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Subject: Thursday letter

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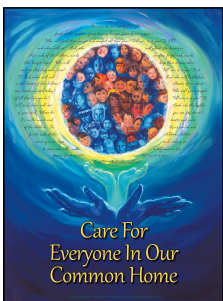
Dear Parents,

Joy to the World, the Saviour has been born! Happy New Year and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a heart-felt thank-you for the Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts that I received before the break; it is wonderful to be part of such a caring community.

2018 will bring new challenges, new opportunities and many occasions to celebrate our school, including our **St. Paul Feast Day on Thursday, Jan. 25th**. We look forward to celebrating this special day as a community. We had a very successful school evaluation from the CISVA and Ministry of Education in late December, which resulted in wonderful feedback on all the things that are being done well, as well as new goals to continue moving St. Paul School forward to be the best school it can be. We acknowledge the important role you, our parents, play in the education of your children and we will endeavor to keep the lines of communication open with you to ensure we continue to move forward together. What God wants and desires for us is that we keep our Catholic faith strong, as this will ensure our students continue to develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically. We look forward to a joy-filled second term!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Attention All Parents! – If you haven't already done so, please subscribe to the **Remind** app invitation that was emailed to you on Tuesday from Mrs. Moorehead. Thank you to the many parents who have already set their phones up to receive important, time-sensitive text messages from the school. **On Friday afternoon, a sample message will be sent to test the system so you can see how it will work.** To subscribe, **simply text the message @mmoorehead to the number (289)204 2271.** Please do so before end of day Friday. Thank you.

New School Website Coming Soon! In the next couple of weeks our school website will have a fresh new look. Parents will need to re-subscribe to class blogs once it is launched. Instructions and details will be sent out at that time. Stay tuned!

Assembly – Tomorrow. Staff to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Jan. 13th. 5:00 pm.

Hot Lunch – Monday, Jan. 15th.

St. Patrick's Open House – Jan. 15th. See their website for details.

Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain – Wed. Jan. 17th

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Wed. Jan. 17th. 6:45 pm.

Next week's Assembly – Fri. Jan. 19th. Gr. 5 & 2. 9:00 in the gym.

Gr. 7 Confirmation Pep Rally - Sat. Jan. 20th. Please arrive by 8:45am.



Attention Families with Kindergarten siblings for school year 2018-2019: Please note that the registration package is coming home today with your oldest child. Forms are due back **Monday, Jan. 22nd.** **Please contact the office by email (office@stpaulschool.ca) ONLY if you have a kindergarten child/ren coming in September 2018 and did not receive a package.**

An invitation for Gr. 5, 6 & 7 Students – If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please come with a parent to an information meeting on **Monday, January 22nd at 5:30pm** in the Parish Centre. This is a great opportunity to get involved and be of service to your parish community!



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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