

KEY DATES



SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

May 1-5, 2017
Catholic Education
Week

May 8, 2017
Semester II Midterm
Reports Distributed

May 18, 2017
Class of 2017
Graduation
Celebration

May 19, 2017
Professional Activity
Day

May 22, 2017
Victoria Day

June 7, 2017
Markbook Report
Distribution

June 9, 2017
Prom at
The Americana

June 13, 2017
Closing School Mass
and Graduate
Luncheon

June 14-15th, 2017
Grade 9 Math EQAO
Assessment

June 22-28, 2017
Final Examinations

June 28 2017
Graduation Ceremony
at Scotiabank
Convention Center

June 29-30, 2017
Professional Activity
Days

July 1, 2017
Canada Day

July 7, 2017
Semester Two Final
Report Cards
Distributed

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the 2016-2017 school year here at Saint Paul. We have had a very busy and eventful spring and hopefully, very soon the weather will be warming up and summer will arrive.

I write this message as we are in the midst of Catholic Education Week, which is certainly one of the highlights of the year. We started this week with the "Catch the Spirit Awards" at Blessed Trinity Catholic High School in Grimsby (Congratulations to our Award recipient – Ryan Zuba).

We then celebrated a school wide Mass, with Father Bill Derosie which was a most joyous event. All week long we have been celebrating our theme of "Walking Forward Together" which has been supported by a number of events around the school. We are truly blessed to have publically funded Catholic Education in the province of Ontario.

We have started the construction of our new turf athletic field this week, which is very exciting, and we look forward to a time in the very near future when we can compete on this state of the art surface. Speaking of competition, spring sports are in full swing with track and field, rugby, baseball and our soccer teams playing regular season games all around the Niagara Region. Please be sure to check the NCAA website for updates (NCAA.ca).

This year's musical production is "Sister Act" and it was a resounding success. Congratulations to cast and crew for delivering a fantastic performance. Chamber Choir, Rock Ensemble and all our musicians and singers have been very busy with many performances this semester as well.

A very special congratulations to Hunter Spicer who won the Provincial Gold medal in the culinary category at the Ontario Skills Competition! Hunter will be moving on to the National Competition in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I know Hunter will represent us very well! Good Luck.

Next time you visit the school, please take the time to stroll down the Health and Wellness wing. We have searched the archives and mounted pictures of many past Patriot teams and clubs. Have a look, you never know who you might see!

As we wind down the school year, our thoughts turn to exams, final assignments and all the responsibilities that go along with being a successful student. We wish all our students the best as they prepare to write their final exams and complete another successful year. Patriot pride is indeed alive and well here at Saint Paul and our students continue to display their talents as they work toward being the best version of themselves that they can be.

God Bless,
Brad Johnstone



SAINT PAUL FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Happy Easter!

Since our last newsletter many exciting opportunities for our students to grow in their faith have taken place. Fr. Paul McNeil was with us in February to celebrate our Ash Wednesday liturgy.

As Lent came to a close, and we began to prepare ourselves to celebrate the great feast of the Resurrection, we gathered with each grade to pray the Stations of the Cross.

Some of our graduating students planning to attend Brock University had the chance to spend the day with the Brock Catholic Chaplaincy. The Brock Chaplaincy shared with our Patriots their experience of transitioning from high school to university and how to keep their faith alive on campus.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season and the resurrection of our Lord, I hope and pray that you and your family experience the love of God in your joys and struggles.

SISTER ACT

Mrs. Phelan-Savage, Mr. Chalmers, Miss Iorio, Ms. Ibbotson and Ms. Parr were proud to present the Saint Paul Players musical production of "Sister Act" on the SP stage for the last two weeks in April. "Sister Act" based on the 1992 Whoopie Goldberg film, was a successful Broadway smash, and was expertly brought to life by our talented actors, musicians, tech crew and dedicated staff.

After 7 successful shows, including 2 for our Feeder Schools and one judged by the Niagara Cappies Drama Critics, the show received rave reviews from parents, teachers, critics, and the public! The show will be up for Cappie Awards this coming May 24th, so stay tuned for any wins. As Deloris Van Cartier and her "Sisters" say, "Spread the Love around!"





