

Secretary

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: All School Staff; St. Paul Parish Richmond
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Walk-a-thon Challenge 2016.pdf; Hot Lunch Order Oct-Dec2016.pdf; St Paul School_Fukuroku Order Form for 12Dec16.pdf



Dear Parents,

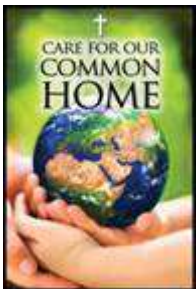
I write this week's Principal's Message from the Sunshine Coast. I have the privilege of enjoying the sun alongside the Gr. 7 students during their Outdoor Education trip. Kayaking, high ropes course, archery, hiking, Mass, campfire, team building games, Capture the Flag, a scavenger hunt, the food... and we've only been here for 30 hours! Another full day and a half still to come. What an incredible opportunity for our Gr. 7 students to experience God's creation first hand, and to live out our Archdiocesan theme *Care for Our Common Home*. Please pray that our Gr. 7 students will grow in faith, mind, and heart from their experience here.

Looking forward to seeing all parents at our AGM/Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday night.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead

Principal



"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." **Pope Francis**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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 us**. 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.

Birthday Celebrations – If you wish to have your child share a special treat with the class on his/her birthday, you are welcome to send **a small allergen-free treat** that the teacher can hand out at the end of the day. We now have **27 students** who carry auto-injectors (Epi-Pens) for food-related allergies, so all treats must be free of allergens according to our school policy on anaphylaxis. Please help us keep all our students safe.

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.

Construction on the Property – As you have noticed, construction has started on the parish property. We will do our best to keep you informed of any changes to parking/drop off/pick up, etc. We ask for your patience over the course of the year with the anticipated disruptions.



Assembly – Tomorrow, led by Gr. 6. 9:00 am.

AGM/Meet the Teacher Evening – All parents are expected to join us on Tuesday, **Sept. 20th at 6:45 pm**.

Hot Lunch - Orders are strictly due on **Thursday, Sept. 22nd**. Order forms attached.

School Mass - Please join us for our first school Mass on **Wed. Sept. 21st at 11:00 am**. Staff members will lead this Mass.

Earth Rangers School Visit - Thursday, Sept. 22. Earth Ranger is conservation non-profit organization specifically aimed for youth. The goal of the organization is to educate children about biodiversity, inspire them to adopt sustainable behaviours, and empower them to become directly involved in protecting animals and their habitats. Details on conservation projects, along with articles, videos and more can be found on www.earthrangers.com. **We are collecting a \$2 donation on the day for the Earth Rangers assembly.**

Dress Down Day – Friday, Sept. 23rd. On this non-uniform day students are to come dressed in the colours of the Earth.

Next week's assembly – Friday, Sept. 23rd. Gr. 7&3 to lead.

Walkathon - Friday, Sept. 30th –How are your pledges coming? **Information details and pledge sheets were sent home last Friday.** Our students have benefited greatly from past Walkathon funds, and we hope to do the same again. Please support our only fundraiser this year by encouraging your child to collect pledges and raise funds, and to contribute to a legacy of learning. Remember, the class that raises the most funds get to have a class pizza party. One winner from the primary division and one winner for the intermediate division. See attached poster for detail. **Parent Volunteer forms are due Wednesday, Sept. 21st.**

Wishing
you a most
enjoyable
weekend!

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