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Subject: Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

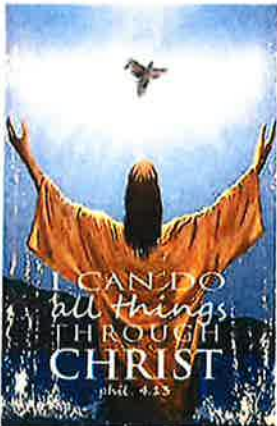
This is my favourite Principal's message to write each year because I write it from the Sunshine Coast. Being surrounded by water, trees, and fresh, cool air refreshes my deep appreciation for God's incredible creation, and how grateful I am to have the opportunity to spend this week with our Gr. 7 students at camp. Grateful also for Mr. Kirkham, Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Teodosio who freely give of their time to leave their families for 4 days to lead the Gr. 7s with joy and enthusiasm, and for the remaining staff back at school holding down the fort while we are all away. Not even a little rain can dampen the spirit here!

Our first school Mass is this coming Thursday, Sept. 19th, at 11:00 am. (Staff to lead) Please join us if you can.

We also look forward to formally welcoming you all back at our Meet the Teacher/AGM evening on Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 7:00 pm in the gym.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." Saint Mother Teresa

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

TRAFFIC AND PARKING – The Pick up/Drop off lane will be **CLOSED** until Friday, Sept. 20 (all of next week). **ALL FAMILIES** are to **PARK** in the back lot and escort their child to the playground area. Thank you. (This will all end soon.... we promise!)

PLEDGES!! Hopefully the students are coming along nicely with their pledges for our Walkathon. Lots of prizes are available for the most money raised, the most pledges collected, etc. Let's do our part to make this the highest amount ever!

Walkathon – Friday, Sept. 27th. *12:30 Dismissal*

Assembly Tomorrow – Gr. 5 & 2 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

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

First School Mass – THURS. Sept. 19th. 11:00 am in the church. Staff to lead.

Hot Lunch Orders Due – Thur., Sept. 19th. Late orders will NOT be accommodated.

Next Week's Assembly – Fri. Sept. 20th. Gr. 7 & 3 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Volleyball and Cross Country – See PE blog for details.



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.ca.

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.

Have a
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