



# **Firebird Free Press**

January 13th-17th, 2025

## **Week at a Glance**

### **Monday January 13th:**

- \*Big Box Cards Fundraiser Begins (Runs from Jan 13th-Feb 13th) and can be purchased on SchoolCash-Capitano
- \*Senior Boys Basketball Tryout from 3pm-4pm-Tham
- \*Junior Boys Basketball Tryout at 1st Nutrition Break-Tham

### **Tuesday January 14th:**

- \*Grade 8 Advanced Placement Night @ St. Paul High School-6pm-7pm
- \*Junior Chess at 12:50pm-1:30pm (Library)-Reich
- \*Senior Boys Basketball Tryout from 3pm-4pm-Tham
- \*Junior Boys Basketball Tryout at 1st Nutrition Break-Tham
- \*Primary Chess for all members from 10:50am-11:30am in the resource room-Piro

### **Wednesday January 15th:**

- \*Intermediate Chess at 12:50pm-1:30pm (Library)-Reich
- \*Senior Girls Basketball Tryouts from 3pm-4pm-Korce
- \*Junior Boys Basketball Tryout at 1st Nutrition Break-Tham

### **Thursday January 16th:**

- \*Jordy Day: Primary Chess Tournament and Students Can Wear Pink to School
- \*Niagara Falls Canucks Visit SJHN @ 9:30am
- \*Pizza Day
- \*Senior Girls Basketball Tryouts from 3pm-4pm-Korce

### **Friday January 17th:**

P.A. Day: No School

## **St. John Henry Newman's Big Box Fundraising Event!**

SJHN is bringing back our Big Box of Card fundraiser featuring a box of 35 All Occasion cards a box of 35 All Birthday cards a box of 35 Kids Birthday cards or our brand new Holiday Box with 50

cards. All of these boxes sell for the low price of \$35 each. We have outlined the details of this fundraiser below in order to make this a success for our school community.



- ❖ Our campaign runs from Monday, January 13th, 2025 to Thursday, February 13th, 2025.
- ❖ Each family will be provided with product video links as well as an order form.
- ❖ The Product video links are intended to be shared with friends, family and co-workers.
- ❖ Payment for all boxes sold is to be made when orders are placed.
- ❖ All order forms and/or payments should be returned on Thursday, February 13th, 2025 only.
- ❖ Please pay on School Cash Online. Every family is responsible for collecting payments from boxes sold.

#### Additional Information

- ✓ Don't forget our amazing prizes!!
- ✓ If the school sells 75 boxes a pizza party for top selling class will be awarded.
- ✓ Grand Prize, for every three boxes of cards your family sells, their name will be placed in a draw to win one of four \$25 gift cards (school must sell 150 boxes or more) at local retailers like, Best Buy, Cineplex, Toys R Us, and EB Games. If as a school we sell over 400 boxes then we also will draw for a Samsung 8 inch Tablet! No limit on the number of times you can enter, the more boxes you sell the more times your name will go into the draw for the gift cards and possibly the Tablet.

Product Video - <https://youtu.be/1IMP6GehZDg> Holiday Box Video - <https://streamable.com/6eplgo>  
Kids Birthday Box Video - <https://youtu.be/x3pifBtXfXU> Closer look at all of our boxes - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage>

Good luck and thank you for your participation in this fundraising campaign! Please remember that all funds raised will go directly towards initiatives that benefit the students. We really believe in the quality and value of these cards and think they would be great to have in each household in addition to the other boxes that the students sell to family, friends and co-workers.

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### **Advanced Placement Night at Saint Paul - Tuesday January 14th, 6pm-7pm**

This is a reminder that our Grade 8 Information Night which will focus on Advanced Placement among other important topics, is taking place on Tuesday, January 14th @ 6PM at Saint Paul. The partnership between home and school is critical and thus I hope to see as many families as possible.

The evening is geared to inform parents on destreaming, advanced placement (AP), specialist high skills major (SHSM), etc. and also to answer any questions that you may have. Your child does not need to attend (but are certainly welcome). We hope to see you here at Saint Paul next Tuesday

January 14th. We will start promptly at 6pm sharp and will end at approximately 7pm. Please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

In order to help us understand any questions that you may have about destreaming or advanced placement etc., we have provided a link to a google form that will allow you to submit a few questions prior to our night on Tuesday. The idea being that we can answer the most frequently asked questions and save some time on Tuesday. If you wish to ask a question prior to Tuesday, a link has been provided below.

<https://forms.gle/mYxtRkGyGAW5ERw2A>

### **Grade 8 Registration Process (in order to be a Grade 9 student at Saint Paul for the 2025-2026 school year):**

This is also a reminder to kindly get your son/daughter's option sheet and registration package completed, signed and returned to their grade eight teacher by the end of next week (January 17th - deadline). Mr. DeFoe and Mr. Shellhorne (Our Saint Paul Guidance Counsellors) will be visiting each class the week of January 20th to collect and upload these sheets to our information system in preparation for next school year. Keep in mind that there is some flexibility moving forward and some of the course levels and options can be changed by calling the school up until the end of April. If you have any concerns, feel free to email Mr. DeFoe at [ryan.defoe@ncdsb.com](mailto:ryan.defoe@ncdsb.com).

