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Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High

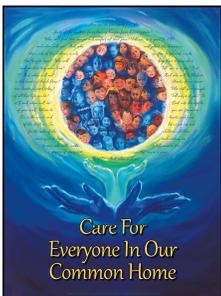


Dear Parents,

Recently, the CISVA Principals' association met to collaborate on developing next year's Archdiocesan theme, and the final verdict is in... Archbishop Michael has chosen ***What do you want of me, Lord?*** as next year's theme. With a focus on empowering our youth with hope and faith, Pope Francis is inviting our young people to hear God's voice resounding in their hearts through the breath of the Holy Spirit. *"Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. This will be possible to the extent that, even with professional guides, you will learn how to undertake a journey of discernment to discover God's plan in your life."* Next year we look forward to continuing to nurture our youth to the recognition and acceptance of the call to faith. We are excited to begin rolling out this theme next year, and look forward to the empowerment and reflection of faith to come our way.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity, and the joy that is so characteristic of you." Pope Francis.

What's Happening



No School – Tomorrow. Friday, May 4th. Professional Day.

Holy Communion Solemn Celebration – Saturday, May 5th. 5:00 pm Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Monday, May 7th. 7:30 pm.

Next Hot Lunch – Monday, May 7th.

Gr. 2 to David Thompson Secondary School. – Thursday, May 10th.

Gr. 3 to Britannia Shipyard – Thursday, May 10th.

Next Assembly – Friday, May 11th. Gr. 4 & 1 to lead.



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 another couple of weeks. 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.

