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Subject: Thursday Letter

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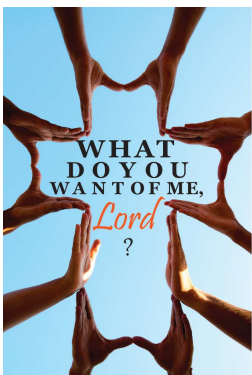
Dear Parents,

Our last week before Christmas break is upon us, and a busy one it will be. We especially look forward to presenting our school production of **Christmas Shoes** next Tuesday. Singing, acting, dancing, rapping, and comedy all combine with the talents of our students and staff to once again tell the glorious story of the birth of our Lord. The staff and students have been working tirelessly to put it all together, and I am confident you will thoroughly enjoy the performance. Please watch your email in the next few days for more detailed information regarding concert times, expectations, and information.

For this third Sunday of Advent – *prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope, which his presence will bestow.*

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.” Pope Francis

Christmas Concert

Pick Up/Drop Off Lane NOW OPEN – If you need to PARK your car, please continue to only use the BACK lot. **Front lot is open for Pick-Up/Drop-off only.** Students must be able to exit the car by themselves while **parents STAY in the driver's seat.** This helps the line move faster. Thank you.

St. Paul School Production of Christmas Shoes – Join us this coming Tuesday for our school Christmas concert. Two performances on **Tuesday, Dec. 18th**: afternoon matinee at **1:30 pm**, and an evening performance at **7:00 pm**. Please watch for a separate email with more detailed information.

Assembly tomorrow – Gr. 6 & K to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Next School Assembly – Friday, Dec. 21st. Staff to lead.

NO HOT LUNCH ON MONDAY – A reminder that hot lunch is not scheduled for Monday, Dec. 17th. Please be sure your child has a lunch this day.

Gr. 7 Destination Imagination Bake Sale – **Wednesday, Dec. 19th 2:00 pm in the Parish Centre.** Help support our Gr. 7 DI team as they prepare their service challenge for this year's DI competition. Funds raised will go towards putting together care packages for individuals in need.

Noon Dismissal – Last day of school – Friday, Dec. 21st. **Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater, or come dressed in red and green. No donation needed!**



A heartfelt "Thank you" for your generous donations to The Richmond Food Bank.



Want to receive important school-related text messages? 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).

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.

