

West St. Paul School

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Dear Parents.

We enter the last half of October with the school feeling busier than the past couple of years. Some of our kids in grades 1-4 are taking skating and swimming lessons. All our grade 5-8 students are learning the proper rules of the road through the BEST bike program. Middle Years students are participating in band, cross-country and volleyball games again. Volleyball practices are taking place both before school at 7:00 AM and after school until 4:00. Some evening programming will begin soon.

Students are continuing to make adjustments as we settle back into the real routines of school. The students understand the importance of masks, sanitizing and distancing because of the teaching at home, school and advertising. We are able to work more closely with students to find where they have challenges and work towards the next steps in their learning. Students are learning in class, outdoors, in music and the gym. Report cards will be available to parents and parent-teacher conferences will be during the week of November 15-19.

The current situation with Covid-19 means we continue to prevent students from sharing food and bringing food from home for birthdays and other notable times (such as Halloween). Thank you for respecting this school decision.

Our kindergartens will have their hearing screened during the last week of November. Also, the youth catch-up immunization returns to the school next month. Immunization forms were sent to those eligible last week.

As we all begin to look through our winter gear, keep in mind we will be collecting Koats for Kids again this year. During the first week of November, gently used winter wear can be dropped off in the bins located just inside the front doors of the school. Donations will taken to the Koats for Kids depot where they will be shared with community members in need.

Our school fundraiser to support the greening of our schoolyard began this week. We are looking forward to planting some trees in the spring. The Farm to School fundraiser gives families direct access to fresh Peak of the Market vegetables while supporting our school. Check you email or the school web page for details.

We know the weather in West St. Paul can change quickly. On a daily basis, classroom teachers, gym and music teachers have been taking classes outside to learn. The weather outside when students arrive at 7:45, nutrition and lunch breaks is variable. Please remember to check that your child will be comfortable going outside at different times during each school day.

If you are looking for a great way to spend some time after school or on weekends, head over to the Seven Oaks Learning and Service Centre at 1985 Grassmere Road. There are several kilometers of gravel paths, a pond, a huge hill to play on, and gardens to look at to see what is happening in each season. There are picnic tables and benches to rest or have a snack and there is plenty of parking. I often head there on the weekend. It is another great spot to visit in West St. Paul that many people forget to enjoy.

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HOW TO ORDER ONLINE

- Visit <u>www.farmtoschool.ca</u> and click on "Shop" from the Fundraiser Menu and add your products to your cart.
- Click on "Continue to Check out" when ready to pay.
- Select the Province *Manitoba*, School *West St. Paul School* and enter the child's name that is responsible for your order.
- Continue to "Billing Info."
- Enter billing and payment information, once done, click on "Review Order."
- Review your order summary, Supporting-Billing and Payment information, and "Place Order."
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Thank you for your support.

Need Help?

Email: FarmToSchool@PeakMarket.com

Call: 204-697-3109



PUMPKIN DROP OFF



Please remove candles and decorations



PUMPKINS WILL BE COMPOSTED AT THE AKI CENTRE NOV 6, 12-3 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!





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 1st to November 10th. 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/