



# West St. Paul School

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October 28, 2024

Dear Families,

Beautiful fall weather has been with us throughout October. Classes have been outside exploring the plants and animals of the neighbourhood and recess times have been packed with soccer, football, man-tracker and playing on the play structures. Watch for changing temperatures as students will continue to spend time outdoors after the weather cools and appropriate clothing (mitts, snow pants, boots, tuques) will be needed soon.

Last Thursday evening, our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) presented a Halloween Dance and other fun activities at the school. Over 700 students and family members attended and had a fun time. Most students did not want to go home at the end! Our school community is fortunate to have a dedicated and thoughtful group of parents on PAC and they are always looking for more members. The next PAC meeting is coming up on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Free childcare is provided.

Please reinforce with your children that they must take the correct bus to and from school. **Students are NOT permitted to take any other bus home or to a friend's house after school.** After school play dates should be made by families at home and families need to coordinate rides.

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up soon. Conferences will take place on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and all-day Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Families can begin making appointment times after 8:30 on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to **sharing your children's achievements so far this year!** The Book Fair returns again this year and will be set up in the fitness studio.

When you know your child will be absent, please phone to let the school know. We have an answering machine that will take messages 24 hours.

Our Koats for Kids (United Way) campaign will start next week on November 4<sup>th</sup>. We are accepting any new and gently used coats, ski pants, hats, mitts, scarves, and boots. Any winter outerwear you would like to donate can be dropped off at the front of the school from November 4<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>. Clothing will be donated to families in need through the Koats for Kids collection program. Thank you for participating in our coat drive this year.

If you are interested in receiving winter outerwear through Koats for Kids, please visit their website to submit your order. [Koats for Kids | United Way Winnipeg](http://Koats for Kids | United Way Winnipeg)

Our Grade 1-8 Christmas Concert on December 18<sup>th</sup> will be at the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre (SOPAC) again this year. Times for grade specific times will be coming out soon.

Kindergarten Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the school gym.

Thursday is Halloween. Middle Years classrooms will be having a dance in the afternoon while Early Years students will be having classroom celebrations. Wearing costumes for the day is fine **but they should not interfere with your child's learning or the learning of others**. Some students may wish to change into their costumes during the lunch period. Students should not bring any weapons to school that may be associated with their costume. Students in grades kindergarten through grade 5 will be given a blinking red light to wear while trick or treating during the evening. Manitoba Public Insurance has provided the blinkers.

We wish everyone a safe Halloween!

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# A Word from PAC (Parent Advisory Council) September - October 2024

PAC is a group of parents who meet once a month.

Our mandate is to:

- promote the welfare of children and student learning
- serve as a resource organization for parents
- support a common vision for the school
- act as a general liaison between the school and community
- coordinate fundraising initiatives.



Upcoming Events, put on by PAC:

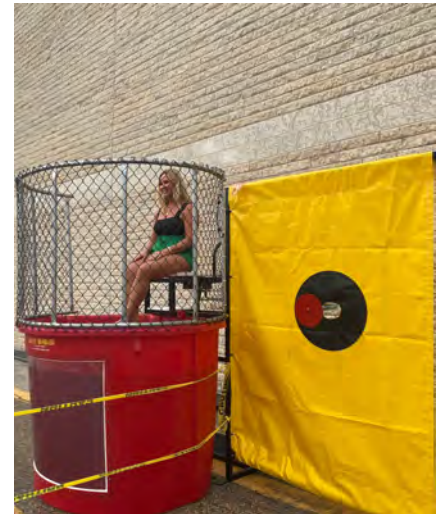


PAC put on a Staff Appreciation brunch on Friday, October 4th to thank our amazing staff for all of their hard work!



PAC Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Here are some highlights from our first two meetings:

- Administrative update about student enrollment and class spaces, from Superintendent Tony Kreml. Two portables are coming to the school, with upgrades to the electrical system to accommodate those portables. An additional two portables have been requested.
- Looking for PAC members at our events? Keep an eye out for our bright green shirts at upcoming events put on by PAC!
- McDonald's hot lunch has started We are looking for more volunteers to help us out AND we are looking for different food options! Contact us at: [weststpaulpac@gmail.com](mailto:weststpaulpac@gmail.com) with ideas.
- We have a PAC announcement board - check it out at the front of the school!



**Our 2nd Annual Family Fun Night was a huge success! Thanks for coming out!**





# *Join Our* **GIRLS ONLY FLAG LEAGUE**

● **NOVEMBER - JANUARY**



Girls Fall Flag Football League  
Focus on Fun and Fundamentals!

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## Football Manitoba Girls Fall Flag Football League:

Attention all Football enthusiasts! 📣

The Football Manitoba Girls Fall Flag Football League is gearing up for an exciting season, and we want YOU to be part of it! Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to try something new, this is your chance to shine on the field.

 Important Dates to Remember:

Practice Date:  
November 3

Game Days:  
November 10 & 24  
December 8, 15  
January 5

Finals:  
January 12

Times: 2:30 - 6:30

Divisions:

BLUE DIV - Born 2013/14/15  
GOLD DIV - Born 2010/11/12  
HIGH SCHOOL - Grades 9-12

We're excited to offer three competitive age divisions to ensure everyone has a chance to play and develop their skills. Each division will compete for the championship title, so bring your A-game and make this season unforgettable!

How to Register:

<https://flagmanitoba.com/fall-season/>

ensure you secure your spot early. Don't miss out on the fun and the chance to showcase your skills!

If your daughter is in the Gold Division - Born 2010/11/12 and would like to join a team from HC Avery use code QZQH3638

Please note you don't have to be from HC Avery to join the team. Just need to be born in 2010/2011/2012

If you would like to create and coach your own team at any girls age group, please contact Neil Hansen at [technical@footballmanitoba.com](mailto:technical@footballmanitoba.com) or 204.925.5671

GIRLS DIVISIONS \$100.00 per player (includes 2 game (home/away) jerseys)  
Memberships and Insurance – \$40.20 if did not play in the spring or winter season of 2024.  
6 Game season

Remember the flag football fall season receipt can be saved to be used toward to Fitness Tax Credit for Youth

All of our programs are eligible for KidSport or Jumpstart funding. For questions regarding financial assistance please email [sparker@footballmanitoba.com](mailto:sparker@footballmanitoba.com)

All Games take place SUNDAYS at the U of W Recplex.

The following times are guidelines and can vary slightly based on the number of teams in each age group.

BLUE AND GOLD Divisions 2:30PM - 4:30PM

HIGH SCHOOL Division 4:30PM - 6:30PM

What do I need to provide?

- Good indoor running shoes or cleats (soccer or football) and lots of energy!
- Solid colored shorts without pockets. (These can be purchased during the registration process) If you are lucky enough to find shorts without pockets elsewhere, be sure that they are a solid color (with no stripes).

Whether you're looking to make new friends, improve your game, or just have a blast, the Girls Fall Flag Football League has something for everyone. We can't wait to see you on the field!

  #GirlsFlagFootball #FootballFun #GetInTheGame #footballmanitoba #flagfootball