



St Paulus Preprimary and Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

RECYCLING NEWS

Our dedicated team is continuing to work towards raising sensitivity to environmental issues as it keeps us committed to recycling and "Saving the Earth." The Village is nearing completion, and hopefully, weather permitting, we shall be able to complete the mosaicing in the near future. Please support our recycling project! If you are not yet into "washing and squashing," and do not know where to start, a suggestion would be to start small, choosing just one item, such as plastic milk containers, and take it from there. Before you know it, you will get into the swing of things, and recycling will become a way of life. Thank you to the dedicated team of Moms, led by the Committee of Marjorie King (Chair), Lynnette du Plessis (Deputy Chair) and Lauren Schrempel (Treasurer). Let's keep recycling and saving the earth. RECYCLING UPDATES ARE NOW POSTED ON THE BOARD AT THE VILLAGE.



SPORT AND OUR ETHOS

At St Paulus, we view sport as an integral part of our holistic approach to developing and growing our children. Being part of a team teaches our children essential life skills. They need to learn to support the team without necessarily shining as individuals, to take turns, to listen to their Coaches and teachers, to accept the decision of the umpire or referee, to play fairly, and most importantly, to win gracefully and to lose graciously. At Mini Sports level, all our children need to take turns at being the goalie as it is only fair that everyone gets the chance to shine by playing in the front, as well as being in the background some of the time. No matter whether we win or lose, sport at Primary School level is about having fun. We like to win, but not at the expense of enjoyment, and it is the responsibility of the school, supported by our parents, to ensure that the crucial balance is maintained.

In all our relationships, adult and adult, child and child, child and adult, we try to adhere to our maxim; "Respect for self and others." I need to appeal to parents to support our Coaches and Managers as children need to see them as the ones in charge at our sports fixtures. In keeping with our ethos, we need to deal respectfully with one another and as role models for our children, avoid unnecessary conflict. One of the difficulties experienced at Mini Sport level is that we do not know prior to a Saturday match how many children will turn up. It is extremely stressful for the Manager to have to field a number of games with too few players, and even more stressful when too many players arrive and everyone needs to be given a chance. With hockey, we also seem to be experiencing problems at both Under 8 and Under 10 level, with children who do not want to take turns at being goalie. For Mini Sports, where the accent is on participation, I have drawn up some simple rules that will assist us all in ensuring that our children get the best out of their sports experience:

- Any child who wishes to play in Saturday Tournaments needs to come to the practices during the week.
- Coaches need to have a list of the names of children who will be participating in a Saturday Tournament, by Thursday afternoon. If a child commits to playing he/she must honour the commitment.
- Check with the Manager with regard to time of arrival and be sure that children arrive on time.
- Everyone must be prepared to take a turn at being goalie
- Do not make negative comments, about a coach or a player, on the sidelines
- Be supportive of coaches and managers and allow them to organise the children without interference
- Children have to wear shin-pads and gum-guards
- Work together to ensure that our children get good games, play fair, wear their school uniform with pride and especially, that they HAVE FUN.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to come and discuss these with me, or with one of the HOD's. We can all work together to make sure that our decisions are made in the best interests of all our children. Sports Departement Contacts: (012) 804-9095 / 076-860-0984 / sport@stpaulus.co.za.

ST PIFA SPORTS TOURNAMENT

The Tournament Entry Forms are available from the school Office. Cost per adult per sporting code: (soccer/netball) is R30 and for children; R25. All proceeds go towards the PTA 2010 project, which is to develop the area between the swimming pool and Aftercare/ Grade R classrooms.

You will have noted that we are busy putting in irrigation and instant lawn in the swimming pool enclosure. Thank you to Ilze Venter and her PTA Committee, and all our parents for raising the money to make this addition possible.



CONGRATULATIONS

Jaco Möller and Chanel Maas are our LLC Chairpersons for 2010.

As mentioned last week, Chanel Maas and Catherine Uys have been awarded academic scholarships to St Mary's DSG. Selwyn Steyn and Niel Muir have both won scholarships to St Alban's College for 2011.

We are very proud of these young people and of all our young people in Grade 7 who are committed to service to our school as they support and care for our younger students.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We know that the fast-approaching 5-week holiday is something of a headache for some parents, especially Moms who work full-time outside of the home. We are looking at offering Sports Clinics [Hockey, Soccer, Athletics and Cricket] and a full Holiday Programme for one week of the holiday, if there is sufficient interest. If you would be interested, please let the School Office know: secretary@stpaulus.co.za.

May you have a peaceful weekend with your children!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, 15 May:

Pre-School Open Day in the Hall from 09:00 to 11:00

Mini-Soccer at Hatfield CS at 07:30

Hockey League at Rietondale

Tuesday, 18 May:

Soccer: Quarter Finals of the Challenge Cup

U/10A v Lynnwood Ridge at St Paulus

U/10B v Springvale at St Paulus

U/10C v Lynnwood Ridge at St Paulus

U/11B v Springvale at St Paulus

U/13B v Springvale at St Paulus

Wednesday, 19 May:

Soccer against Woodhill:

U/13A,B,D – Away

U/13C v Lynnwood Ridge at LRPS

U/11 A, B – Home

U/10 A, B, C – Home

Netball: U/9 – U/13 v Valhalla – Away

Thursday, 20 May

Laduma Gr. 1 – 3 Music Festival

Friday, 21 May

Gr. 3 Soccer Winter Games

Sports Festival at Crawford

Soccer: Malas Tournament (Seniors) at Harlequins

Saturday, 22 May:

Spar Soccer Tournament (Juniors) at Lynnwood Ridge

Hockey League at Rietondale (U/12 and U/13)

Mini Hockey (U/8 – U/10 Girls) at Rietondale

Please see Sports Notice Boards for Teams

