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Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Student Led Conferences - Friday, April 26, 2019.pdf

Importance: High



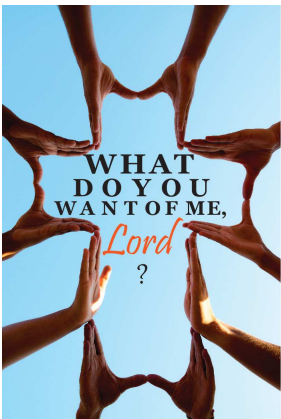
Dear Parents,

This coming Easter Sunday we will be able to proclaim Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is Risen! This is the truth on which we build our faith, and now we are challenged to proclaim and live this truth, which is not as easy as it sounds. Looking back at Holy Week in our school, I would like to thank the Gr. 7 students for their outstanding presentations of the Last Supper and the Shadow Stations of the Cross, and to all the students and staff for their reverence during our Holy Thursday activities. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to live and celebrate our faith here at St. Paul School. Together, the school, parents and the church are one trinity working together to ensure we honour our baptismal promise, and secure a place in heaven for our children. It is these beliefs and values that we pass down to our children as we, their parents, promised at their Baptism.

St. Paul School wishes all of our families a most blessed and joyous Easter!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song." Pope John Paul II.



Next Hot lunch Serving – Mon. Apr. 29th.

No School – Good Friday Apr. 19th and Easter Monday Apr. 22nd.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Wednesday, April 24th. 7:30 pm.

Dress Down Day – Thursday, Apr. 25th. Spring colours! Bring a toonie to donate to our Chalice sponsor child, Thomas.

Student-Led Conferences – Friday, April 26th. **No classes this day**; students only come in uniform at their scheduled appointment time. **Booking starts Saturday, April 20th at 9am. See attached for details.**

Parking during Track and Field Season – If you are going to be spending time at the school during the day, we ask that for the next three months you please park your car closer to the north end of the parking lot, (where the staff parking is) so the PE classes can use the south end of the parking lot (where the grass field is) for Track and Field drills. Thank you.



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.

