



St. Paul's School Newsletter

"Christian Education Through Shepherding"

September 2026

Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! While I may be in a new role as your principal this year, my commitment to our school community remains as strong as ever. We are already off to an incredible start with so many exciting opportunities underway for our students—including cross-country running, our Grade 7 canoe trip, and our boys' and girls' volleyball teams. Rooted in our shared Catholic faith, we look forward to walking alongside your children as they grow academically, spiritually, and socially throughout the months ahead.

Mrs. K. Poncelet, Principal
St. Paul's School

Building Faith and Academic Habits: The Power of Attendance & Punctuality

At St. Paul's school, our daily routines begin with prayer and community—moments where our students center their hearts and prepare their minds for learning. When a child arrives late or misses school, they miss more than just instruction; they miss the quiet, intentional start to their day that fosters confidence, connection, and belonging. Being on time sets a posture of readiness and respect for our shared day.

Every minute of the school day is valuable. Consider these impactful statistics:

- **Early habits shape key milestones:** Research shows that children who are chronically absent (missing just two days a month) in kindergarten and 1st grade are significantly less likely to read at grade level by 3rd grade.
- **Academic performance and relationships:** Frequent lateness directly correlates with lower academic performance, while also causing children to feel "out of sync" with their classmates and teachers.
- **Small minutes add up fast:** Just 10 minutes of "lateness" each day adds up to nearly 7 full days of missed learning over the course of a school year.

We know that family mornings can be challenging, but establishing a reliable routine is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children to help them flourish academically, socially, and spiritually. Thank you for partnering with us in making faithful, on-time attendance a daily priority for your family!



Parish Information

St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church
Fr. Wilfred Calinawan

125 – 3rd Avenue North

Phone: (306) 782-2449

Fax: (306) 782-8566

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
Father Basil Malowany

155 Catherine Street

Phone: (306) 783-4594

Fax: (306) 782-4214

Saturday Divine Liturgy: 5:00 p.m.
(English)

Sunday Divine Liturgies: 9:00 a.m.
(English/Ukrainian)

Please check both Church Bulletins for more news

St. Paul's School Day Schedule

8:50 – 8:55 a.m.	Bell (Organization Time)
8:55 – 10:30 a.m.	Instructional Time
10:30 a.m.	Recess
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Instructional Time
11:45 – 12:25 p.m.	Lunch
12:25 – 12:30 p.m.	Bell (Organization Time)
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Instructional Time
2:00 p.m.	Recess
2:15 – 3:20 p.m.	Instructional Time



October 19/20 School Photos

Retake Picture Date:

November 16

School Bus Schedules

St. Paul's School students will use Route #4. Please note that this route has also been posted on the Christ the Teacher Division website:

www.christtheteacher.ca

At the end of a school day, “Bus 1” will leave St. Paul's School at 3:17 p.m. with students to transfer at Yorkdale Central School to rural home buses.

“Bus 2” will leave St. Paul's School at 3:27 p.m., following the route 4 schedule (reverse of a.m. route).

Southland Transportation Ltd. will be providing bussing services for the school year.

Band

Thurs. Sept. 17: Gr. 7/8 Full Band begins

Fri. Sept. 18 (7-9 P.M.) **and** Sat. Sept. 19 (9-11:30 A.M): free mandatory **Beginner** Band Clinic @ Yorkdale

Sat. Sept. 19: 9 AM Band Boosters AGM (for **ALL Band parents**) @ Yorkdale
1-3 PM Gr. 6-8 can sign up for a free lesson @ Yorkdale

Tues. Sept. 22: Gr 6 Full Band begins

Mon. **Oct.** 19: weekly Gr. 5 Full Band begins @ Sacred Heart @ 8:00 AM

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September/October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14	15	16	17 Grade 7-8 Full Band begins Cross Country Meet @ SHHS	18 Beginner Band Clinic Yorkdale 7:00 - 9:00 pm	19 Beginner Band Clinic Yorkdale 9:00 - 11:30 am
20	21	22 Grade 7 Canoe Trip Grade 6 Full Band begins	23 Grade 7 Canoe Trip	24 Grade 7 Canoe Trip	25	26
27	28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day	October 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Inservice NO SCHOOL	10
11	12 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 School Photos Grade 5 Full Band begins 8:00 am	20 School Photos	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Halloween Parade 12:40 pm	31

