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Subject: Thursday Letter

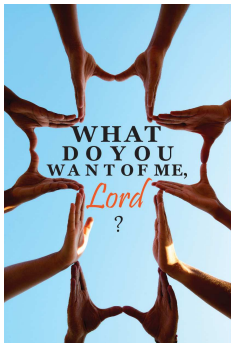


Dear Parents,

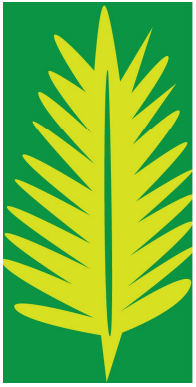
It was wonderful this morning to see so many students join us for our first day of Lenten morning Mass. As a parent of three children myself, I know what it takes to get the family out the door on time in the morning. Mine are teenagers now, but those memories of taking them all to work with me at Sacred Heart are not too far off. The wonderful showing of students this morning tells me that St. Paul School is a community whose spirituality is of vital importance, and whose parents can pride themselves in making their family faith life a priority. The staff of St. Paul's looks forward to making this Lenten journey with your children.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



*"Lent is a time of grace, a time to convert and live out our baptism fully."
Pope Francis*



First SUNDAY IN LENT

Daily Lenten Mass – Daily morning Mass is now in effect all through Lent 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.

No Assembly Tomorrow – A reminder that we don't have Friday assemblies during Lent.

Book Mark Contest Deadline – tomorrow! We only have a handful of entries so far. Bring yours tomorrow!

Gr. 7 to Whistler – Tomorrow, March 8th.

Hot lunch Serving – Mon. Mar. 11th.

Tri-School Primary Speech Arts Festival – Tues. March 12th. St. Joseph the Worker.

Music Presentation Assembly – Join us in the gym on **Thursday, Mar 14th at 2:00** for a little taste of what our Gr. 3 & 4 classes have been working on in Music class, as well as our Rock Band club.

Last day of school for Spring Break – Last day of school before Spring Break. School reopens on Monday, April 1st.

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.

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.



Don't Forget to Set Your Clock **Forward 1 Hour** Before You Go To Bed **Saturday Night!**