## **Christine Ong**

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**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; St. Paul Parish Richmond

**Subject:** Thursday Letter

**Importance:** High



Dear Parents,

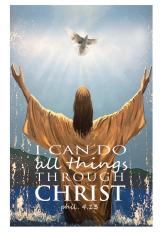
The first few days of the 2019-2020 school year are behind us and we are off to a great start! I thank you for your continued patience as the last of the construction finishes up in front of the church. I am told that it will all be done in the next two weeks, at which point we will roll out new traffic and parking regulations for the property. Stay tuned!

We look forward to formally welcoming you all back at our Meet the Teacher/AGM evening on **Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 7:00 pm.** Come and find out more about St. Paul School's mission and goals, as well as learn about the incredible program your child's teacher has planned for this year.

Woven through it all this school year is the firm belief that each student will come to know: *I can do all things through Christ.* 

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead Principal



"God wants you to be signs of his merciful love for our time." Pope Francis.



<u>Walkathon Forms attached!</u> 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.

**Walkathon Assembly – Tomorrow.** 9:00 am in the gym.

<u>Gr. 7 Leadership Ceremony</u> – **Tomorrow.** 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>.

<u>Top Marks Customer Service</u> – Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 2pm to 4pm at the Parish Centre room 4.

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

Cross Country and Volleyball Schedule - See PE blog.



<u>When Parents Have Concerns</u> – 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 <u>please come and speak with your child's teacher</u>. 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.

<u>Dress Shoes only for uniform</u> – 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. <u>No running shoes</u>, no sandals, no heels." Thank you.

<u>Planning the school year?</u> – 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 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.

<u>Birthday Celebrations</u> — If you wish to have your child share a special treat with the class on his/her birthday, you are welcome to send <u>a small allergen-free treat</u> 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.

