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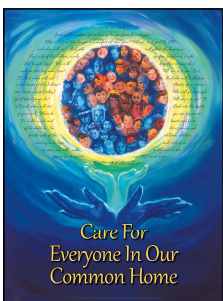


Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday is Pink Day, in support of anti-bullying. I have shared this in my principal's message before, but it is surely worth sharing again. For those who aren't aware, here is how Pink Day came to be: It started in a high school in Nova Scotia, where a new Gr. 9 student was teased by a group of fellow students for wearing a pink t-shirt to school. Two Senior students, Travis Price and David Shepherd, as a result of witnessing the harassment, decided to do something about it. The two youths organized a protest consisting of purchasing 50 pink tank tops, and sending out a message to fellow students that night. The next morning, Travis and David stood in the front foyer of the school and handed out a pink shirt to the students as they arrived. When the bullied boy arrived and saw what was happening, his face spoke volumes. Nationwide, the students of Canada are saying "no" to bullying, and all it took was for two young people to speak out and make a difference. We may be a humble little school in Richmond, but we are doing our part to make a difference as well.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10



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.

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

Next Hot Lunch – Monday, Feb. 26th.

Hot Lunch Orders for April to June 2018 – **DEADLINE** Thursday, March 1st at 3pm. **STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED**. Order form attached.

Dress Down Day – Wed. Feb. 28th. Pink Day – Anti-bullying.

Gr. 2 Sacramental Parent Meeting – Wed. Feb. 28th. 6:45 pm.

Gr. 7 to Whistler – Friday, March 2nd.

Basketball – See PE blog for details.

Communicating Student Learning reports – Home on Thursday, March 8th.

Last day of School before Spring Break – Friday, March 9th.



Tops Marks, our uniform supplier, is looking for hard working and dependable individuals to join their team. Please see attached posting for more details.



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.ca.

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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