## PAUL SCHOOL

## "Wakefield Weekly"

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Greetings from Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Hurley, and Mr. Nason!

In ELA, 8th grade students are challenged each day with correctly editing paragraphs (grammar knowledge) and vocabulary study. Students are also learning how to write constructed response answers, which will help them write well-cited and organized paragraphs and essays. This past week, they have begun reading The Hunger Games --the first novel of the year. While many students are familiar with the movies, they are enjoying the experience of reading the book and learning the differences.

8th grade students have been reviewing order of operations and covering unknown topics such as perfect and imperfect square roots in Math class. Future topics that we'll be covering include classifying real numbers and deciphering verbal expressions and turning them into numerical expressions. All of the good stuff! I'm anticipating great things for the rest of the school year with this eighth grade class, as they're always eager to learn and get their work done!

We've had an incredible time in 8th-grade science class, starting the year strong in setting the tone for behavioral expectations for the school! Our students have been actively engaged in applying the scientific method, conducting experiments, and drawing insightful conclusions. They're gaining essential critical thinking skills. Exploring matter properties, particularly solids, liquids, and gasses, has been eye-opening for our young scientists. Hands-on activities have solidified their understanding of these fundamental concepts. Your continued involvement at home is invaluable in reinforcing these educational developments!

Best regards, 8th Grade Team

Next month, on October 20th, the Carroll County Coalition for Public Health will be hosting a **flu clinic** at the Paul School for students and staff. All students will receive paperwork including the consent form and information about the vaccine in the coming weeks. This is an **'opt-in'** clinic. You do not need to return the vaccination consent form if you do not want your student to participate in the clinic. Please reach out to the school nurse if you have any questions.

Influenza Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS)

Lastly, the state immunization report is due the first week of November. This is a report submitted by the school nurse. If you have not done so already, please drop off, email or have your student's primary care provider (PCP) fax your student's most up-to-date **immunization** records for the health office to review. If a student is **not compliant** with the state-required vaccines, parents/guardians will receive a letter from the health office indicating which vaccine(s) the student is not compliant with. All immunizations must meet minimum age and interval requirements for each vaccine. A 4-day grace period is allowed; however, live attenuated vaccines (MMR, Varicella, or nasal influenza vaccine) that are not administered on the same day must be administered at least 28 days apart. If you know your student has an upcoming appointment for a vaccine, please let the school nurse know of the appointment date. If you receive a letter from the health office, please reach out to your student's PCP to determine next steps for immunization.

For more information regarding the state required immunizations, refer to this link: NH School Immunization Requirements 2023-2024

As always, feel free to contact the school nurse at <u>brooke.king@sau101.org</u> with any questions or concerns. It is a pleasure serving this community and we look forward to a healthy, happy & safe year ahead!

Thank you, Brooke King, MSN, RN, CNL-BC Jodie Dong, LNA

## **Important Dates**

October 3rd- Picture Day

October 6th- Teacher Workshop NO SCHOOL

October 9th- Columbus Day NO SCHOOL

October 10th- PTA meeting 5:30 in the Paul

School Library

## When to Keep Your Sick Child Home From School\*

It is important for children to attend school but there are times when an absence due to illness is necessary. Keeping your child home when they are sick gives their body time to rest and recover and protect other students and staff from potential illness. If your child has any of the following symptoms please keep him/her home.

- Fever temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications before they may return to school
- Vomiting your child may not return to school for 24 hours following the last episode of vomiting
- Diarrhea while a single occurrence of diarrhea may simply be the result of an aggravated belly, more than one episode may indicate illness. In this case, your child should not return to school for 24 hours following the last occurrence of diarrhea.
- Cold/Cough if your child has heavy cold symptoms such as, severe sinus congestion, significant lack of energy, and/or, a deep or uncontrollable cough, they should remain at home to rest.
- Eye Infection Redness, itching, and/or 'crusty' drainage from an eye. Your child may return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic eye drops or ointment if pink eye is suspected or diagnosed by a physician.
- Body rash with fever or itching your child may return to school upon resolution of the rash. A rash that persists what is not accompanied with fever or itching may put other students or staff at risk.

If you would like your student to have cough drops available to them during the school day please make sure the following criteria are met:

- They are provided in an unopened, sealed bag or container
- A parent or guardian has granted permission for the student to have them at school via a note or email to the school nurse

As most cough drops contain medication to actively help fight cold symptoms and ease the pain of sore throats, a doctor's order is encouraged.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your student comes to school with weather appropriate gear including sweatshirt/jacket, hats, and gloves. Please reach out to the school nurse Brooke King or the family liaison Brianna Valdepena if you are in need of any resources.

The health office is accepting the following clothes donations at this time:

• Leggings, sweatpants, sweatshirts, cold weather gear: Gloves, hats, jackets





COLOR DAY!















DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER (STAFF DRESS LIKE STUDENTS)





















**Picture Day** October 3rd





Thank you to everyone who came out to our open house! It was wonderful to see so many members of our Paul School community together to celebrate the great start to our school year. Thank you to everyone who helped make a wonderful evening possible.

