



West St. Paul School

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Dear Parents,

Friday, September 17, 2021

As we complete our first full week of school, everyone is beginning to learn and remember the regular routines at West St. Paul School. The school bus arrivals, transfers and departures are working, and students and teachers are getting back in the groove of school. Everyone is happy and grateful to have students back at school as we continue to live through this COVID pandemic.

All COVID protocols we practiced last year continue to exist – masking indoors, washing and sanitizing hands often, classroom cohorts, increased school ventilation, teaching outdoors and social distancing. Teachers continue to speak to students about personal safety as well as the safety of their friends, family and public. We all need to work together to prevent a wave of illness like last year.

More students can take the school bus this year which has reduced some of the traffic dropping students off in the loop beside the school. We strongly discourage parents from dropping and picking their children on the shoulder of the highway. Hiawatha and Minnehaha Avenues remain as options for parents to drop off, pick up or park and walk to get their children. We have an adult crossing children and families at the traffic light both before and after school.

Please take a moment to log on to Parent Connect and review your responses to the 2021-2022 consent forms. Responses to the consent forms now roll over yearly. This means that the responses you entered last year have carried forward to this year. If you have transferred to West St. Paul School from another school within the Seven Oaks School Division, you will need to respond to the Responsible Use of Technology form as this is one form that does not carry forward. If you would like to change your response to any of the forms, please contact the office.

To view the school calendar and see what is happening in our school, check this link:

<https://www.7oaks.org/school/weststpaul/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Some upcoming important dates:

Picture Day is on Thursday, September 23.

Terry Fox Day will be on Friday September 24.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on September 30. There will be no classes.

October 8 is Divisional Day – No classes.

October 11 is Thanksgiving – No classes.

October 22 is MTS PD Day – No Classes.

Our middle years students can attend TAS classes at other schools again. All TAS classes remain as cohorts on the bus and at the hosting school and do not mix with students of other schools. Classes are also speaking about the upcoming election and taking library books home. Please read to your children daily and continue the discussions started at school. Soon, some of our grade 1/2 classes will begin their Learn to Skate classes while some of the grade 3/4 classes will begin their Learn to Swim classes.

If you have not yet paid your student fees, payments can be made online under the Fees tab in Parent Connect, or with exact cash or cheque payable to West St. Paul School. If your child will be away from school for any reason, please contact the office. We have 24 hour voicemail where you can leave us a message about your child's absence.

Thank you for you continued support.

Administrators

David Ingram

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West St Paul School - Terry Fox Day

Our school will participate in the run/walk in a modified format on **Friday, September 24**. While this year's event might look a little different, the end result remains the same; to raise funds for cancer research. Let's all use Terry's message of hope and strength to inspire us during these challenging times.

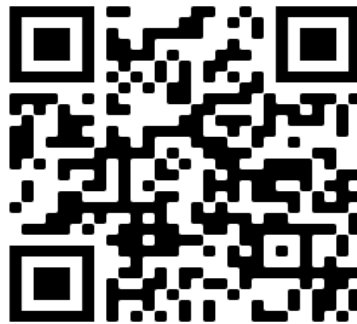
Online Fundraising

1) Donate online at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/WestStPaul>

- Click the link above to donate or search for our school name at terryfox.org
- There is no minimum donation, every dollar counts!
- Receipts are issued immediately to donors by email

2) Set up a [student fundraising page](#)

- Students are encouraged to set up a page under their school's name
- Students can fundraise by sharing their link with family and friends





PARTNERS in LEARNING Seven Oaks School Division



PARENT/CHILD PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS at West St. Paul School

Our programs are Free of Charge and are for families living in the Seven Oaks School Division. Registration is ongoing, so you and your child may begin at any time.

This **Preschool Program** is for children ages 0 - 6 and their parent(s)/caregiver(s). Together with your child you are invited to participate in **stories, rhymes and songs, art activities, free play and gym time**. This is a great opportunity for your child to be part of our school environment, to learn and grow with their peers. As a parent or caregiver you will have the opportunity to meet other parents. COVID protocols will continue to be in place; All adults must wear a mask, older preschoolers are encouraged to wear one, sanitize or wash hands upon entering the classroom, try to remain physically distant. **ALL ATTENDING ADULTS MUST SHOW PROOF OF BEING FULLY VACCINATED.**

**Programs run Tuesday and Thursdays beginning
September 23rd from 10:45 - 12:15 p.m.
You MUST REGISTER prior to attending.**

For more information or to register please contact Cheryl Rajfur at (204) 339-1964 or email cheryl.rajfur@7oaks.org



Positive Discipline in Everyday Life

Positive Discipline is for parents who are looking for long-term parenting skills that will encourage their children to;



- think for themselves,
- become more responsible,
- have a greater respect for themselves and others.



The teachings of Positive Discipline are filled with non-punitive, respectful methods that will incorporate kindness and firmness into parenting, help parents get to the core of their child's behavior, bring more joy into the home and give parents a sense of accomplishment!

The **7-Oaks School Division** will be offering a series of 8 sessions on Positive Discipline.

Sessions begin: Wednesday, October 6th and runs until Wednesday, November 24th, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at R.F. Morrison School, 25 Morrison St.

Due to Covid-19, childcare will NOT be available for these sessions and all participants will need to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination as per Seven Oaks divisional policy and Partners in Learning. Masks are mandatory for each session.

To register please contact Marielle Meades at 204-697-5962 or 204-338-7893 or email marielle.meades@7oaks.org. Registration is open now and will close on Monday, September 27th, 2021. Space is limited, and registration is on a first come basis. You must commit to attending all 8 sessions.

Please return the completed form to your child's school or by email to marielle.meades@7oaks.org on or before Monday, September 27th. You will receive a confirmation email or phone call that you have been accepted for the program.

Parent(s) name(s); _____

Number of adults attending; _____

Contact phone number; _____

Email address; _____

Ages of your children; _____

Your child's school; _____



Indoor Youth Recreational Soccer Ages 9-18

2021/2022 YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN !

The following Community Centres are taking registration and most have online registration available. Please feel free to contact any of these Community Centres should you have any questions.

Garden City Community Centre
725 Kingsbury Avenue

Registration Link: www.gardencitycc.com
Registration Email: [Soccer Convenor](mailto:Soccer_Convenor)
Phone: 204-940-6111

East St. Paul Community Centre
264 Hoddinott Road, East St. Paul

Registration Link: www.espcc.ca
Registration Email: [Soccer Convenor](mailto:Soccer_Convenor)
Phone: 204-654-9496

Tyndall Park Community Centre
2255 King Edward Street

Registration Link: www.tyndallparkcc.com
Registration Email: [Soccer Convenor](mailto:Soccer_Convenor)
Phone: 204-632-4916

West St. Paul Community Centre
(Sunova Centre) 48 Holland Road, West St. Paul

Registration Link: www.weststpaul.com
Registration Email: [Soccer Convenor](mailto:Soccer_Convenor)
Phone: 204-336-0294

Vince Leah Community Centre
1295 Salter Street

In Person Registration Only
September 12th 10am-12pm &
September 16th 6pm-8pm
Registration Info:

