

West St. Paul School

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Dear Families,

We hope you had a good long weekend. Although we have seen moments of warmer weather, the school field can still be quite wet and muddy in spots. Families are encouraged to send children to school with an extra set of dry clothing (including socks) and rubber boots, so students can have fun exploring outside but also be comfortable and ready for learning inside the school after their activity breaks.

Our Vice-Principal, Jenny Macdonald, was only needed at Riverbend School for a few days last week and she is back with us again.

We had a lockdown practice yesterday, just after 11:00 a.m. It was our second and likely final lockdown practice of the year. We will still have some fire drills and we plan to have a practice evacuation later on in the year. During an evacuation practice, we walk as a school to the West St. Paul Curling Club and meet in the parking lot to practice what we would need to do in the unlikely event that we all needed to leave the school.

The West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is having their AGM and final PAC meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 13th. It begins at 6:00 and will end at 7:30. Childcare is always provided at no cost, so parents/caregivers can attend the meeting. **PAC is hosting a Family Games Night on Thursday, April 24th!** You can think of it as being a bit like Across the Board, where you can ask for support on game play, without having to read through all the instructions! There will be invitations to play group games during the night such as Bingo, Kahoot and Trivia. Colouring and crafting stations will also be available. Tomorrow there will be Subway for lunch, if you placed an order for your child(ren).

As you know, the federal election is quickly approaching and with it comes an important opportunity for our students to engage with the democratic process. We will be holding a West St. Paul School "Student Vote" on April 23rd, which will take place in the fitness studio. Students in grades 3-8 will be eligible to vote. This is a fantastic chance for students to learn more about the electoral process and the candidates running for office.

For the federal election on Monday, April 28th, West St. Paul School is a polling station. Voters will access the gym for voting using the front doors of our school and Election staff will be available to support them.

Some reminders:

Registration is open for kindergarten and new students to West St. Paul School. Go to <u>www.7oaks.org</u> to register online.

Parents can apply online for bussing for the 2025-26 school year. You can register for bussing at <u>Transportation</u>. This needs to be completed every year.

Mark your Calendars:

May 6th: Spring Photos

- May 7th: Welcome to Kindergarten Night
- May 8th: Grade 3-5 Play- The One and Only Ivan

May 16th: PD Day- No School

May 22nd: Grade 6-8 Immunizations

Thanks for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

The West St. Paul Administrator Team

David Ingram Tammy Harder Jenny Macdonald

PAC Annual General Meeting Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 pm

Child care and a hot meal will be provided!

Nominations are now being accepted for the executive for the Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

Election of the 2025-2026 Executive will take place during the AGM.

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive shall include:

Chair - shall preside at meetings of the PAC Executive; shall set the agenda in consultation with the school Principal; shall chair meetings of the PAC; shall be ex-officio member (s) of all PAC committees; shall act as authorized signing officer (s) on bank accounts; shall have signing authority on official correspondence; shall coordinate all activities of the PAC executive between regular meetings.

Vice-Chair – shall assist the Chair and in the absence of the Chair; shall chair meetings and supervise the affairs of the PAC. In the event of resignation, incapacity or leave of absence of the Chair, shall fulfill those responsibilities.

Secretary – shall maintain all records pertaining to the APC and its committees; shall be responsible for any correspondence issued under the direction of the PAC; shall provide copies of meeting minutes within two weeks to all Executive members, and in addition, shall provide a copy to the school for distribution to the general public.

Treasurer – shall keep an account of all financial transactions of the PAC as per School Division guidelines; shall be responsible for banking the PAC's funds and for arranging banking services; shall present a financial report at each meeting of the PAC and an annual financial statement at the Annual General Meetings; shall submit a copy of the financial report to the Principal, who shall retain one copy on file at the school for a five year period.

Committee Chairs – shall perform duties assigned by the PAC Executive; shall provide regular progress reports to be included in the minutes; shall provide financial reports relevant to the work of the committee. The standing committees shall be:

- Hot Lunch Committee
- Fundraising Committee

Ad-hoc committees will be established by the PAC or the Executive as the need arises.

If you have any questions about putting your name forward to become an executive member of PAC – or if you have any questions about the AGM in general – please feel free to contact the current chair, **Christine Collings at weststpaulpac@gmail.com**.



6 - 8 pm WSP Gym

Free event!

GAMES FOR ALL AGES!

- SPECIAL MIDDLE YEARS COMPETITION STARTS AT 6:30 PM - JOIN US FOR BINGO, KAHOOT & TRIVIA!
- CRAFTS, COLOURING AND BRACELET MAKING TOO!

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