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Subject: Thursday Letter
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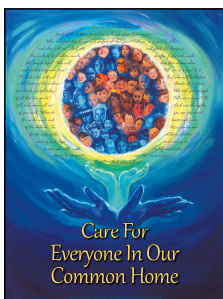
Dear Parents,

Today's celebration of our Feast Day in honour of St. Paul was a wonderful gathering of community and faith. Many hands went in to putting this special day together, and we are ever so thankful for their devotion and hard work. Our school and parish community is certainly something to cherish.

As a young man, Paul was known as Saul, and fiercely persecuted any followers of Jesus. On the road to Damascus, Saul was struck down in a blinding light, and in the confusion around him he heard a voice..., "*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*" Saul answered, "*Who are you, Sir?*" The only answer that came was, "*I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting.*" After his conversion, Saul became Paul, and launched a tireless missionary career that took him all over the Middle East, and ultimately to Rome. God calls each of us in our daily lives, the same way he called Paul. He wants us to "*Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*" (Mk 16:15) In order to respond to such a call we, like St. Paul, need to listen with our hearts and ask, "*What must I do?*"

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"In a word, never let go on these three things: faith, hope, and love. And know that the greatest of these will always be love." St. Paul



No School – Professional Day – Monday, Jan. 29th.

Dress Down Day – Tomorrow! Theme – **Cozy winter casual**. Students are asked to bring \$2 to contribute to the “Toonies for Tuition” fund to help families afford Catholic education in Canada.

Re-Registration for School Year 2018-2019 – Please note that the re-registration package is coming home today with your oldest child returning to the school next year. Forms are due back between **Monday, Feb. 5th to Wednesday, Feb. 7th**.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Jan. 27th. 5:00 pm.

Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain – Tues. Jan. 30th.

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Wed. Jan. 31st. 6:45 pm.

Next week’s Assembly – Fri. Feb. 2nd Gr. 7 & 3. 9:00 in the gym.

Custodio Basketball Tournament – Friday, Feb. 2nd. Gr. 6 boys at St. Paul’s. See PE blog for details.

Next Hot Lunch – Monday, Feb. 5th.

New Parent Information Night – For new families who wish to apply at St. Paul School. **Tuesday, Feb. 6th. 7:00 pm in the gym.**

No School – Feb. 8th, 9th, and 12th. A reminder there is no school on Feb. 8th and 9th (Catholic Educators’ Conference) and Feb. 12th (Family Day).



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.

