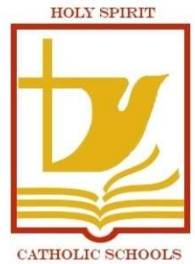




## St. Paul Elementary Early Learning Program News October 2023



### This month's focus:

We will be exploring autumn, Thanksgiving, the farm and Halloween. We love talking about all the things and people we are thankful for. God is Good! We will learn about farming and how our food comes from farms. We are still learning about being in class with new friends, new routines and having fun with different daily activities. The children are learning how to hang up their coats and backpacks and clean up after snack. It is important for children to learn these skills and good for brain development. They can do it!

We will be having a fun day for **Halloween** on Tues. Oct. 31. All children are invited to attend that day. We can wear costumes and will have special treats. Please remember that your child may not want to wear their costume the whole time, so send clothes they can change into. Comfortable costumes are the best to play in and make it easier to go to the washroom too.

### Important Dates:

**Oct. 2** – ELP family Stay & Play, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Oct. 9** – Thanksgiving Day, No School

**Oct. 12** – Tie Dye Day

**Oct. 23** – School PD Day, **No School** for students

**Oct. 25** – Hat Day

**Oct. 27** – **Picture Retake Day**

**Oct. 31** - **Halloween Fun Day**, children can wear costumes.

**All children are invited**

**Nov. 10** – In Lieu of Remembrance Day, No School

**Nov. 13** – Wellness Day, No school - Staff and Students



### Our program hours are: 8:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Thank you for being on time!  
Also, thank you for messaging me on Class Dojo if your child will be away. Also message me or call the office if something holds you up from picking up on time.



### Here are some ways you can help us:

- Please make sure your child has gone to the washroom before school.
- Let me (Mrs. H.) know if they have not eaten breakfast.
- Please send a water bottle, as our school is very dry.
- Check back packs every day for notes, art and wet things (lol) as we send home their wet clothes if they needed a change at school.
- Replace clothes sent home so that they have a change here.
- Dress your child in layers, as our room can be very warm, and they get hot while running and playing outside.
- We encourage you to send 2 or 3 snacks, as too many choices can be challenging for children at this age. We have some extra snacks at school if they are hungry.
- Special Helper Days start this month. We will draw names daily. We keep special days simple, and at their comfort level. They sit at the front during carpet time. They choose some of the toys we play with and get to be the leader if we leave the room, etc. Some children may prefer not to be the center of attention and that is ok, we will still make sure they feel special.

"Play is the foundational building block of human cognition, emotional health and social behavior." - Erika Christakis  
Early Learning Program is messy fun! We spend a lot of time in play, which is vitally important for children at this age. It is how children build many skills they need. It is truly their "work". Remember to take time to play at home too. Follow your child's lead. Do what they love with them. It is worth it!