



West St. Paul School

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! We hope families had a fantastic summer and are as excited as we are to get back to a regular school year. It was great to meet families again at the Orientation Meetings last week. West St. Paul has expanded and now has 28 classrooms, and we are ready for another great school year.

We will be having our Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 15th in the afternoon. A note was sent yesterday regarding specific times.

Our first Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting of the year will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13th. All families are invited to attend. Childcare will be provided, and the meeting will last up to two hours. It is fine to attend only part of the meeting. All parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend to learn more about what is happening in the school. The PAC is a group of parents and caregivers willing to learn more about the school, have an interest in fundraising for activities such as hot lunch and improving the outdoor play spaces, or wanting to meet other parents with similar interests.

PAC is hosting a Family Fun Night on Thursday, September 21st from 5:30-7:30. Food will be available for purchase and there will be bouncers for kids. All families are encouraged to attend and share in a fun night! More information will follow.

School picture day will also be on Thursday, September 21st. Our Middle Years Cross-Country runners will have their pictures taken before they leave for the first cross-country run of the season.

Friday, September 22nd is the first school in-service of the year. The staff will be working with Heather Eckton, the division's Climate Action Divisional Teacher Team Leader.

Our Community Coordinator, Debbie Talling, will be starting the Parent/Child Pre-School Program next month. See the attachment for more information and her contact information.


We are now selling white and chocolate milk tickets at our cost for students at lunch. Tickets left over from last year can still be redeemed this year. Sheets of ten tickets will be \$10 and order forms are available outside the office or on the West St. Paul School website under the "Forms" tab.

West St. Paul School is on Instagram! Watch for pictures and videos of activities happening at the school. Follow us on Instagram at **west-st-paul-school**.

We look forward to seeing families next week at the Family Fun Night!

Administrators,

David Ingram Tammy Harder Jenny Macdonald



Welcome Back Family Fun Night!

**West St. Paul School Grounds
Thursday, September 21st
5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Bouncy Castles, Face-Painting, Temporary
Tattoos, Arts and Crafts Table

Food available for purchase

Hosted by WSP PAC (Parent Advisory Council)



**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

Dear Parents/Caregivers of West St. Paul School:

We are excited to announce that our school will be proudly taking part in the 2023 Terry Fox School Run, scheduled to take place on **Friday, September 15th, 2023**. This event will support cancer research while also building incredible school spirit for our students. Let's all show the great strength and resiliency of our school community with your support of one of our greatest Canadian heroes, Terry Fox.

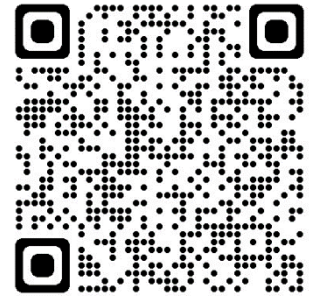
The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page for our school as well as provide student/classroom "Terry" activities. Here are some of the ways you can support your child for this year's Terry Fox event:

Donate online at: <http://schools.terryfox.ca/35108>

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

Support your child's "Try Like Terry" Challenge

- Help your child select a goal and fun activity to support their fundraising efforts
- Try one of the [suggested activities online](#) or come up with your own
- Share your activity on social media and tag others to join



We are very excited to be a part of this year's Terry Fox event. This is our opportunity to "Try Like Terry" and go the distance for this year's event. Please join us to support cancer research while building incredible school spirit for all our students. Thank you in advance for your support!

Event details

- **September 15th**, classes will all meet in the gym at 1:15 p.m. Following the meeting, we will be going across the street and walking/running the 'Minnehaha-Kenabek-Hiawatha' loop until 2:15pm, when students will then return to class. Please dress for the weather.
- AM kindergartens will do their Terry Fox walk in the morning with their teacher and a buddy class.



**Seven Oaks School Division - Partners in Learning
PARENT/CHILD PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
at West St. Paul Community School**

If you have a preschooler at home, please consider attending our free Parent and Child Programs!

Our programs focus on literacy, nutrition, parenting and building community. You and your child(ren) ages five and under, will have fun together sharing songs, rhymes, stories, art activities and the opportunity to meet other families in your community.

We are excited to offer our program in a new space that we are busy preparing for our classes to begin in October.

Our classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Families will be welcome to attend two classes per week.

We would love to have you join us!

For more information, please contact Debbie Talling, Community Coordinator
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