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**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** Scholastic Book Fair.pdf

**Importance:** High

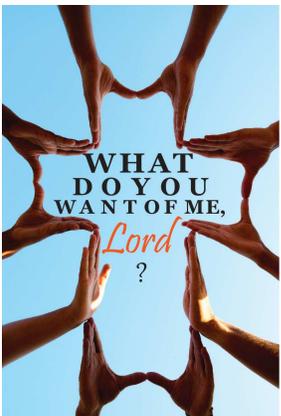


Dear Parents,

I know I keep saying this, but I can't believe how quickly the year has passed. Today our Track Team is at Vancouver College for their second track meet this season. On May 29<sup>th</sup> we will participate in Day 1 of the CISVA Track and Field meet, which is a hallmark sign that we are nearing the end of the school year. This meet, which has close to 40 of our Catholic Schools participate, is an impressive day of sportsmanship, athleticism, fun, organization, and healthy competition. If you have been around the school and Minoru track these past several weeks, you will have seen every teacher on staff coaching the various running and field events. Our track team wouldn't be possible without the early mornings, lunch hours, and late afternoons that our teachers give for extracurricular support. It truly is a team effort. I am forever grateful for the dedication of our teachers, and equally grateful for the commitment they receive in return from the students who participate, and the parents that get them out of bed for those early mornings at Minoru. Wish us luck for the remainder of the season!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life."* Pope Francis.



**Assembly Tomorrow** – Gr. 6 & K to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

**Next Friday Assembly** – May 24<sup>th</sup>. Gr. 5 & 2. 9:00 am in the gym.

**No School** – Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Victoria Day.

**Scholastic Book Fair** – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>. **8:45am to 2:30 pm on Wed., 8:45am to 3:30 pm Thurs., and 8:45am to 10:30 am on Friday in the school library.** Come and see what our book fair has to offer – picture books, exciting novels, classic literature, and more...! Spread the word and get prehistoric for a ***Dino-Mite Book Fair!*** See attachment for more details.

**Next Hot lunch Serving** – Mon. May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Solemn Communion Celebration** – Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 Mass.

**Track and Field** - See PE blog 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](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.

