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Subject: Thursday Letter

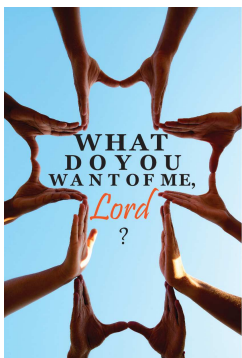


Dear Parents,

Our volleyball season has come to an end as of yesterday, with the boys' CISVA championships being held at Harry Jerome Sports Centre. We were proud to send our Gr. 6 and 7 boys' teams, as well as our Gr. 5 and Gr. 7 girls' team qualified to attend the girls' championships on Nov. 7th. Many thanks to the coaches who spent many early mornings and late afternoons at practices and games, and to the parents who got them there. We especially thank the students who came out to join the team, show great sportsmanship, and try their best; they are the reason we are a proud school community.

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

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Pick Up/Drop Off Lane OPEN - FOR NOW – The front lot has been reopened for the pick-up/drop-off lane. **Please note two things: this lane is for children who can enter/exit the car INDEPENDENTLY (PARENTS ARE NOT TO LEAVE THE DRIVER'S SEAT)**, and the lane is scheduled to close again on Monday, Dec. 3rd. A message will be sent on the Remind app to confirm.

No school tomorrow – A reminder that tomorrow is a professional day. St. Paul staff will be joining the staffs of Sacred Heart and St. Anthony of Padua schools at St. Joseph the Worker for a professional networking day.

Next School Assembly – Join us on Friday, Nov. 30th for our blessing of the Advent wreaths assembly. Gr. 5 & 2 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Nov. 26th.

School Dance performance - Parents are welcome to join us on **Friday, Nov. 30th** as each of our classes presents the dance routine they have been working on with 1-Vibe Entertainment all next week in gym classes. **12:45 pm in the gym.**

Christmas Bingo Donations – **Due, Friday, Nov. 30th**. Donations will be used as raffle prizes for *St. Paul Christmas Bingo Night* on Thursday, Dec. 13th. No donation is too small. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Did you miss the text message this morning about the pick-up lane being opened? If you haven't yet signed up for the Remind app to receive important time-sensitive messages to your phone, then 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).

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.

