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Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High



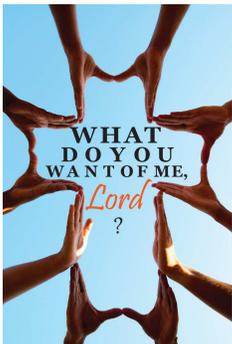
Dear Parents,

Please pray for our Grade 7 students who will be attending Spirit Day next weekend. Spirit Day helps awaken the Holy Spirit in our youth, gets them excited for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and involves a day full of fun, faith, food, performances, and Mass. Many wonderful memories are made on this day, and we pray for an uplifting experience for our Gr. 7 students.

We also look forward to welcoming you all next Friday at the Three Way Conferences. Effectively communicating learning between home and school is critical to supporting your child's journey in education, and our students are blessed to have actively involved and supportive parents. We look forward to sharing your child's successes and achievements with you.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort." Pope Francis



Pick Up/Drop Off Lane and Front Parking Lot CLOSED until further notice – A reminder that the front parking lot continues to be CLOSED until further notice for construction.

Assembly Tomorrow – Gr. 5 & 2 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Next Week's Assembly – No assembly due to Three Way Conferences.

Three Way Conferences – Friday, Nov. 2nd. There are no regular classes on this day. – students only come (in uniform) for their scheduled conference time. **Conferences for Kindergarten to Grade 2 will be for parents and teachers only, K to 2 students do not participate in the conference. Online conference scheduling opens tomorrow.**

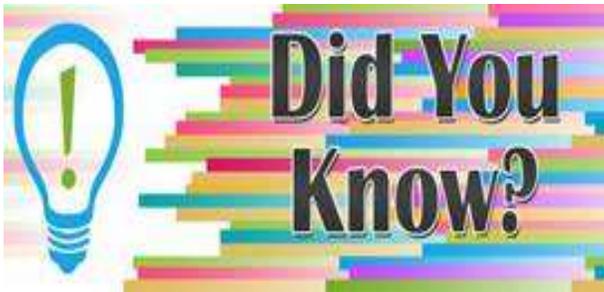
Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Oct. 29th.

Halloween – Please see separate email sent today by Mrs. Moorehead regarding Halloween next Wednesday.

Next School Mass – Our October school Mass was moved to Nov. 1st at 11:00 am in the church.

Volleyball – It's Playoff time! See PE blog for details.

The Cold has Arrived – With the cold and wet weather here now, please make sure your child remembers to bring his/her coat to school every day. Even if it is lightly raining, we often send the children outside at recess for much needed fresh air. It is far more comfortable for them if they are dressed appropriately.



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).

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.

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.



**Share your extra treats to the Agape Street Ministry.
Bring them to the school office by Thursday, Nov. 1st.**