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**Importance:** High



Dear Parents,

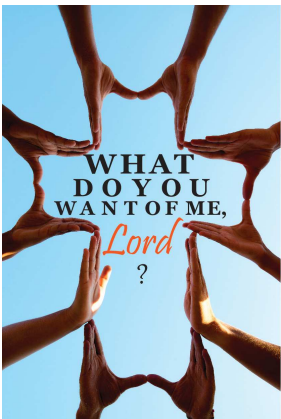
This week's Principal's Message comes to you from the Sunshine Coast, where the Grade 7 class is enjoying their days at Outdoor Ed. Kayaking, canoeing, archery, high ropes course, campfire, Mass, nature hikes, shelter building, games, great food... and we're only half way through. It is a privilege to get to share these special days with our student leaders, and judging by the fun they're having and the boundaries they are testing, the memories they are making will last a lifetime.

We look forward to seeing you all this coming Tuesday for our Meet the Teacher/AGM evening. Come and meet your child's teacher and hear about all the great things they have planned for your child this year. We also have our first school Mass next Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am. Please join us if you can.

We are off to a great start!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life."* Pope Francis.

# dates to Remember

**Assembly Tomorrow** – Friday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Gr. 5 & 2 to lead.

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

**Earth Rangers School Visit** - Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Earth Ranger is conservation non-profit organization specifically aimed for youth. The goal of the organization is to educate children about biodiversity, inspire them to adopt sustainable behaviours, and empower them to become directly involved in protecting animals and their habitats. Details on conservation projects, along with articles, videos and more can be found on [www.earthrangers.com](http://www.earthrangers.com). **We are collecting a \$2 donation on the day for the Earth Rangers assembly to support the organization's conservation cause.**

**First School Mass** – Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. 11:00 am in the church. **(All school Masses will be on Thursdays this year.)**

**Hot Lunch Orders** – Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Due. Late Orders will **NOT** be accommodated.

**Walkathon** - Friday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. \*1:00 pm dismissal.\* How are your pledges coming? **Information details and pledge sheets were sent home last Thursday.** Our students have benefited greatly from past Walkathon funds, and we hope to do the same again. Please support our only fundraiser this year by encouraging your child to collect pledges and raise funds, and to contribute to a legacy of learning. The class that collects the highest amount of money get a pizza party. One winner from the primary division and one winner from the intermediate division. **Keep collecting those pledges!** See attached poster for detail. **Parent Volunteer forms are due Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**School Health and Program Highlights 2018-2019** – Important information from Vancouver Coastal Health. Please refer to the attachment.



**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.



**Supervision of Siblings during Cross Country Practices** – Just a reminder that if you have a child in Cross Country, and also have younger children who do not participate in Cross Country, that **the younger sibling(s) must still be picked up at 3:00 pm. Please do not leave your younger children to play on their own until practice is over.** There is no staff supervision after 3:30 pm.

**Birthday Celebrations** – If you wish to have your child share a special treat with the class on his/her birthday, you are welcome to send **a small allergen-free treat** that the teacher can hand out at the end of the day. We now have **27 students** who carry Epi-Pens for food-related allergies, so all treats must be free of allergens according to our school policy on anaphylaxis. Please help us keep all our students safe.



**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.

**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.

