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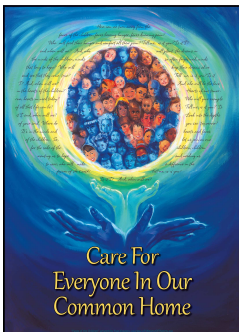
Dear Parents,

Are you wondering what this “new curriculum” is all about? As you well know by now, the Ministry of Education has officially rolled out the new curriculum and our teachers have spent most of the last two years preparing by rewriting short and long term plans, changing instruction and activities in the classroom, collaborating with each other, and working with professionals to gain the skills necessary to deliver the curriculum as only St. Paul teachers can. Specifically, the staff will be working with Misty Paterson this year, a Teacher and certified Consultant in concept-based pedagogy, who will aid the teachers in developing their inquiry and concept based instruction in their classrooms. Ms. Paterson’s role will be to advise the administrative team and co-lead the systemic planning, implementation, and documentation of the BC Redesigned Curriculum through professional development, steering committee meetings, parent education evenings, and classroom experiences. This will take place over the entire school year. For more information on Misty Paterson, please visit her web site at www.mistypaterson.com. (The new web site is just in the process of being launched, so please keep checking in if it’s not quite ready yet.) You will also have the opportunity to meet Misty at our **Meet the Teacher** evening on Sept. 19th where she will review her plans for St. Paul School. Misty will offer a brief overview of the what, why, and how of the new curriculum from a parent and teacher lens. Walk away with increased clarity and ideas you can try at home. Please bring your smartphones!

See you on Sept. 19th.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.” **Mother Teresa**

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

Walkathon Forms sent home today! How is the pledge collecting coming along?? Please ask your child for the Walkathon pledge forms and information that was sent home today. Keep collecting those pledges!

Traffic Pattern – Please note that traffic flow and parking for the start of school will be the same as it was in June - **the front lot will be for drop off/pick up only**, entering from the north driveway and exiting from the south driveway, and if you wish to **park and exit your car, please use the back lot.** Parking in the front lot is for parishioners only.

Walkathon Assembly – Tomorrow! 9:00 am in the gym.

Gr. 7 Leadership Ceremony – Tomorrow! Come and watch our new Gr. 7 students accept their role as leaders of our student body, and receive their Leadership hoodies. 9:00 am in the gym.

Homeroom Parent Meeting – Monday, Sept. 11th at 9 am in Room #4.

Gr. 7 Class to Outdoor Ed – Sept. 12th to the 15th.

Top Marks Exchange Date – Sept. 14th at 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the Parish Centre. Top Marks representatives will be on hand to accept your uniform exchanges/returns/requests.

Next Week's Assembly – Friday, Sept. 15th. Gr. 1 & 4 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Meet the Teacher/AGM evening – Tuesday, Sept. 19th. 7:00 pm beginning in the gym.

Walkathon 2017 – Friday, Sept. 29th. St. Paul School Annual Fundraiser.



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.





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