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Subject: Thursday Letter
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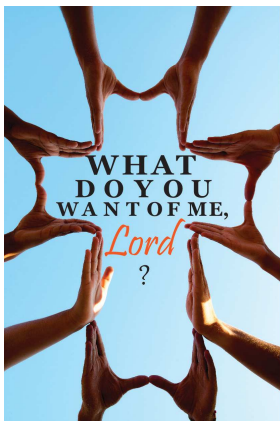
Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff at St. Paul School, as well as Msgr. Luterbach and Fr. Benedict, we welcome you to a new school year! It is a sincere pleasure and honour to serve another year as your Principal. This year our Archdiocesan theme is ***“What do you want of me, Lord?”***. In his letter to youth, 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.”*

We look forward to accompanying our youth to the awareness and acceptance of the call to the fullness of life and love. It is with this purpose that we enthusiastically embrace the new school year, and open wide the doors of the school to greet the joyful smiles that come our way on Tuesday. We look forward to another fun, faith-filled year at St. Paul School!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“And now, let us begin this journey...” Pope Francis



Welcome to New Staff Members! – We have four new staff members who are joining the St. Paul community this year; please welcome **Ms. Myriam Boily**, who will be teaching Gr. 3; **Ms. Michelle Carroll** who will be teaching Gr. 6 with Madame Caprilli; **Mr. Mark Yang**, who will be teaching Music; and **Ms. Inga Samon**, who is joining our wonderful team of Education Assistants. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming them to our school.

Staff News – We are pleased to share with you that over the summer **Mr. Kirkham** and his wife (and big brother George) welcomed their second child, a baby girl. Blessings and congratulations to them and their new daughter Margot. We would also like to congratulate **Ms. Costales**, who got engaged over the summer. We wish her and her fiancé Paul many blessings for a happy life together. And finally, we wish the very best to **Ms. Ramirez** and her fiancé Patrick, who will be married in the new church in April.

Walkathon Forms attached! Please find attached everything you need to begin fundraising for our Walkathon! Start collecting those pledges!

Traffic Pattern – Please note that traffic flow and parking for the start of school will be the same as it was in June - **the front lot will be for drop off/pick up only**, entering from the north driveway and exiting from the south driveway, and if you wish to **park and exit your car, you must use the back lot**. Parking in the front lot is for **parishioners only**. Please make sure ALL members of your family are aware of the parking regulations. Thank you.



First Day of School – Tuesday, Sept. 4th. 8:45 am start. 12 noon dismissal.

First School Mass – THURS. Sept. 20th. 11:00 am in the church. (All school Masses will be on Thursdays this year.)

Walkathon Assembly – Friday, Sept. 7th. 9:00 am in the gym.

Gr. 7 Leadership Ceremony – Friday, Sept. 7th. Come and watch our new Gr. 7 students accept their role as leaders of our student body, and receive their Leadership hoodies. 9:00 am in the gym.

Library Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 9:30 am in the library (new date and time). Parents who are new in this volunteer position, please submit your Police Record Check.

Lunch Hour Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 11:30 am in Rm 4. Parents who are new in this volunteer position, please submit your Police Record Check.

Homeroom Parent Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 6th at 9 am in Rm 3.

Gr. 7 Class to Outdoor Ed – Sept. 11th to the 14th.

Meet the Teacher/AGM evening – Tuesday, Sept. 18th. 7:00 pm beginning in the gym.

Planning the school year? – If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2019. The calendar can be accessed through the school web site at www.stpaulschool.com.



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.

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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.

