



# West St. Paul School

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November 18, 2024

Dear Families,

Happy November to all and as the temperatures begin to drop this week, please have your children continue to dress for the colder weather. We will continue to go outside for recess and lunch breaks even when it is cold and/or windy.

Report cards will be posted on Parent Connect beginning late Tuesday afternoon. Please book your Parent/Teacher Conference time on Parent Connect. Conferences take place on Thursday after school and all day on Friday. We are looking forward to celebrating and sharing your child's successes with you!

While in the school for Parent/Teacher conferences, be sure to check out our Lost and Found tables. We have accumulated hundreds of lost items over the past three months. It would be helpful if families would label their children's clothing on the inside tag so we can return items if they get lost or forgotten.

We will also have the Scholastic Book Fair returning this week. Students were given Book Fair Flyers to take home last week. The book fair will be set up in the Choir/Fitness studio. Book fair hours will be Thursday from 3:00-8:00 and Friday from 8:00-1:00.

Our Christmas Concert will be held at Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre (SOPAC) this year on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have two shows. The first show will be at 5:30 for grades 1-5 and the second show will be at 7:30 for grades 6-8. Capacity at SOPAC is limited for a school of our size. We encourage aunts, uncles and grandparents to attend our dress rehearsal during the daytime with our K-5 rehearsal beginning at 9:15 and Grade 6-8 rehearsal beginning at 12:00. Our Kindergarten Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the West St. Paul School gym. It will take place at 6:00. At each concert, our Parent advisory Council will have a table set up with door prize tickets and a 50/50 draw.

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Craft Sale returned this past Saturday after taking five years off for the pandemic. About six hundred people attended and the event was a tremendous success. An enormous thank you to the PAC for organizing this event. Crafters and attendees remarked how happy they are that the craft sale had returned and how it had been missed. Thank you to all who donated baking and silent auction prizes, Garden City Collegiate students who volunteered and to our own West St. Paul students who helped set up, and take down, tables and chairs.

The Annual West St. Paul School Student Pancake Breakfast will take place on the morning of December 20<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow.

We look forward to seeing all families at conferences on Thursday and Friday!

Administrators,

David Ingram Tammy Harder Jenny Macdonald

# A Word from PAC (Parent Advisory Council) November 2024

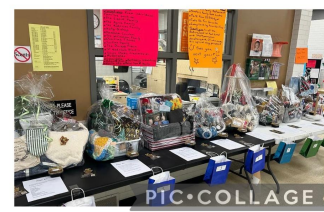
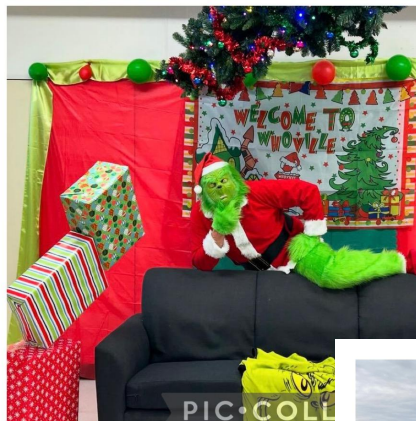
PAC is a group of parents who meet once a month.

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.



A big thank  
you to  
everyone who  
came out to  
our Craft Sale  
this weekend!



# Were you at our Halloween Dance?! It was a ton of fun!



PAC Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Here are some **highlights** from our meeting on **Tuesday, November 12th**.

- Administration shared with us that our current enrollment is 595 students.
  - The school had two amazing assemblies in the past week: A Diwali assembly and one for Remembrance Day. Both included tons of amazing student involvement.
  - The school is working towards putting up a wall in the former library/ current classrooms. Construction will happen on the weekends.
- Poinsettia fundraiser is now up and running. Click on the link here for more details. <https://fundraisers.shelmerdine.com/shop-fundraisers/> Order deadline is Friday, Nov. 22 and delivery date is Dec. 3th.
- Watch for the PAC table at our school's concerts (both Dec. 17 - Kindergarten and Dec. 18 - whole school). We will have a door prize and a 50/50 draw available.
- Where does your money go? We meet monthly to discuss ways that we can support students and their families. This means a variety of things, including supporting classroom teachers with their wishlists, purchasing items for extra-curricular clubs and groups, or putting on free events for our families and community. Interested in having a say? Come to our next meeting: **Tuesday, January 14th at 6 pm**.
- Looking for PAC members at our events? We now have bright green shirts so you can know where to direct questions!
- McDonald's hot lunch has started and we are looking at adding a Subway lunch option starting in January. We are looking for more volunteers to help us out to run these lunch programs. Contact us at: [weststpaulpac@gmail.com](mailto:weststpaulpac@gmail.com) if you can help.
- We have a PAC announcement board - check it out at the front of the school!

**Questions? Email us at [weststpaulpac@gmail.com](mailto:weststpaulpac@gmail.com)**