STUDENT SERVICES

IMPORTANT DATES AND ACTIVITIES FOR GRADUATES

- March 27 – April 13** Graduates are to see Mrs. Purvis in the Guidance Office. You must give your correct height in shoes as this will determine the length of your Graduation gown. **Total amount of money is due at this time. Dates will not be extended.**
- April 15th** Completed Grad profiles due to Student Services.
- May 18th** **Board-wide Grad Celebration:** Bus leaves Saint Paul in the morning. Uniforms must be worn and attendance is **mandatory**. Details to follow.
- June 9th** **Prom:** Friday, June 9th @ the Americana Resort.
- June 13th at 9:00 am** **Closing School Liturgy:** Graduates are to line up outside of the gymnasium in alphabetical order. Formal dress is required. You will then proceed as a group to reserved seating in gymnasium. Parents are welcome to attend the Liturgy.
- June 13th at 12:00 pm** **Grad Luncheon:** Location to be announced. The Lunch is provided courtesy of the Saint Paul Family. Formal dress is required. All students **MUST** travel on the bus to the luncheon venue. The Grad Luncheon is for graduating students only.
- June 28th at 10:00 am** **Rehearsal:** Graduation rehearsal at Scotiabank Convention Centre. Bus is supplied if required.
YOU MUST BE PRESENT!
- Gown Distribution in the CAFETERIA:** Gowns will be distributed a week before the ceremony. The gown will be folded and packaged in cellophane when you pick it up. It is your responsibility to steam or press your gown before the ceremony.
- June 28th at **6:00 pm**** **Commencement Ceremony:** Please be at Scotiabank Convention Centre no later than **5:00 pm**.

***There are no tickets required for students. If graduates have more than 8 guests per family, please notify Student Services.**



JOB FAIR

This year's Job Fair brought together over 20 reps from over 30 local establishments looking for our young Patriots to hire for summer jobs. Places like Niagara Parks, Great Wolf Lodge, Clifton Hill group, Hilton and Niagara Employment Help Centre were on location to help students complete their applications, sit through interviews or offer resume and interview workshops for our students.

Many of our students were hired right on site and a large group of them were able to secure interviews in the near future for summer employment. Special thanks to all of our local establishments that came out to participate in our Job Fair – looking forward to hosting next year.





STUDENT COUNCIL

As head into the home stretch before exams, we remember our eventful second semester! After March break our council was head strong about pumping school spirit into our hallways. Egg Shaped Easter grams with decorative icing were made by Chef Vincenza and her culinary class. Each cookie was sent out to a friend with a personalized message from their Patriot pal!

This year Saint Paul celebrates its 35th anniversary. To celebrate, Student Council threw a surprise birthday party for our Patriot family; banners, balloons, streamers, and even “Pin the Heart of the Patriot on Pat”. The lunch celebration continued with 400 assorted timbits as the perfect treat to mark 35 great years as a community!

At the end of April, council brought back the Banana Split Day! Our Patriot Perks Card members received a free banana split on their lunch complete with whipped cream and chocolate sauce on-top!

Finally, Student Council Presidential Elections were held for the 2017-2018 year. A big congratulations goes Taya Cesar as she will lead the new council!

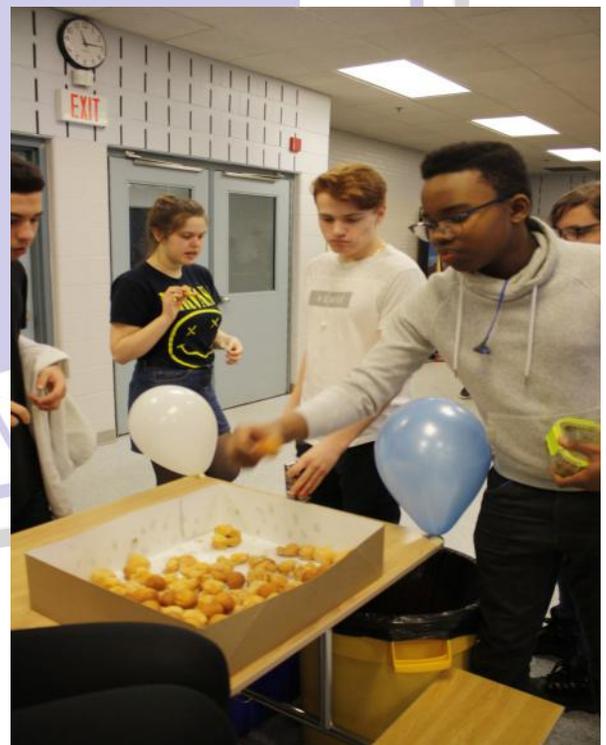
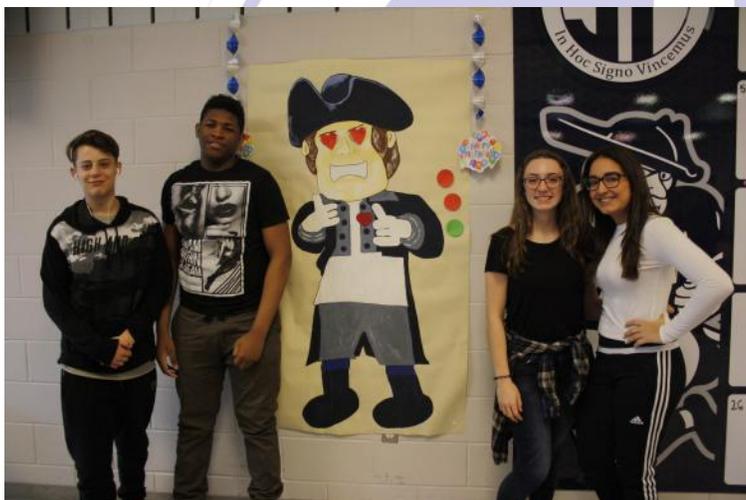


