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Subject: Thursday Letter

Attachments: Safer Schools parent flyer.pdf; Parents Volleyball Night Child Minding Form.pdf; Prent

Volleyball Night Food Order Form.pdf

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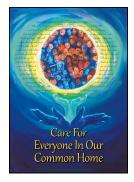


Dear Parents,

Tomorrow and Saturday, the entire school staff will be attending a two day Super Conference in downtown Vancouver. The two days will be filled with interactive, inspirational, and highly applicable professional learning opportunities in the areas of brain research, digital literacy, inclusion, and more. With over 30 keynote presentations to choose from, hundreds of sessions spread over several different venues, and a massive exhibitors hall, we are certainly very excited to actively engage with a growth mindset, and immerse ourselves in all the Super Conference has to offer. We look forward to sharing all that we learn with your children.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead Principal



"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." Mother Teresa



<u>No School Tomorrow</u> – A reminder that there is no school tomorrow. Teachers will be attending a professional development day.

<u>Three-Way Conferences</u> – Friday, Oct. 27th. No regular classes on this day. **Appointment sign up opens on Oct. 20th at 9am**.

Hot Lunch - Monday, Oct. 23rd.

School Mass - Wednesday, Oct. 26th. 11:00 am in the church. Gr. 6 to lead.



<u>Parent Information Evening – Monday, Oct. 23rd.</u> Social Media Awareness and Parenting in the Digital World. See information poster attached. This parent evening is free, and attendance is highly encouraged – you will be glad you went! 7:00 pm at <u>St. Joseph the Worker Church</u>. 4451 Williams Rd. Richmond.



<u>Church Construction soon to begin</u> – Very soon you will see the property become an active construction site again. We will do our best to communicate information to you as we receive it, and we please ask for your patience and cooperation over the next year. All changes to traffic/parking etc. are all for the safety of your children, so please read all information carefully as it comes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

<u>Shoebox Drive for Samaritan's Purse</u> – St. Paul School families will be doing our part this year to bring much needed items to needy children. During the week of Oct. 30th, we will be collecting ONE shoebox PER FAMILY, filled with necessary and enjoyable items for needy children overseas. Detailed information will be sent home in a separate email.

<u>Parent Volleyball Night</u> – A Project of the PEC. Inviting all school parents to a fun filled evening on Friday, November 17 from 6pm to 9pm. Food and drinks will be sold on a pre-order basis by the Grade 6 Parents. Child Minding will also be offered during the night on a first come first serve basis. Please see attached forms.



<u>BC Lions Faith and Family Night</u> – 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.

<u>Parish Advent Fundraiser</u> – 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.



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 <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.

<u>Planning the school year?</u> – 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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