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Subject: Thursday Letter

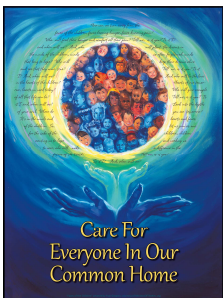


Dear Parents,

A big thank you to all families who donated to our Shoebox collection program for Samaritan's Purse. We are excited to say that 135 boxes were collected and delivered to the drop off location over the long weekend. That means 135 needy children overseas will have a brighter Christmas because of the generosity of the St. Paul community. Please continue to pray for the children who will receive your gift this Christmas.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."
Mother Teresa



Back Parking Lot Changes starting MONDAY! – We are told that paving will begin in the back parking lot starting this Monday. A portion of the lot will be blocked off, so parking spots will be greatly reduced. We encourage you to use the pick-up/drop off lane at the front of the school to lessen the number of cars in back. *****Please note that your child must be able to enter and exit the car independently if using the drop off lane, so as to avoid slowing the line.*****

Intermediate Choir in Assembly – Tomorrow! Come and see what our Intermediate Choir has been up to during our assembly tomorrow morning. They will be performing two songs that they have been working on. Join us at 9 am in the gym.

Parent Volleyball Night – Tomorrow night at 6:00 pm in the gym.

Hot Lunch – Monday, Nov. 20th.

School Mass – Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. 11:00 am in the church. Gr. 5 to lead.

Gr. 4 to Fort Langley – Thursday, Nov. 23rd.

Gr. 6 to Nuytco Research Place – Thursday, Nov. 23rd.

Dress Down Day – Favourite Team Spirit Wear! Next Friday, Nov. 24th. Wear your favourite professional jersey, community sport team, or your St. Paul Spirit Wear. **Don't forget your toonie** in support of our sponsor child, Thomas Datuno, through the Chalice organization.

Next Week's Assembly – Nov. 24th. Gr. 5 & 2 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.



Pick-up Truck Needed to transport scrap metal – We are in need of a pick-up truck and driver to transport scrap metal (old desk frames) to a recycling location here in Richmond. If you are able to help please contact the office at 604 277 4487, or at office@stpaulschool.ca.



Parent Workshop - Overcoming Stresses in Family Life by Mrs. Joy Jose

Stress is a given fact of life. Every family has nagging stressors – relationships, finances, parenting. When our peace and security are jeopardized, or when we live to survive rather than thrive, we become paralyzed. This workshop aims to help families build security from within so that they can handle stress without losing peace or losing sight of cultivating a Christian family life.

Location: St. Anthony of Padua School. 1345 West 73rd Ave. Date: Nov. 29th. 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Joy is a Pastoral Counsellor from the Center for Family Ministries Loyola School of Theology. She has worked with families since 2003 in schools, parishes and the community as a counselor, educator, facilitator and presenter of various talks on marriage, family life and parenting. She currently works as a cultural and linguistic bridge for Filipino families in the Vancouver School Board.



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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