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**Subject:** Thursday Letter

**Importance:** High



## Dear Parents,

The Lenten Season started on Ash Wednesday with all of our students receiving their ashes. As the season comes closer to its end, we should be discussing with our children here and at home, four very important days – Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Holy Week is upon us next week, and as parents we took on the responsibility to support our children's faith journey at the time of their baptism. Sending your children to a Catholic school is one way to support their growth in the knowledge of their faith. It is you, the parents, who are the primary educators of your children, especially in their faith. These four important days are ones our children should know – why they happened and why we continue to celebrate the Easter Season. Under the guidance of Father Luterbach and Father Mark in our daily masses, as well as with the teachers in the classroom, the children have enjoyed making their HoBo Lenten journey these past few weeks. Together, the school, parents and the church are one trinity working together to ensure we honour our baptismal promise and secure a place in Heaven for our children.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead Principal



"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." Pope Francis.



No Parking on Neighbours' Grass! – If you choose to park on Lundy street at the back of the school, you are asked to only park on the SCHOOL SIDE of Lundy St. Unfortunately we have received complaints of cars parking on the neighbours' lawns and in/near their driveways. Thank you for your consideration of our patient neighbours during construction.

Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, April 8th. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Mite Boxes - A reminder that Mite Boxes will be due back to school next week, beginning on Monday.

Next Hot Lunch Serving – April 10th.

<u>Panorama and Class Photo Day</u> – Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. All students, including Grade 7's, please **DO NOT** forget to bring your school sweaters.

<u>Shadow Stations of the Cross</u> – Please join us on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> as our Gr. 7 class presents the Shadow Stations of the Cross. **11:00 am in the gym.** 

**No School** - April 14<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) and April 17<sup>th</sup> (Easter Monday).

<u>HoBo Buttons</u> – A reminder that students should be wearing their purple HoBo buttons on their sweaters throughout Lent. Thank you.

Student Led Conferences - Information going home today. Booking starts Saturday, April 15th.



<u>Destination Imagination Tournament</u> – Best of luck to our two Gr. 5 *Destination Imagination* teams who will be competing in this weekend's provincial tournament. They have been working very hard all year and we will keep them in our prayers.



<u>Parent Workshop for Emotion Regulation</u> – The *BC Council for Exceptional Children* is hosting a spring workshop titled "Managing Big Feelings for All" on **Friday, April 7**<sup>th</sup>. The workshop aims to support students as they manage their big feelings, while at the same time, try to manage our own feelings in response. See attached poster for more details.



<u>When Parents Have Concerns</u> – 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 <u>please come and speak with your child's teacher</u>. 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.





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