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**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; St. Paul Parish Richmond  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Importance:** High



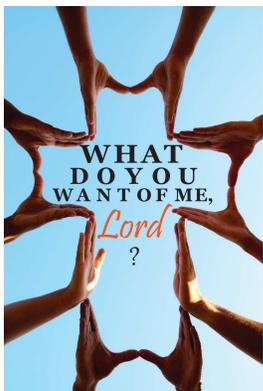
Dear St. Paul Families,

What a wonderful showing of community and faith at last week's St. Paul Feast Day Celebration. The inspiring Mass celebrated with Father George, our community lunch, and an afternoon of energetic drumming made for a Feast Day full of joy! Thank you to all those who attended and joined in the festivities.

A reminder that our New Parents Information Evening is this Tuesday, Feb. 5th at 7:00 pm. Any families who wish to enrol their child in St. Paul School are invited to come and see what we're all about.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"The family is the fundamental locus of the covenant between the Church and God's creation." Pope Francis*



# Important Reminders

**Epi-Pen Reminder** - As per our school anaphylaxis policy, a reminder that all students in Gr. 1 to 7 who require the use of an auto-injector (Epi-pen) must carry the Epi-Pen on their body at all times. (Excluding Kindergarten students). The office also requires a second Epi-Pen to be stored there for emergencies. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe.

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

**Next Week's Assembly** – Friday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Grade 4 & 1 to lead. 9:00am in the gym.

**Custodio Basketball Tournament** – Tomorrow! Gr. 6 boys at St. Paul's. See PE blog for details.

**Fukuroku Hot Lunch Serving** – Tomorrow.

**Hot Lunch Serving** – Monday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Submission of Re-registration Forms** – Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your re-registration requirements between 8:30am to 12noon and 1pm to 3:30pm. Thank you.

**New Parents Information Evening** – Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. 7pm in the gym.

**Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation** – Wed. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. 6:45 pm.

**Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation** – Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 pm

**Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain** – Thursday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. **Buses will leave the school promptly at 7:30am.**

**Communicating Student Learning Progress Reports** – Home, Friday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Basketball Schedule** – See PE blog.

**No School** – Thursday & Friday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Educator's Conference.

**No School** – Monday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Family Day (Regional Holiday).

**No School** – Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Professional development day.

**“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. 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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.