### **Christmas Musical Lottery Ticket Winners**

Congratulations goes out to the following winners of our Christmas Musical Lottery.

D. Eze  
S. Cosa  
V. Fajardo  
P. Bursey



Thank you to all of those families that came out and supported our Christmas musical.

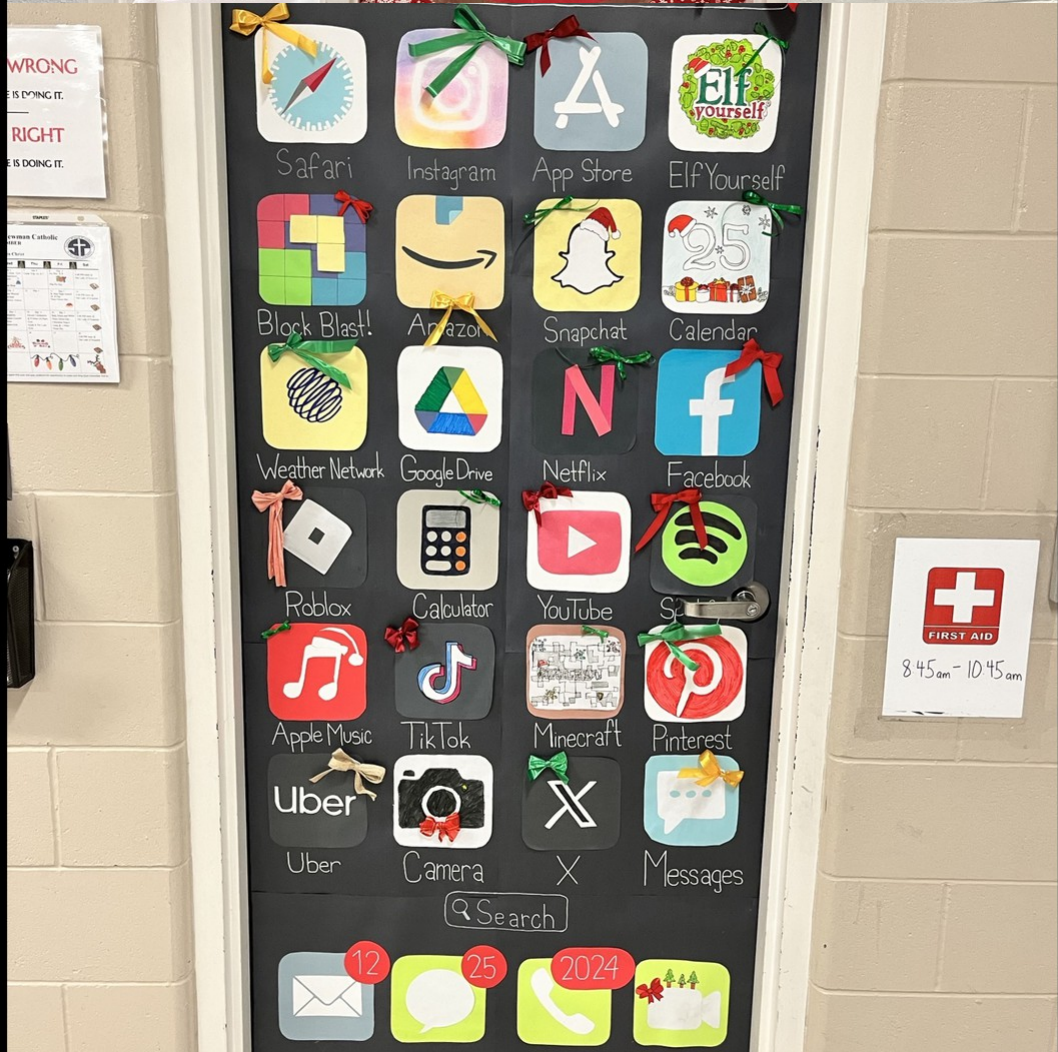
### **Christmas Door Decorating**

As part of our activities leading up to Christmas our classes participated in a Christmas Door Decorating Contest. After much debate it was determined that all of the doors were incredible but the following reached elite status.

#1: Avolio  
#2: Reich  
#3: Olesen  
#4: DiPaola

The students in these classes will be receiving a complementary item from our Tuesday Tuck Shop for their efforts.







## St. Paul High School Student of the Month for December

### Zaxton Morgan-Kindergarten Mrs. DeCicco

Zaxton is a wonderful role model in our kindergarten classroom, showing maturity and kindness in his interactions with others. He demonstrates exceptional patience when helping our younger students, whether it's showing them how to clean up after snack time or teaching them new games during outdoor play. We often notice Zaxton's caring nature during center time, where he naturally shares materials and takes turns with all of his classmates, making everyone feel included and valued. His friendly and welcoming attitude helps create a positive classroom environment where all children feel comfortable to learn and play together.

### Natalia De Simone-Gr. 8 Mr. Tham

Not only was Natalia the lead for our Christmas school musical playing the role of Star, but she also had to balance school and extracurricular activities while having an important role in the production of Elf. We had the pleasure of watching Natalia perform in both productions and she represented our school with grace and talent. She showed how hard work, and dedication can lead to many accomplishments. Natalia is also a member of our announcement team and student council and helps out selling for the Tuck shop.



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