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HAPPY 35TH BIRTHDAY SAINT PAUL!





AEPO DESIGN CHALLENGE

The Association of Professional Engineers of Niagara organized a Design Competition for High School Students. The challenge this year involved designing and building a battery with limited material; zinc copper plates and lemon juice. The battery must provide enough power for 20 LED lights. The Brightest lumens was the criteria.

The following teams from Saint Paul Catholic took the challenge with great Patriot Pride and devotion.

Dream Team #1 – Michael Donnison, Mitch Finucci, Jack Hinchliffe, Thomas Yip, Megan Falco

Dream Team #2 – Joe Iacobaccio, Dominik Buszowiecki, Zach Finucci, David Son



SCIENCE FAIR

This year's 55th annual Niagara Regional Science & Engineering Fair showed great success for our very own Bethany Polt! This incredible scientist won 8 awards this year for her project, "Sole Power a novel approach to energy harvesting using piezoelectric technology" which include; Accipiter Radar Technologies Award for Engineering Innovation, Niagara Electrical Association Award, Ontario Power Generation Award, Hatch Award, CEO Niagara Chapter: Consulting Engineers of Ontario Award, James Draper Memorial Award, the Professional Engineers Ontario Engineering Excellence Award, and the most coveted Gold Medal Intermediate Category Winner!!!

Bethany not only took home the gold, but was one of seven chosen to represent the Niagara Region in the Canada Wide Science Fair, being held this May in Regina, Saskatchewan.

We are so proud of you Bethany, and can't wait to see what new discoveries lie ahead. You have made Saint Paul Catholic and the NCDSB so very proud!





STAIR CLIMB FOR CANCER

This years' Stair Climb for Children's cancer was a huge success. Over 75 Patriots came to the Skylon Tower on Saturday, April 22nd to volunteer at this amazing event. A huge thank you goes out to all of the students who attended.



SEAC REPORT

Special Education Plan and System Priorities

As part of the Ministry mandate to review the Special Education Plan annually, the following subcommittee has been formed which includes two Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) members; Sarah Farrell, Learning Disabilities Association Niagara and Karen Murphy, Autism Ontario Niagara Region Chapter along with Special Education Central level staff.

Andrew Howcroft, Community Living Welland Pelham represented SEAC at the feedback session relating to the Ministry of Education's *Provincial Framework for Alternative Programs and Courses K-12* held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Marquis Gardens in Ancaster.

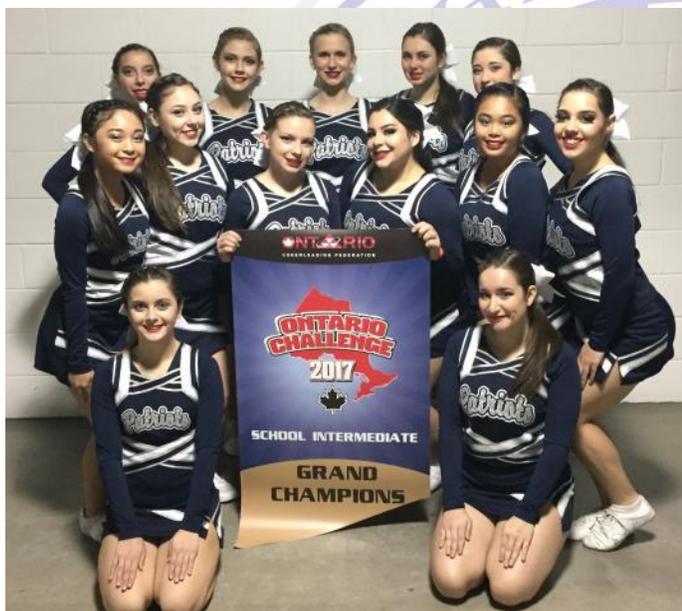
Director Crocco presented the *Design of System Priorities 2017-2018* and asked the SEAC for their participation by submitting a measurable action verb System Priority for 2017-2018.



