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Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High

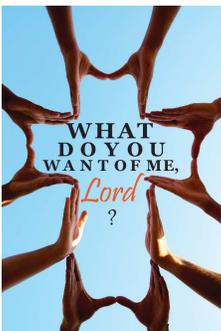


Dear Parents,

This past week has been busy with the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls, as well as some Halloween excitement yesterday. It brings me such joy to see the school spirit from both students and staff (and some parents!) to come together and have some fun; it is such an important part of creating a happy, cohesive community. Today is Nov. 1st, and we now turn our eyes to the next 7 weeks. Christmas Concert choir practices and practices for the play have begun, volleyball finals and tournaments are being played, and Remembrance Day preparations have begun. Please join us for our Remembrance Day assembly, led by our Gr. 7 students, next **Friday, Nov. 9th at 10:45 am in the gym.**

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"For all the obstacles we see before us, gratitude and appreciation should prevail over concerns and complaints." 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. The estimation from the construction company is three more weeks. The North entry lane off St. Albans will be closed beginning next week.

Three Way Conferences – Tomorrow! There are no regular classes tomorrow – 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.**

Halloween Candy Donation for Agape – If you still want to bring a candy donation for Agape, please bring it to Mass this weekend; there will be collection bins at the back of the church. Thank you.

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Nov. 5th.

Fukuroku Hot Lunch Service – Thursday, Nov. 8th. Extra day of hot lunch serving.

Top Marks Customer Service Day – Wednesday, Nov. 7th. 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Parish Centre.

Remembrance Day Assembly – Please join us on **Friday, Nov. 9th at 10:45 am** as our Gr. 7 class leads us in our Remembrance Day assembly. ***Any students who participate in cadets, scouting or girl guides are permitted to wear their uniform on this day.***

No School – Monday, Nov. 12th. Remembrance Day holiday.

Volleyball – It's Playoff time! 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).



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.

