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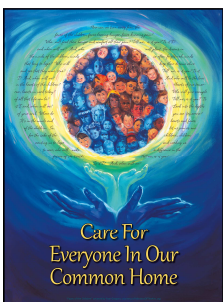
Dear Parents,

This coming Monday evening we have a very important parent meeting for all parents in **Grades 4 to 7**. We are all aware that parents are the first teachers of their children, and helping children form a healthy understanding of human relationships, sexuality, and dating through the lens of our Catholic faith is of significant importance. It is normal for parents to have some discomfort when talking about such issues, therefore our goal is to allow you, the parents, the opportunity to learn about the topics that directly relate to your children at this time, and in the teen and young adult years to come. In turn, you can then pass along the information to your children with the knowledge and confidence that you are guiding their development into young adulthood with an informed approach, and from the perspective of our faith. The staff of St. Paul's are excited to support you in this important journey, and look forward to welcoming **you this Monday evening, Apr. 23rd at 7:00 pm. At least one parent from each family in Gr. 4 to 7 is expected to attend.** For more details, please see the letter from Archbishop Miller that was sent home with your child last Monday.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow for Student-Led Conferences.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Save the Date



Next Assembly – Friday, Apr. 27th. Gr. 5 & 2 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Gr. 2 Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Sat., April 21st. 5:00 pm.

Gr. 7 Confirmation Retreat – This Saturday, Apr. 21st. See email sent home yesterday for details.

Next Hot Lunch – Monday, April 23rd.

Parent Meeting for Gr. 4 to 7 – Monday, Apr. 23rd. Sexuality and Your Child evening. 7:00 to 8:30 pm. At least one parent from each family is expected to attend.

Gr. 1 to Heritage Shipyards – Tues. Apr. 24th.

School Mass – Wed. April 25th. Gr. 1 to lead. 11:00 am in the Church.

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Wed. April 25th. 6:45 pm

Dress Down Day – Friday, Apr. 27th – Spring Fling/Crazy Hair day. Bright colours and crazy hair! **Please bring a toonie** for donation to L'Arche Canada.

First Communion Family Celebration – Saturday, Apr. 28th. 5:00 pm Mass.

Special Olympics BC - Check out Special Olympics **Try It Day!** This is an opportunity for individuals with intellectual disabilities of all ages to try Special Olympics programs. See attached flyer for details.

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

2018-2019 Tuition fee cheques (dated and post-dated) due tomorrow.



Traffic and Parking – Thank you for your patience and respect as we juggle the traffic patterns. Please know that we are doing everything we can to keep the students safe, and to keep you moving as efficiently as possible. The new back lot is very large, and difficult to supervise with school staff, **so we appreciate your cooperation by parking and escorting your child to and from the school property.** A drop off/pick up lane is not efficient in the back lot at this time as the lineup of cars at dismissal time would block too many parking spots. We are told the current arrangement should be for the next month.

Thank you for your patience.



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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