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Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High



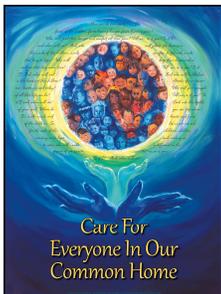
Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and so begins our Lenten journey as a community. We begin with a school Mass at 11:00 am, and then each weekday morning during Lent the students are encouraged to attend daily morning Mass along with the school staff. Mass start time will be **8:15 am all through Lent**, so as to flow in to the start of the school day. Students are asked to sit in the front pews together, like they do for school Masses. Staff will be present at all Masses to help supervise. We look forward to sharing in our Lenten journey together with you.

Please note that any class Valentine celebrations will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 13th only. Please do not send treats to school on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

dates to Remember

Daily Lenten Mass – Students are encouraged to attend daily weekday Mass during Lent. The Mass start time has been adjusted to start at **8:15 am** for the duration of Lent.

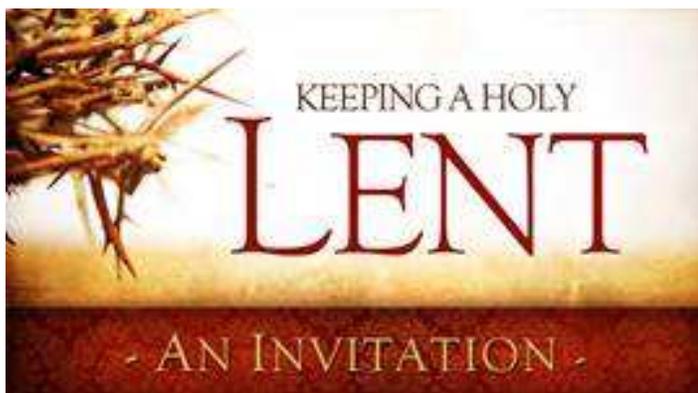
Ash Wednesday Mass – Join us on Ash Wednesday for our school Mass at 11:00 am in the church. Staff to lead.

NO Friday Assemblies during Lent – A reminder that there will be no Friday morning school assemblies during Lent.

Dress Down Day – Tuesday, Feb. 13th. Please bring a **\$2 donation** for Catholic Charities. Valentine colours – red, white, pink.

Next Hot Lunch – Monday, Feb. 19th.

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).



Exciting Lenten Event at Sacred Heart Parish in Ladner – Come for an evening with Christian singer/songwriter Fr. Rob Galea, and enjoy the comedic teachings of Fr. Tony Ricard. Choose from two dates – Feb. 9th or Feb. 15th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please see the link for more information. <https://youtu.be/IAv8i0R1f60>



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.

