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Subject: Thursday Letter



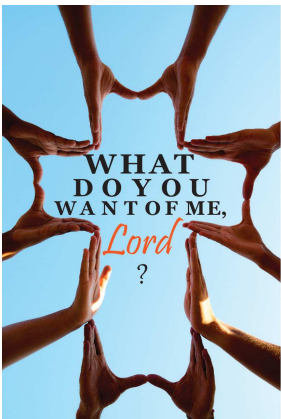
Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see you all on Tuesday night for our AGM/Meet the Teacher evening. Thank you for your continued support, and for choosing Catholic education. We are very excited to officially kick off the 2018/19 academic year, and we hope that you were all inspired by what your child's teachers have in store. We are also excited for our annual Walkathon next Friday, and look forward to a day of fun, exercise, community and fundraising! Please encourage your child to get excited about participating in raising funds and being a part of the process.

We look forward to another exciting year at St. Paul School full of learning, friendship, fun, and faith.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Jesus is the sun, and Mary is the dawn announcing his rising."
Pope Francis.



Assembly tomorrow – Friday, Sept. 21st. Gr. 7 & 3 to lead.

Walkathon - Friday, Sept. 28th. *1:00 pm dismissal.* **Will your child’s class win the pizza party?** Remember, the class that collects the highest amount of money gets a pizza party. One winner from the primary division and one winner from the intermediate division. **One more week to go so keep collecting those pledges!**

PRO-D Day – Monday, October 1st. No School.

Garry Point Fun Run - Friday, October 5th. See PE blog for details.

Volleyball – See PE blog for details.



All Families Please Subscribe: As mentioned on Meet the Teacher Night, we are asking all families to subscribe to the St. Paul Remind feature which allows you to receive time-sensitive text messages with important school information (school closures, unexpected changes to parking and traffic patterns, emergency messages, etc.). Please text the message “@mmoorehead” to 289-204-2271 and you will be subscribed. You can also download the Remind app to your phone. No private information is shared within the group, and communication is one-way (for announcements only).



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.



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.

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 **30 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.

