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**To:** all.families@stpaulschool.ca  
**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; St. Paul Parish  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** 2019-2020 Annual Walkathon Pledge Form.pdf; 2019-2020 Annual Walkathon Volunteer Sign Up Sheet.pdf; The Walkathon Challenge.pdf

**Importance:** High



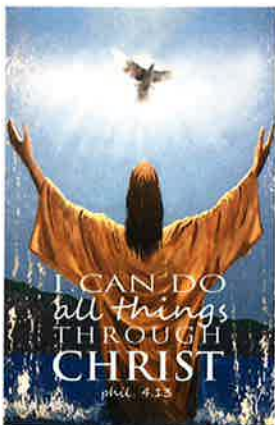
Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff at St. Paul School, as well as Msgr. Luterbach, Father Edwin, and Father Gio, we welcome you to a new school year! It is a sincere pleasure and honour to serve another year as your Principal. This year our Archdiocesan theme is **"I Can Do All Things Through Christ"**. As such, our school-wide focus for this year will be to guide our students to nurture their relationship with Jesus. We will look at how we talk with Him and listen for his voice, which in turn allows us to receive His grace and peace. To feel God's strength to do all things, we need to set our minds with this perspective and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us and give us the strength to believe we can do anything through Christ!

We look forward to accompanying our youth to the awareness and acceptance of the call to the fullness of life and love. It is with this purpose that we enthusiastically embrace the new school year, and open wide the doors of the school to greet the joyful smiles that come our way on Tuesday. We look forward to another fun, faith-filled year at St. Paul School!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"I Can Do All Things Through Christ"    Philippians 4:13*



**TRAFFIC AND PARKING** – Please watch for an email that will be sent on Monday with instructions for parking and traffic flow on Tuesday morning. Thank you.

**Welcome to New Staff Members!** – We have four new staff members who are joining the St. Paul community this year; please welcome **Ms. Monica Rumpel**, who will be teaching Music; **Mrs. Maylin Fraser** who will be a teacher in our Learning Support department; and **Mrs. Bickie Lam and Mrs. Cristina Workman** who are joining our wonderful team of Education Assistants. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming them to our school.

**Walkathon Forms attached!** Please find attached everything you need to begin fundraising for our Walkathon! Start collecting those pledges! Our goal this year is to begin the collection of funds for seismic upgrading of the school.

**First Day of School** – Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. **8:45 am start. \*\*Noon Dismissal\*\***

**First School Mass** – THURS. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. 11:00 am in the church. Staff to lead.

**Walkathon Assembly** – Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. 9:00 am in the gym.

**Gr. 7 Leadership Ceremony** – Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Come and watch our new Gr. 7 students accept their role as leaders of our student body, and receive their Leadership hoodies. 9:00 am in the gym.

**Gr. 7 Class to Outdoor Ed** – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Library Supervisors Meeting** – Wednesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the library.

**Lunch Hour Supervisors Meeting** – Wednesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in Rm 1 & 2.

**Homeroom Parent Meeting** – Thursday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Parish Centre.

**Meet the Teacher/AGM evening** – Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 pm beginning in the gym.



**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.

**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.

**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 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.

