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**To:** all.families@stpaulschool.ca  
**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; St. Paul Parish Richmond  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** All I Really Need to Know.pdf

**Importance:** High

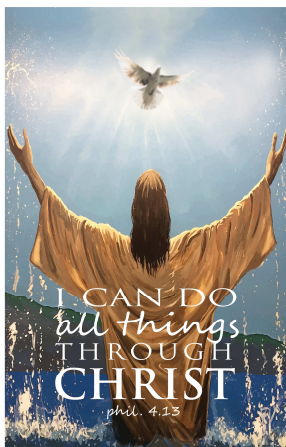


Dear Parents,

*Everything I need to know I learned in Kindergarten.* This well-known poem by Robert Fulghum reminds us of the fundamental life lessons that we learn at 5 years old, and which apply throughout our lifetime. Simple rules such as “*play fair, don’t take things that aren’t yours, and say you’re sorry when you hurt somebody*” go a long way to forming children who hopefully take those lessons to heart as adults. Each time I enter our Kindergarten classroom I am met with shouts of joyful greeting, smiles, happiness, and wonder; it is truly a magical place. (Don’t tell anyone, but sometimes I go in there without administrative purpose!) We learn many lessons in our formative years, and if we trust in God, and “*hold hands and stick together*”, we are well on our way. (For the full poem, please see attached.)

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*“Children want the same things we want: to laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, and delighted.”* Dr. Seuss.



**NEW CROSSWALK** – Please note that if you park in the front parking lot, you can only cross over to the school at the new crosswalk located up near the parish centre. **THERE IS NO LONGER A CROSSWALK AT THE COVERED AREA END OF THE SCHOOL – PLEASE DO NOT CROSS THE PARKING LOT THERE.** Thank you.

**Parent Volleyball Night** – Tomorrow!

**Candy at School** – Halloween candy has already begun to make its way into lunchboxes, and much of it contains nuts. A reminder that nut-containing foods are not permitted at school, and it would be even better if the candy stayed at home. Thank you.

**Halloween Costume Day** – On Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> students are invited to wear their Halloween costume to school if they wish. Students who choose not to wear a costume are welcome to wear orange and/or black clothing. Please see email sent yesterday for costume guidelines.

**Hot Lunch Serving** – Monday, Oct. 28th.

**Volleyball**– See PE blog for details.



**Walkathon Prize Assembly** – Friday, Nov. 1st. 9:00 am 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.

**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](http://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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