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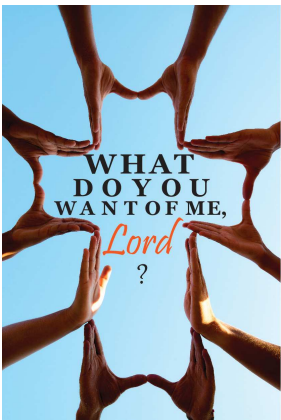


Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again where we look ahead to staffing for next year. Thankfully there will be minimal movement this year, but it's always unfortunate to say goodbye to staff who move on for various reasons. We are sad to announce that Education Assistant Mrs. Samija and Music teacher Mr. Yang will be leaving us at the end of this year to work closer to home. We thank them for their contributions to our community and wish them God's blessings as they move on. At the same time, I am pleased to let you know that we have hired Miss Monica Rumpel for Music, and two new Education Assistants – Mrs. Bickie Lam and Mrs. Cristina Workman. We will also be welcoming Mrs. Maylin Fraser as a new Teacher to our Learning Support department. We are looking forward to another fantastic year at St. Paul School in 2019/2020!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"The family is the fundamental locus of the covenant between the Church and God's creation." Pope Francis



No School Tomorrow – Professional Day.

Parent Education Evening – Stress, Anxiety and our Children – Has your child ever experienced stress? Of course they have, as it is a normal part of life and can at times be a productive response to stimuli. Learning how to recognize escalating stress and anxiety in your child, and how best to support it and equip your child with the skills to self-manage is the best way to help your child lead a resilient and joyful life. Join us on **May 13th in the school gym** for a parent education evening with Clinical Counselor PJ Lewis as he talks about resiliency and joy in our children. **7:00 – 8:30 pm in the gym.** Please see flyer attached for more information.

Parent Meeting for all Gr. 4 to 7 Parents – Tuesday May 7th. 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Human Sexuality and Your Child. **One parent from each family is expected to attend.** Please see previous email sent on April 26th for further details. The grade level presentations will take place in each classroom.

Gr. 2 Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Sat. May 4th. 5:00 pm

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Wed. May 8th. 6:45 pm.

Gr. 2 First Communion Family Celebration – Sat. May 11th. 5pm

Next Hot lunch Serving – Mon. May 6th.

St. Paul/St. Joseph the Worker Track Meet – Monday, May 6th. See PE Blog for details.

Gr. 6 & 7 Boys to the Abbey – Wed. May 8th.

School Mass – Thursday, May 9th. 11:00 am in the **NEW CHURCH!** Kindergarten to lead.

Next Friday Assembly – May 10th. 9:00 am in the gym. Grade 7 & 3 to lead.

Track and Field - See PE blog for details.



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.

