



West St. Paul School

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November 18, 2022

Dear Families,

Next week are Parent-Teacher Conferences. They will take place on the evenings of Wednesday, November 23, and Thursday, November 24 and in the morning of Friday, November 25. Please book your appointment times with your children's teachers through Parent Connect. This is an important meeting time at the school to share your interest in your child's academic progress. Report cards will be available on the afternoon of Monday, November 21. We will have our Scholastic Book Fair in the library. Please watch for emails about book fair times.

There have been plenty of colds, flus, and other viruses at the school this fall. Please keep your children home when they are sick. Masks are available at the office and in classrooms for children who want to wear a mask. If you would like rapid antigen tests, we have tests in the office for anyone asking.

Our West St. Paul School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is running a fundraiser right now. From Shelmerdine Nursery, one can buy poinsettias, Christmas swags, or gift cards. Please follow the link from the tab on our website under "Parents". Profits from PAC fundraising will be used to improve our outdoor play space.

Our volleyball schedules are winding down for the season. Our children have a lot of fun playing volleyball. Our grade 8 girls won our school division tournament and are now headed to the provincials next week.

Our school has been running a kindness campaign. This week we recognized International Kindness Day. Classes worked on a school-wide art activity, watched kindness videos, and read books about kindness. Also, some students are participating in the "Tis the Season for Giving" contest.

We have an update to our staffing. Due to the growth of our school, we have been able to hire an additional learning support teacher. Mr. Jeff Zylstra will be the new learning support teacher. Mr. Zylstra's classroom position will be filled by

Mrs. Preet Lidder who taught grade 7 and 8 classes at West St. Paul last year. Grade 8 teacher Erin Mitchell will be taking her maternity leave in the next month and Miss Kristen Collinson will be teaching the grade 8 class for the remainder of the year. Ms Melissa Neapew is away until Christmas working on her teaching degree and Mrs. Parminder Toor will be filling in for her educational assistant position.

The school will be conducting hearing screening tests during the week of November 28-December 2. Please watch your e-mail for more information.

We continue to collect outerwear for the Koats 4 Kids program. Please send your gently used coats, mittens, and other outerwear to the school by November 28th. Bins to collect items are located just inside the front school doors.

Christmas Concert dates this year will be the evenings of Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15. Please watch for additional details in the coming weeks.

Families who have placed Farm to School vegetable orders will be able to pick them up during the Parent-Teacher conferences.

The temperatures are dropping, and snow has arrived for the winter. Please be sure that your kids are dressed for the weather. It is our intention to go outside for recess each day. Extra mitts and socks can be tucked into back packs in case a pair get wet earlier in the day.

We look forward to seeing everyone next week at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Administrators

David Ingram Tammy Harder



Dear Parents and Families:

Get Ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way! Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns Rewards for our school.

The Fair will take place **November 23 and 24, 3pm to 7pm and November 25, 8am to 11:30am in the library.**

If you can't make it to the Fair, you may shop at our school's **Virtual Book Fair!** The virtual fair will be available November 21 - 25. Here's the link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5171068>

All virtual orders will ship directly to our school, and we will arrange for a pickup time when they arrive or give them to your children to take home. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our **Virtual Book Fair** homepage today to watch some trailers and look through our digital flyer.

The countdown to is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

David Ingram
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Dear Parents/Guardians;

As part of a hearing conservation program, Seven Oaks School Division is conducting hearing screenings again this year. This is being done to identify students who may have a hearing problem that needs attention.

All Kindergarten and Grade 1 students will be screened unless parents notify the school that they do not want their children to take part in this program; any new students to our school will be screened as well. Students from grades 2 to 8 will only be screened at the request of their parents/guardians by calling the school or emailing me directly at kirsten.marquardson@7oaks.org. Our screening session will be held from Monday, November 28th to Thursday, December 1, 2022.

If you do not hear from us, you may assume that your child's hearing is within the normal limits; however, if further testing is indicated, you will be informed by letter.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Marquardson
Learning Support Teacher

The West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is running a fundraiser to raise money for playground equipment:



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WINTER FUNDRAISER 2022



POINSETTIAS

Shelmerdine grown poinsettias are large, festively decorated, florist-quality plants. Customers pick from 6 spectacular colours.* Your poinsettias will sell for \$20/plant and you will receive \$6.55 for each plant sold!



DOOR SWAGS

Give your front door the festive treatment with our signature swag of pine, balsam, cedar and fir that is fragrant and fresh! Your door swags will sell for \$35/swag and you will receive \$10 for each swag sold!



GIFT CARDS

Our gift cards never expire and can be used towards almost anything in the store, they sell themselves! Gift cards are offered in \$25, \$50 and \$100 values and you will receive 10% profit for all gift cards sold!

EASE OF ORDERING

We have made ordering for your fundraiser easy! Simply share this QR code or the link to the online order form. Your customers can choose and securely pay right on our website!
<https://www.shelmerdine.com/winter-fundraisers/>



West St. Paul School PAC

Deadline for Ordering: December 1st, 2022

Orders will be accepted from November 10th - December 1st

Thank you for your Support!





Instructions for Ordering:



- Visit: [Shelmerdine.com/winter-fundraisers](https://shelmerdine.com/winter-fundraisers) or scan the QR Code provided
 - Add all your fundraiser items to your cart
- Click the checkout button at the bottom of the page and complete your checkout.
- Under the "Order Notes" please write the name of your child's teacher (if applicable)

****Don't forget to select "West St. Paul School PAC" from the drop down under the "fundraiser group" field!**

- Check your email for your order confirmation



Pick Up Details:

Pick up: **Friday, December 9th between 3pm and 6pm at Shooters Golf Course (2731 Main Street)**

in the Pro Shop.

All orders that are not picked up on December 9th will be transported to the school where pick up arrangements can be made.





Do you have winter outerwear to share? Once again, West St. Paul School will be involved in collecting new and gently used coats, ski pants, hats, mitts, scarves, and boots for Koats for Kids (United Way).

Any winter outerwear you would like to donate can be dropped off in the bins inside the front doors of the school from November 14th to November 25th.

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.
<https://unitedwaywinnipeg.ca/koatsforkids/>