



West St. Paul School

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Dear Families,

We hope everyone's enjoying the fall weather and getting back to their regular fall activities. It's been busy around the school as we get back to all the activities we used to do at school pre-Covid.

All kindergarten to grade seven students will receive a flashing red light to wear when they go trick or treating on Halloween. The lights have been given to the students by Manitoba Public Insurance as one additional safety measure so kids can have a safe Halloween night.

There is no school on Tuesday November 1st. It is a Division-wide in-service. All Division staff will be hearing a keynote message from Clayton Thomas-Muller, author of the book, "Life in a City of Dirty Water".

Picture retakes will take place on Monday November 7th.

A reminder that our Farm to School fundraiser is due November 9th. Vegetables will be delivered and sorted at the school on November 23rd so parents can pick them up during their Parent Teacher conferences.

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday, November 23rd and Thursday, November 24th in the evening and in the morning on Friday, November 25th. Parents will be able to book their Parent-Teacher conference times through Parent Connect starting on Monday, November 14th. The book fair will return this year to the library during our Parent-Teacher conferences. Please watch for bookfair information and hours in correspondence home.

Teachers at West St. Paul School are excited to kick off a new school-wide campaign. This initiative will introduce topics such as bullying, resolving peer-conflict, self-esteem, kindness, community building, safety, and healthy peer relationships. This week, the grade 3/4 classrooms have had a presentation by RCMP Constable Paul Human around the theme of bullying. Constable Human will be visiting classrooms in November and December to continue presentations. A teacher committee has been formed and will meet regularly. We are looking forward to having discussions and activities with our students around these important community-building and social-emotional learning themes.

Ms Mitchell's grade 8 class is collecting empty 500 ml water bottles for an art installation project. Empty 500 ml water bottles with caps can be dropped off in the blue bin the front lobby.

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school to leave a message. Outside of regular school hours, you can phone to leave a message with your child's name, classroom teacher and

reason for the absence. Having the messages in the morning speeds up our callback process for families after attendance is taken each morning.

Our PAC meets on the second Wednesday of most months. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 9th. All are welcome to attend. A few fundraising initiatives will be coming from PAC in the next month.

We are currently looking for a regular volunteer who can come to the school and read with students a couple times each week on a consistent basis. If you are available, please call Ms Davison at the school for more information.

As we get into November, we know it is darker and colder. Please be sure that your child is prepared to be outside before school and at recess/lunch breaks. Dressing in layers and having a backup pair of gloves and socks are often helpful. We intend on going outside for every recess and lunch recess unless there is dangerous weather. When dressed properly, everyone can enjoy the outdoors in all seasons.

Administrators

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October 26, 2022

Dear Parents,

To help your children be safe – and seen – this Halloween, Manitoba Public Insurance is pleased to provide wearable light flashers to all trick-or-treaters from Kindergarten through Grade 6.

Road safety is important every day of the year, but Halloween presents unique challenges as large numbers of children are on community streets after dark.

Please keep your ghosts and goblins safe this year by using their wearable light flashers, and by following these important road safety reminders:

- Look all ways for traffic before crossing the street.
- Never cross between parked cars.
- Always walk – never run – across the street.
- Take care when crossing at traffic lights and stop signs by waiting for vehicles to come to a complete stop and making eye contact with drivers.
- Remember that cars cannot stop quickly in wet or icy conditions.

Visit [youtube.com/mbpublicinsurance](https://www.youtube.com/mbpublicinsurance) for our Halloween Road Safety video to review these tips with your trick-or-treaters.

As parents, please be cautious of masks that may obscure your child's vision. Also be cautious with dark costumes that may be difficult for drivers to see. As well, consider walking with your children or have them travel in groups.

Thank you for helping to make this a safe and happy Halloween.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Satvir".

Satvir Jatana
Vice President & Chief Customer Officer



Le 26 octobre 2022

À tous les parents,

Afin d'aider vos enfants à être en sécurité – et vus – en cette fête de l'Halloween, la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba est heureuse de fournir des clignotants portatifs à tous les enfants qui iront sonner aux portes, de la maternelle à la 6e année.

La sécurité routière est importante tous les jours de l'année, mais l'Halloween présente des défis uniques, car un grand nombre d'enfants sont dans les rues de la communauté après la tombée de la nuit.

Nous vous prions de bien vouloir garder vos fantômes et vos lutins en sécurité cette année en utilisant leurs clignotants portatifs, et en suivant ces rappels importants de sécurité routière:

- surveiller la circulation dans toutes les directions avant de traverser la rue;
- ne jamais circuler entre des voitures garées;
- toujours marcher – ne jamais courir – pour traverser la rue;
- faire attention de traverser aux feux de circulation et aux panneaux d'arrêt – attendre que les véhicules s'arrêtent complètement et établir un contact visuel avec les conducteurs;
- se rappeler que les voitures ne peuvent pas s'arrêter rapidement dans des conditions humides ou glaciales.

En tant que parents, soyez prudents avec les masques qui peuvent obscurcir la vision de votre enfant. Soyez également prudents avec les costumes sombres qui peuvent être difficiles à voir pour les conducteurs. De plus, envisagez de marcher avec vos enfants ou de leur demander de se déplacer en groupe.

Visionnez notre vidéo sur la sécurité routière d'Halloween à partir de [youtube.com/mbpublicinsurance](https://www.youtube.com/mbpublicinsurance) pour passer en revue ces conseils avec vos petits monstres.

Je vous remercie de contribuer à faire de cette fête une fête d'Halloween heureuse et sûre.

Veuillez agréer mes salutations distinguées.

Satvir Jatana
Vice-présidente et chef de l'expérience client

GREEN YOUR HALLOWEEN

PUMPKIN DROP OFF

OCT 31 - NOV 4

WEST ST PAUL SCHOOL

BY THE RECYCLING BINS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE
PARKING LOT

Please remove candles and decorations



PUMPKINS WILL BE COMPOSTED

AT THE AKI CENTRE

(1985 GRASSMERE RD)

PUMPKIN SMASH EVENT ON NOV 5,

12-3 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO

JOIN!