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Subject: Thursday letter



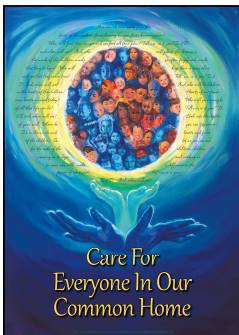
Dear Parents,

The first few weeks of school have not been typical. At any given time we have had classes, teams, and groups of students out of the building doing various things besides the daily routine of subjects and teachers. We are barely into October and we have had our Gr. 7 class to camp, volleyball games, practices, and tournaments are underway, Cross Country finishes tomorrow at Garry Point, and we had a great turnout for the CISVA championships at Swangard yesterday. And don't forget our Walkathon! These are the things that make our school what it is - a strong all-around school that offers many different programs before and after the bell rings. And just as important, you play a significant role in getting your children to these programs, volunteering to help drive, helping your children stay organized, and looking through lost and found, all while asking for nothing in return. Staff, students, parents and priests are all working together to make St. Paul's a school that educates the whole child using the whole community. Truly an example of *Caring for Everyone in our Common Home*.

Happy Thanksgiving from all St. Paul Staff!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"The world is full of good people. If you can't find one, be one." **Mother Teresa**



Assembly tomorrow – Gr. 5 & 2

Garry Point Fun Run - Tomorrow. See PE blog for details.

No school on Monday, Oct. 9th – Happy Thanksgiving!

Next Assembly – Friday, Oct. 13th – Gr. 6 & K

Traffic in Front Parking Lot – When parking and walking in the front parking lot, **please use the sidewalks and designated crosswalk to reach the covered area.** We have had some near misses of people/children walking behind cars that are pulling out. Thank you.



Parish Advent Fundraiser – In support of the New Church Building Fund, the parish is hosting Fr. Robert Galea, from the Archdiocese of Victoria in Australia, for an evening of music and song. Fr. Galea, together with Psalm Ninety-Eight Music Ministry, will perform at St. Monica Parish on Nov. 10th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 each. For tickets, please email Mercedes Tangi at mercedestangi@gmail.com.

BC Lions Faith and Family Night – Oct. 21st. 7:00 pm game against Edmonton. Tickets are \$30 (ALL-IN; a \$43 value). After the game, there will be a performance by a Christian worship band, and a question and answer session with some of the BC Lions players and coaching staff, who will be discussing faith, family, and football. It is a great night of fun and fellowship that they have been holding annually for several years with great reception. Also, everyone who comes out will receive a free pair of BC Lions sunglasses. Please contact the school office for tickets.



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.

