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**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
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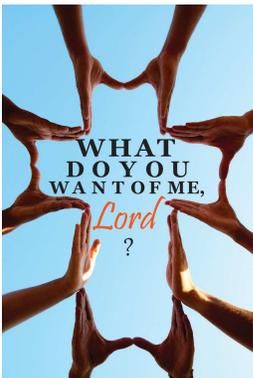
Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, we begin the season of Lent with our school Mass at 11:00 am in the church. Lent is a time to open our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper. Reflection on the sacrifice our Lord made for us, complete with fasting, penitence and almsgiving, allows us to contemplate our own heart and point us to the hope of the Resurrection.

A reminder that beginning on **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, daily Lenten Masses will begin. Mass will be each morning at 8:15 am (not the usual 8:00 am) and will end in time for the start of school. Students are asked to make morning Mass attendance a part of their daily routine, and of course, families are welcome as well.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." Pope Francis*



**Daily Lenten Mass** – Daily morning Mass for students and staff begins next Thursday morning, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the adjusted time of **8:15 am**. **Students sit with staff in the first rows of the church.** All students are asked to attend throughout Lent.

**Please Return Report Cover** – Please sign and return your child’s CSL report cover by tomorrow. Thank you.

**Assembly Tomorrow** – Fri. March 1st. Gr. 6 & K. 9:00 am in the gym.

**Hot lunch Serving** – Mon. Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Ash Wednesday School Mass** – Wed. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>. 11:00 am in the church.

**No Friday Assemblies during Lent** – A reminder that there are no Friday morning assemblies during Lent due to our daily Masses.

**Basketball and Badminton Schedule** – See PE blog.



**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.

**“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](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.