CHEERLEADING

Since competing at the ICU World School Cheerleading Championships in February at Disney, the team won first place at the OCF Ontario Challenge Cup at the beginning of March, in the School Intermediate Non Tumbling division and also were the School Intermediate Grand Champions. At the beginning of April the team competed at the OCF National Cheerleading Championship in Brampton at the PowerAde Centre. The girls won first place in the Intermediate Non-Tumbling Division and won a bid to the 2018 School World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, FLA once again.

Tryouts for the 2017/18 SP Cheerleading Team will take place Wednesday May 24th from 5:00-7:00pm at Saint Paul



GIRL'S GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to our Girls' gymnastics team, who competed at ZONE/SOSSA and OFSAA this season. All 8 athletes qualified for the Ontario Championship, held in Belleville, Ontario. Jocelyn Mouradian and Taya Perkins competed in Level Six on the Vault, Bars, Beam and Floor.

The Captain and Student Coach of the patriots, Jocelyn, won a very prestigious 5th place finish on Bars!!!! Madison squared brought a lot of energy to the tournament. Kate, Julia, Ruthanne and Natalie were solid in their routines throughout the entire tournament. Coaches Miss McDonald and Mrs. Booth would like to congratulate all of the girls on great performances.

Thank you ladies for an exciting season!



GIRLS' RUGBY

The Varsity Girls' Rugby team has begun another season! Practices have begun in preparation for our first league game at Saint Michael on April 25th. The girls have been tirelessly working on learning about the game and practicing the skills unique to the game of rugby. Coaches D'Aprile, Pagetto, and Girardo are looking forward to starting our season and our first tournament at Lakeshore Catholic on April 27th!



WRESTLING

Wrestler Josh Rimando had an outstanding year on the mat for the Patriots this season. In his first year of wrestling Josh won various medals in the novice category before advancing to the open division. At Zone he placed 4th which advanced him to SOSSA. His hard work and determination paid off with Josh placing 2nd overall at SOSSA to advance to OFSAA. Josh had a respectable record of 2 wins and 2 losses to rank him in the top 16 wrestlers in Ontario.



BADMINTON

A huge congratulations goes out to all of the determined, hardworking and dedicated members of the badminton team. Two of the standouts for the Senior team were Valerie Pagnotta and Matthew Pilkington, both demonstrating tremendous passion, dedication, skill, and determination.

Two students who deserve special recognition are our midget and junior badminton superstars, Julia Garisto and Joseph Ye. These two had an extremely successful year, each winning a silver medal at SOSSA. Julia had a tremendous day playing against the top midget singles players in Southern Ontario, while Joe battled hard against the top junior singles boys! What a huge success for Patriot badminton!

Miss McDonald, Ms. Letwin and Mr. Mills want to thank all of the athletes this year.



CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

The co-ed volleyball team participated in two tournaments this year. They hosted the first ever Catholic Co-ed Volleyball tournament at Saint Paul. The team lost in the final of the B match to Blessed Trinity. The team also travelled to E.L. Crossley for their second tournament.

Team members consisted of: Aden Weglin, Lucas Antonio, Alexandria Sielicki, Jessica Mercnik, Loreanna Armenti, Lauren Dempsey, Sparky McLean, Matthew McLean, Michael Donnison and Erin Girhny. Coaches Mrs. Preece and Ms. McDonald would like to thank the team for a fun time.



JUNIOR BOYS HOCKEY

The Junior boys hockey team competed at both the Lakeshore Catholic Jr. Hockey tournament and Saint Francis Catholic Jr. Invitational during the month of March. The players came together quick as a team and had a great time. The boys played well in both tournaments but unfortunately came up short losing in overtime at the Lakeshore tournament. Coaches McCormack, Angrilli, Tropea, and Shellhorne would like to thank the players for an exciting time at the rink. The boys carried themselves with excellent sportsmanship and Patriot pride!

ROCK ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to our Rock Ensemble members who hit the stage at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on May 5, 2017 and brought down the house with rock classics from Queen of California to Valerie, Summer of 69, This House is Not for Sale and Don't Stop Believing. These talented young musicians had the their audience in the palm of their hand with every chord struck, rhythm played and harmony sung. Thank you young rock stars, for sharing your musical gifts & talents in the City of Rock & Roll!

