversity committee celebrates all the different people who make up our diverse community. The leaders in the Diversity Committee contribute to many school initiatives such as murals throughout the school, presentations and guest speakers, and even posts on our school social media. Along with diversity, equity and inclusion is also a main goal of our committee. The equity leaders in our school take part in council meetings which allows for initiatives to be shared and implemented across the school board. This opens the doors for many innovative and creative ways to promote equity and diversity within our school community. The St.Paul Diversity Committee welcomes anyone and everyone because in the end, diversity is what brings us together. - **Chiara Collaco**



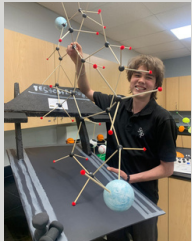
STP CLASSROOMS AT A GLANCE...

Sweet Success: Culinary Creativity Takes the Spotlight in HFN201! 🍰

In the delicious finale to our culinary journey this semester, students in HFN201 showcased their skills in a character cake decorating culminating task. From expressive designs to intricate details, each cake tells a unique story, reflecting the creativity and passion of our young bakers. Stay tuned to see the mouthwatering masterpieces and the sweet success of our talented students!



Science



Religion



Students in Mrs. McHenry's entrepreneurship class recently completed a CPT assignment that challenged them to create their own businesses and develop websites to promote their ideas. The class showcased a variety of creative and innovative ventures, reflecting their diverse passions and interests. Among the projects were an online clothing brand featuring original designs and a landscaping business.

One standout project was a website called Therame.org, developed by Abhik Sharma, demonstrating remarkable innovation and empathy. Therame.org employs cutting-edge artificial intelligence to provide accessible mental health support through a virtual therapist. This AI-powered platform offers a confidential and convenient way for individuals to seek therapy and improve their mental well-being, highlighting Abhik's commitment to leveraging technology for the greater good. The website is live, and users can sign up for a free trial to try out this service.



ST. PAUL EXCURSIONS

The Senior English & Drama students travelled to Stratford, Ontario to watch the 10x Tony Award winning musical, "Something Rotten!" Many laughs were shared and the beautiful day was well-spent! Thank you to Ms. Bentivoglio, Ms. Di Carlo, Ms. Scozzaro, Ms. William and Ms. Reale for all their help organizing and chaperoning the students.



Our Grade 10 students recently had the fantastic opportunity to visit Stratford, Ontario to see a live performance of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." This outing was particularly special as the students had previously read the play as part of their English course. Watching the performance brought the text to life, providing a deeper understanding and appreciation of Shakespeare's work! Thank you to Ms. MacDonald, Ms. Kelly, Ms. Continenza and Ms. Vono for organizing and chaperoning their students!



Students in Grades 10 & 11, interesting in working in the world of trades, attended Skills Ontario at the Toronto Congress Centre. The Skills Ontario Competition offers a unique opportunity for top students to demonstrate that they are the "best of the best" in their trade. Some of the numerous competitions include: Photography, 3D Animation, Prepared Speech, Floral Design, Landscaping, Hairdressing, Robotics, Bricklaying, Baking, HVAC and more. Winners are awarded with Gold, Silver or Bronze medals - and some with monetary awards, too - and the opportunity to compete at the Skills Canada National Competition. From there, competitors could be headed to a World Skills Competition! Congratulations to Nicolangelo Farace, who participated this year and WON BRONZE for HVAC!



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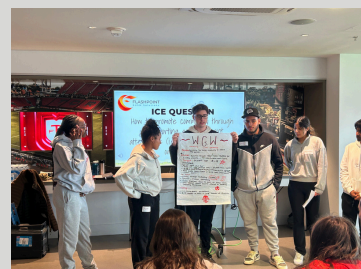
The Grade 9 & 10 Drama classes took a trip to the MOVIES to see GHOSTBUSTERS: Frozen Empire! Students explored the different types of special effects in film, their history in cinema, their evolution and impact on modern-day filmmaking. Students analyzed the original 1984 film and how special effects/CGI have evolved in the franchise's most recent release. Thank you to Ms. Reale, Ms. Kim and Ms. Di Carlo for their help!



On February 13th, St. Paul SHSM students attended the Raptors 905 Career Forum where they got to hear from Team Trainers and Athletic Therapists as well as other industry experts from different fields. They further had an opportunity to engage one on one with these experts to ask any questions that they may have had. Following the Career Forum, students got to attend the Raptors 905 game against the Greensboro Swarm.

On April 24th, St. Paul Health and Wellness SHSM students completed their I.C.E. certification at BMO Field followed by a Career Panel of MLSE employees from different sectors. Along with their certification, the students had the opportunity to attend a Toronto FC Soccer game on May 4th.

On May 30th, St. Paul SHSM Health and Wellness students participated in Discovery Days in Health Sciences at McMaster University Hospital which provided our grade 10 and 11 SHSM and future SHSM Health and Wellness students the opportunity to explore a variety of career options in medicine and the health sciences. Participants gained a clearer picture of what it would be like to be a health professional by interacting with researchers, clinicians and educators in their real-life work setting.



ST. PAUL STUDENT LIFE

The Student Nutrition Program continues to successfully expand at St. Paul C.S.S. The importance of a balanced diet during adolescent growth and the impact this can have on student learning are things we take very seriously. The Breakfast Club is open to all students and serves hot and cold food each day from 7.45 a.m. - 8.10 a.m. This includes fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, French toast, pancakes, grilled cheese sandwiches, yoghurt, cereal, toast and other nutritious snacks. The Program also extends to incorporate special events and occasions throughout the school year. This includes serving breakfast and snacks in the front foyer during exam time, before major holidays and special celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, Catholic Education Week, Mental Health Week and Wellness Day.

