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**Cc:** all.staff@stpaulschool.ca; St. Paul Parish Richmond  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter

**Importance:** High

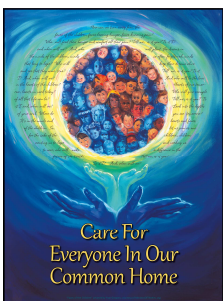


Dear Parents,

On Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> you will notice some unfamiliar faces around the school. Every 6 years, independent schools are inspected by the Ministry of Education. Over the course of the two days, a team of 6 evaluators will be visiting classrooms, talking with the teachers and students, experiencing our implementation of the Catholic Principles of Learning, assessing long and short term teaching plans and instruction, and making sure we have all policies, student records, files, and reporting documentation in place. Needless to say it's been a busy time preparing for this visit, but as I told the staff this morning, I couldn't be prouder of all the great work done here by this most dedicated and hard-working staff. We look forward to receiving the evaluators' commendations and recommendations in our efforts to keep St. Paul School on the path of continual school improvement.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas not in the cold manger of a selfish heart, but in a heart full of love, compassion, joy and peace, a heart warm with love for one another."* **Mother Teresa**

# DECEMBER



**Advent Assembly** – Tomorrow. Gr. 4 & 1. 9:00 am in the gym. Join us for the blessing of our classroom Advent wreaths.

**Hot Lunch** – Monday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Week's Assembly** – Gr. 7 & 3 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

**School Mass** – Wed. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Gr. 4 to lead. 11:00 am in the church.

**Communicating Student Learning Progress Reports** – sent home Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.



**A quick reminder to all responsible drivers. There is “NO LEFT TURN” on the South Exit to the property (alongside the priest residence). Please know that this is strictly enforced!**



**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](http://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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