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Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High

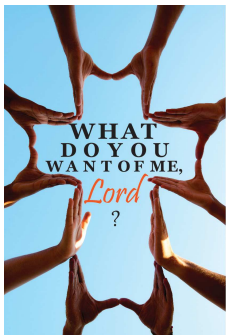


Dear Parents,

Does your child arrive late for school? Is he or she running in the doors after the rest of the school is already in? Of course a late arrival on a rare occasion due to special circumstances is understandable, but if a child regularly arrives late to school they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the day, which can cause confusion and anxiety. A child may also feel awkward arriving late into the classroom when everyone else is settled, and the late arrival disrupts the flow of the instruction that has already begun for the other students. Instructional time is a precious resource and our teachers work extremely hard to provide an outstanding academic program that begins at 8:45 am. Please start your day at home 10 minutes earlier so that your child can have the full benefit of arriving at school by 8:40 am, relaxed and ready to learn.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



*"To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us."
St. Paul.*

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

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.

Dress Shoes only for uniform – It has been noted that some students are wearing black running shoes with their uniform. A reminder that uniform shoes, according to our uniform policy, must be “**Dress shoes with good support. No running shoes, no sandals, no heels.**” Thank you.

Wednesday, Feb. 13th – Dress Down Day (Valentine’s Day) Students may wear red, white and pink colors. Don’t forget to bring a Toonie (\$2.00) or more in support of our sponsor child from Chalice named Thomas.

No School – Feb. 14th, 15, 18th and 19th due to Professional Development and the Family Day holiday.

Assembly tomorrow – Gr. 4 & 1 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

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

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Feb. 11th.

February School Mass date change – The February school Mass has been moved up a week; it is now on **Thursday, Feb. 21st** at 11:00 am. **Gr. 1 class to lead.**

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Wed. Feb. 13th. 6:45 pm.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Feb. 16th. 5:00 pm

Basketball Schedule – See PE blog.



“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.**

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.

