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**Subject:** Thursday Letter

**Attachments:** School Health Program Highlights 2017-2018.pdf

Importance: High



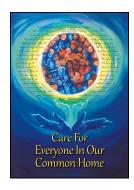
## Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure seeing all of you at our AGM/Meet the Teacher evening this past Tuesday night. Msgr. Luterbach even commented on the great turn out! It is inspiring to see so many parents who are actively involved in the education of their children; the stronger the partnership between home and school, the greater the benefit to your child. I encourage you to stay connected to all that is happening at the school through our weekly Thursday Letters, your child's classroom blog, and all important messages that are emailed home. 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.

We look forward to a great year ahead!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead Principal



"A life not lived for others is not a life." Mother Teresa



<u>Will your child's class win the pizza party??</u> – 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!

**Early Dismissal on Walkathon Day** – Dismissal on Walkathon day is **1:00 pm!** 

Assembly - Tomorrow. 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 7 & 3 to lead.

Top Marks Customer Service visit - Friday, Sept. 29th. Noon to 1:00 pm. Parish Center room 4.

<u>Parking in Back Lot</u> – If you need to park your car in the back lot at times other than pick up and drop off, we ask that you <u>please park towards the FAR end of the lot</u> (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 <u>do NOT enter or exit</u> 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.

<u>School Health Program Highlights</u> <u>2017-2018</u> – Important information from Vancouver Coastal Health. Please refer to the attachment.



<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. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 each. For tickets, please email Mercedes Tangi at <a href="mailto:mercedestangi@gmail.com">mercedestangi@gmail.com</a>.

**An Invitation from St. Paul SPIRIT** – Friday, Sept. 22, 7:30pm to 9pm at the parish centre – Youth ministry for Grade 6 & 7 Students.



<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.

<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 <a href="https://www.stpaulschool.com">www.stpaulschool.com</a>.

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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