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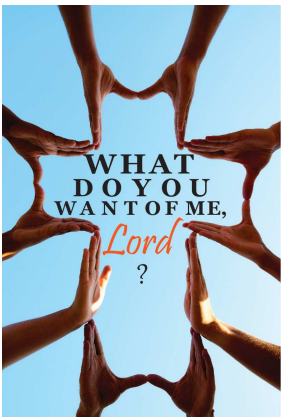
Dear Parents,

Tomorrow we have Student Led Conferences. You, the first teachers of your children, will have the opportunity to come and share in your child's accomplishments here at school. The students have been busy preparing for their conferences with you, and are very excited to show, explain, demonstrate, and communicate their learning. I think you will be very impressed with the work your children have been doing, and the pride with which they share their learning. Just a reminder that this is a day for your child to take the lead and conference with you, and the teacher is only present in a supporting role. If you wish to discuss a concern or your child's progress with the classroom teacher, please make an appointment to meet with the teacher on another day.

I'd also like to congratulate our Gr. 7 class on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation last night with Bishop David Monroe. May each Confirmand be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and live their life as a true child of God.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"You are going to learn from the people before you teach them anything."
Pope Francis



Miss Ramirez is getting married! – Please keep Miss Ramirez and her fiancé Patrick in your prayers as they celebrate their wedding day this Saturday. School families are invited to the ceremony, which will be at 11:00 am in St. Paul Church.

Student-Led Conferences – Tomorrow! **No classes this day**; students only come in uniform at their scheduled appointment time. Please be reminded that we are unable to supervise pre-school children at this time.

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

Track and Field practices begin on Monday! See PE blog for details.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, April 27th . 5:00 pm

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Wed. May 1st. 6:45 pm.

Jeans Day for Children's Hospital – Thursday, May 2nd. Come out of uniform and wearing jeans. **\$5.00** donation for a button.

No School – Friday May 3rd – Professional Day.



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.

