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Subject: Thursday Letter

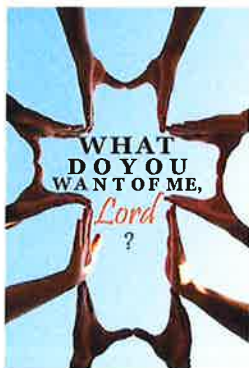


Dear Parents,

We are very excited to celebrate our St. Paul Feast Day next Friday, Jan. 25th. As a young man, Paul was known as Saul, and fiercely persecuted any followers of Jesus. On the road to Damascus, Saul was struck down in a blinding light, and in the confusion around him he heard a voice..., "*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*" Saul answered, "*Who are you, Sir?*" The only answer that came was, "*I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting.*" After his conversion, Saul became Paul, and launched a tireless missionary career that took him all over the Middle East, and ultimately to Rome. God calls each of us in our daily lives, the same way he called Paul. He wants us to "*Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*" (Mk 16:15) In order to respond to such a call we, like St. Paul, need to listen with our hearts and ask, "*What do you want of me, Lord?*"

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"So nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." St. Paul.



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

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Jan. 21st.

Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain – Tuesday, Jan. 22nd.

St. Paul Feast Day Celebration – Friday, Jan. 25th. Mass at **10:30 am**.

Basketball Schedule – See PE blog.

No School – Monday Jan. 28th – A reminder that there is no school on Monday, Jan. 28th due to a professional day.

Friday, Feb. 8th – Communicating Student Learning Progress reports sent home.

“Old” Uniform ends as of June 2019: When we moved to our new uniform company in 2017, Top Marks, it was communicated to all parents that there would be a two year grace period where students could wear the “old” St. Paul uniform (sweaters with yellow arm bands and polo shirts with old school crest.) **A reminder that as of Sept. 2019, ALL students in Gr. K to 6** will be required to wear the “new” Top Marks uniform. **(Please note this does NOT apply to tunics and kilts as the old and new are similar enough.)** The ONLY class permitted to wear the “old” uniform next year will be the Gr. 7 class (this year’s Gr. 6 students.) ALL OTHER students will be expected to wear the “new” uniform. **We give you this reminder now so you can think ahead for any new uniform pieces that need to be acquired for next September.**

Remind App: You may have received an email from Remind (the text messaging service we have been using to send time sensitive messages) stating that Bell and Rogers will now be charging Remind to use the service, which will prevent Remind from being able to continue this service. **As a result, after Jan. 28th, St. Paul will no longer be able to use this app as a form of communication.** This is unfortunate. Until another option can be found, please rely on your email to receive time sensitive information after Jan. 28th. Thank you.

Parking Under Basketball Hoops: You may have noticed that our outdoor basketball hoops have been replanted, and now face out into the new portion of the parking lot. **If you are visiting the school and your car will be in the parking lot over either of the recess times, please park away from the hoops so they can be used by the children during recess.** Thank you.



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.