We are very grateful for the funding provided through the YMCA and President's Choice Charities. We have also formed strong partnerships within the community. We receive generous donations and discounts from Cobs Bread at Applewood Plaza and What the Focaccia! Members of the parent community also continue to make donations towards student nutrition at St. Paul. We are so appreciative of the support we receive and look forward to continuing to serve our school community. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Multari, Ms. Kover, school administration and our amazing staff volunteers!



2SLGBTQIA+ Alliance

This was the inaugural year of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Alliance. Though a small club, they have worked hard to bring awareness to students of the various LGBTQ issues and help to show kindness and understanding to everyone. Our differences make us beautiful and they should be celebrated. During PRIDE month in June, students participated in Kahoot! Trivia to learn more about the LGBTQ community, had their faces painted in PRIDE colours, made positive message and ally buttons, and ended with a colourful civvies day.

Any student interested in joining the club next year, please listen to the announcements for meeting dates. This club is open to all students. The LGBTQ community needs allies, and that is what we want to be. Let us end the stigma and negativity present in society around the LGBTQ community and build positive connections.



ST. PAUL STUDENT LIFE



MENTAL WELLNESS DAY

Mental Wellness Day is a cherished tradition at St. Paul Secondary School, dedicated to giving students a much-needed break and a chance to engage in activities they love. Each year, students select from a wide array of options including outdoor games, knitting, a soccer tournament, gardening, Just Dance, movie night, and many more. Every activity is hosted by one or two teachers, allowing both students and staff to unwind from the regular schedule and bond through fun and relaxation.

Additionally, there's always an outdoor barbecue lunch held in the back parking lot, where everyone enjoys a delicious meal of their choice. This day is a favorite among students and staff alike, fostering a sense of community and highlighting the importance of mental health and hobbies. None of this would be possible without the meticulous planning and dedication of Mr. Plesko and Ms. Virjee, whose behind-the-scenes efforts make Mental Wellness Day a resounding success each year. -

Jen Delicana (STP student)



CULTURE FEST

STP Culture Fest 2024 was an absolute success! Thank you to everyone involved, especially the students who hosted booths and shared their cultures with pride and passion to the whole school! It was an incredible day of fun, food and learning about where we come from! Looking forward to even more booths and cultures celebrated next year!



ST. PAUL STUDENT LIFE



In May a contingent of courageous Coders competed in "Breaking 'Bear'riers with STEM Bearhacks Hackathon" a 12-hour student led competitive coding event hosted by St. Edmund Campion Catholic Secondary, in Brampton. The members of the St. Paul Coding Club developed a website program, inspired by the New York Times Wordle and Connections, that aligned both with STEM and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Students networked with peers and real-life computer programming professionals.

In the end, STP students – Joseph, Matteo, and Oliver – were awarded first place (gold) board wide for their innovative coding and functional prototype. Congratulations Joseph, Matteo, and Oliver!



STP Euro Trip



This spring, the Senior Drama students welcomed our feeder schools and the community, to their production of CLUE. It was a night filled with rolling on the floor laughing. This exceptional cast delivered a performance that excelled in comedic timing which is rarely seen today. Their expressive faces and gestures prove their growth and place at the top of their craft. The amount of time and effort was truly appreciated and from the days of thrifting for costumes and set pieces, to Saturday rehearsals, this cast came together like family and put on a stellar show.

We thank all the community members that came out to support, a portion of the proceeds went to supporting our families in need.

We look forward to seeing you next year!



ST. PAUL STUDENT LIFE

Looking at the past 10 months, this year's EcoClub has been nothing short of exciting and impactful. This group of passionate and proactive students (supported by Ms. Scozzaro) has addressed many of the environmental issues affecting not only our community, but also the rest of the world. The initiatives we do aim to spread awareness to urgent and pressing environmental matters that we, as a community, can work to improve on, such as bringing meatless lunches and reusable containers to school instead of single-use plastics and disposal food containers and utensils.

This year, many of our members demonstrated exceptional student leadership through actions such as Sweets for Sustainability Bake Sale, The National Geographic Slingshot Challenge, Movie Night to Collect Clothing Donations, and Bike to School Week.

In the Fall and Spring, we had great opportunities to work outside by maintaining our perennial gardens and cleaning up waste on and off school property. In the winter, we created a Christmas tree made infographics, bringing to light how we can keep the Christmas season eco-friendly through our meals and decorations, while also bringing a little bit of creativity. We've also raised awareness about countless environmental concerns through STP Instagram posts including, but not limited to: waste management, reducing the use of electricity, Earth hour, National Tree Day, and the importance of drinking tap water.

Throughout the 2023-2024 school year our school accomplished over 20 Eco-Actions and obtained enough points to be certified by EcoSchools Canada as a Platinum level school, the highest level of certification! This certification wouldn't be possible without our dedicated EcoClub members, the participation of our Wolverine students, and the support of our staff and administration. Next year we are aiming to achieve new goals and will continue to promote student leadership.

Written by Stephen Shi & Abdulla Sahib (edited by Ms. Scozzaro)



Congratulations to Charles Nevins who was voted this year's Valedictorian by the graduating class!

