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To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; St. Paul Parish Richmond
Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High



Dear Parents,

What a lovely atmosphere of joy and celebration we had in the gym on Tuesday night. Thank you, St. Paul families, for supporting and participating in our presentation of *Christmas Shoes*. Thank you again to the staff and students who spent countless hours preparing and practicing for the show; it was a lovely opportunity to come together as a community during this Advent season.

The staff of St. Paul School wishes all our families a most blessed Christmas, and God's blessings for a happy, healthy 2019. See you all back on Jan. 7th at 8:45 am.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11



Non-Uniform Day tomorrow – Come in Christmas colours, or your favourite ugly Christmas sweater!

Assembly tomorrow – Staff to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Noon Dismissal Tomorrow – Last day of school before Christmas break.

A Message from Gr. 7 Destination Imagination: *Dear students, staff, families and other contributors from St. Paul school: Thank you all for helping support our D.I. Bake Sale! We made an approximate net total of **\$470**, which is more than our original goal of \$200. This wouldn't have been possible without your help. We really appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you and Merry Christmas! Sincerely, the grade seven D.I. team.*

First Day Back to School – Monday, Jan. 7th.

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Jan. 7th.

St. Patrick Regional Secondary Open House – Monday, Jan. 14th. 6:00 pm.



Just a friendly reminder:

Please take a moment and check if any item in the lost & found cabinet belongs to your child. This is located by the front office. All unclaimed items by the end of the school day tomorrow will be donated to charity.

Thank you.



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.

