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Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High

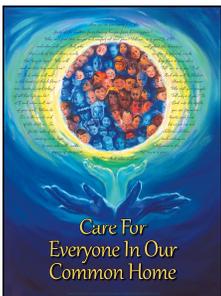


Dear Parents,

Well the team of school evaluators has come and gone, and during our staff meeting yesterday they offered our staff some preliminary feedback on their observations over the two day visit. Among many of the wonderful comments they had for us, three areas stood out for me personally: **1. The spirit of the school and the passion with which the staff works.** Of course I've known this for a long time, so it's nice to have the dedication of the staff recognized by the evaluators in their short time with us as well. **2. Sense of family.** This close-knit community of students, staff, and parents supports, prays, and cares for each other on a daily basis. **3. Joy.** The joy on the children's faces, the joy with which the staff engages in their interactions with the students and with each other, and the joy that our faith brings into our hearts shines through on a daily basis. It is these three elements of our school that provide the foundation for learning and instruction. Without passion, sense of family, and joy, we would have a much more difficult task ahead of us. As always, I couldn't be more grateful or proud to be part of this community.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do, but how much love we put into it." **Mother Teresa**

Here's What's Happening!

Assembly – Tomorrow. Gr. 7 & 3. 9:00 am in the gym.

Hot Lunch – Monday, Dec. 11th.

New Hot Lunch Orders for Jan. to March 2018 – Due Wednesday, Dec. 13th.

School Mass – Wed. Dec. 13th. Gr. 4 to lead. 11:00 am in the church.

Communicating Student Learning Progress Reports – sent home Dec. 14th.

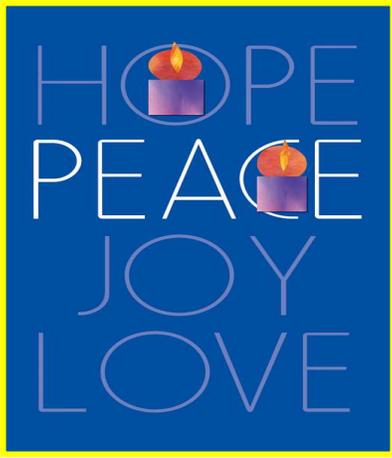
Next Week's Assembly – Gr. 6 & K to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.



When Parents Have Concerns – If at any time you have a concern regarding your child, a school event, a staff member, or an incident that happened, we ask that you **please come and speak with your child's teacher**. The only way that concerns can be effectively resolved is through open communication between home and school, resulting in accurate information being shared, and an informed understanding of your concern.

Planning the school year? – If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2018. The calendar can be accessed through the school web site at www.stpaulschool.com.

When your Child is Sick – In anticipation of cold and flu season, we'd like to remind parents to be prudent when it comes to deciding when to keep your child home, or when to send him/her to school if he/she has just recovered from being ill. **Some basic guidelines are as follows:** **24 hours** after temperature returns to normal, or after gastrointestinal illness (**vomiting/diarrhea**); contagious infections such as suspected **pink eye or strep throat**; unexplained **skin rash**; **severe cough and cold** symptoms. Exercising proper hand washing techniques is also crucial to helping prevent the spread of viruses. This will go a long way to keep our student and staff population happy and at school.



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