

BEARS NEWS

Our first official week of school is underway complete with our opening ceremony and activities! Students are starting to adapt as they get more familiar with the climate and culture of the school. I'd personally like to thank the parents and students that provided us support and assistance for an early arrival to campus. This allowed many students to participate in the welcoming activity events for new students. The Welcome Committee did a great job preparing and assisting new students upon their arrival followed. The movie night, Welcome party, and Welcome Back Activity night put on by our Student Council were outstanding.

In the 2018 Opening Ceremony, Mr. Dignin (Assistant Principal), Mr. Aiello (Dean of Students), and myself placed focus on encouraging our teachers and students to build relationships together. Additionally, the senior class made their "Senior Pledge" to the rest of the school by committing to be positive role models for our student body. They also vowed to complete 1,000 community service hours as a class as a direct challenge from me. This will take a great amount of teamwork, but I'm confident that this can be done. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if they were able to complete this challenge and exceed it by a large margin.

There are many updates that I will provide to you as we carry-on throughout the year. I encourage all parents to be on the look-out for my updates and stay in contact with the counselors as well. In this edition, you'll read about our CAPS Trips, Sports Day, MAP Testing and more. GO BEARS!



CAPS TRIPS!

Students will participate in a CAPS trip five times this semester. Dates and explanations for the CAPS Trips events are shown on the following page:

Session	Theme
August 31	<p>Fun & Teambuilding: Students will participate in sponge ball, BBQ and building relationships, and High Ropes Course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am depart from school • 11am Sponge ball (non-painful version of paintball) • 12pm BBQ Lunch • 1pm High Ropes Course • 3pm Obstacle Course • 4:30pm Arrive back in school
September 14	<p>Dragon Boat Racing and Treasure Hunt: Students will participate in Dragon Boat and then practice their geography and cartography skills in a treasure hunt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Leave school • 11am Dragon Boat Race • 12:30pm Lunch • 1:30pm Treasure Hunt • 7pm Arrive back in School
October 12	<p>Environmental Exploration/Education: This day is called our “Zero Waste Day.” Students will learn the effects of industry on nature by comparing environmental information across various sites. All plastic, napkins, and other wasteful materials will be kept throughout the day for observation after the exercise is complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Leave School • 10am Arrive at 1st site (agricultural) • 11am Arrive at 2nd site (industrial) • 12pm Lunch • 1pm Arrive at 3rd site (natural/pristine) • 3pm Arrive at 4th site (urban) • 5pm Arrive back at school
November 22	<p>Mini CAS (creativity, action, service): Students will participate in mural painting to focus on creativity and service work. Each mural is created when individual groups are asked to work as a team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Depart from school • 10:30am Hike • 3pm Check in • 4pm Hot Springs • 6pm Dinner • 7pm Talent Show • 9am Mural Painting at local school • 12pm Lunch • 3pm Arrive back at school
December 14	<p>Service Project (coincides with the holiday spirit!) Students will be asked to cook for local students. They must plan, prepare, and organize all ingredients and materials beforehand. Each team member will be assigned different tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7am Leave from school • 8am Start preparing meal and meal hall • 12pm Meal is served • 1pm Clear meal away • 4pm Arrive back at school

MAP TEST!

Each year we have assess our students three times using NWEA’s Measurement for Academic Progress, the MAP test. The MAP Test schedule is shows below:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Reading	September 3 rd – 5 th
Math	September 10 th – September 12 th
Language	October 8 th – 11 th

SPORTS DAY!

The annual “Sports Day” is September 28th and many of our students will be registering to participate in a variety of athletic events and competitions. This is one of the most exciting days to be on campus, it’s filled with Please let us know if there is any reason you do not want your child to participate.



GOLDEN WEEK OCTOBER HOLIDAY!

I know it is hard to believe, but our Golden Week Holiday is only two weeks away, October 1st – 5th. Our school will be closed and we encourage all students to return home and enjoy time with their families and friends; however, for those students not able to return home, we will attempt to make their time meaningful and enjoyable.

On behalf of myself and the entire staff, I would sincerely like to thank you for your continued support of Saint Paul American School, Beijing. I look forward to seeing many of you soon!

Sincerely,



Chase R. Vaughn
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Saint Paul American School

