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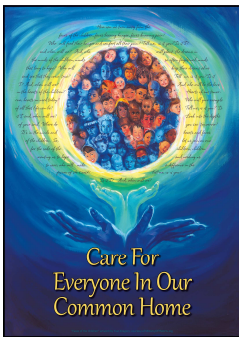
Dear Parents,

I have the privilege of writing this week's Principal's Message surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Sunshine Coast. I, along with Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kirkham, Mrs. Espinosa, and Father Mark, have the pleasure of attending Outdoor Ed with the Gr. 7 students this week. There's no better opportunity than being able to come here and be a part of the unforgettable memories that camp creates for our students. Discoveries of new talents that inspire confidence and pride, friendships that are deepened, fun and silliness around every corner, and a celebration of God's gift of the incredible beauty of our common home. Students participate in kayaking, archery, canoeing, campfire, ropes course, rock climbing, group games, trail hikes, and daily Mass, just to name a few. And then there's the food...

Special thanks and appreciation goes to our hardworking colleagues back at school who are holding down the fort until we get home. It truly does take a village.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do, but how much love we put into it." **Mother Teresa**



Will your child's class win the pizza party?? – Don't forget to keep collecting those pledges for our annual school Walkathon on Sept. 29th! This year's goal is to raise \$45K! More prizes awaits your hard work! **New this year - \$750.00 prize level!**

Assembly – Tomorrow. 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 4 & 1 to lead.

Grade 7's Back from Outdoor Ed – Students will be at school tomorrow by 1:30pm. Parents can pick up then or wait until 3:00pm dismissal.

Hot Lunch Orders – Due Monday, Sept. 18th. Late orders will **NOT** be entertained. No Cash payments please.

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

Next Week's Assembly – Friday, Sept. 22nd. Gr. 7 & 3 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Parking in Back Lot – If you need to park your car in the back lot at times other than pick up and drop off, we ask that you **please park towards the FAR end of the lot** (where staff cars are) in order to leave space for the children to play basketball, etc. at recess times. We also ask, for the safety of the children playing at recess times, that you **do NOT enter or exit** the back lot between **10:15 am and 10:30 am**, and **12:15 pm and 12:45 pm**. **Please plan your visit to school accordingly. Thank you.**



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.



Baby Erhardt has arrived! - Congratulation to Mrs. Erhardt and her husband on the birth of their son, Luka Erhardt, on Sept. 3rd. Mom and baby are doing well, and they are feeling very blessed with their little bundle of joy.



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