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Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High

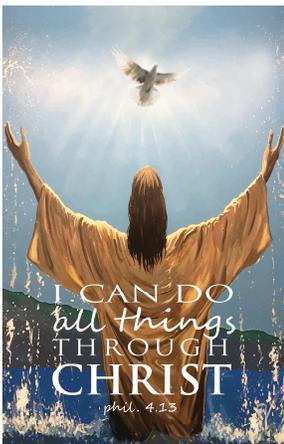


Dear Parents,

So much fun this morning for our Halloween dress down day! The laughter, the creative costumes, and the enthusiasm for the day bring such joy and excitement to our learning environment. Both staff and students alike work tremendously hard each and every day, however just as important is the opportunity to flood our bodies and brains with the natural feel-good chemicals that come when we participate in activities that allow us to play and laugh; balance is key. The students know this well and it is a natural part of their childhood, it's us grownups that sometimes need reminders. I am blessed to work with colleagues who understand the importance of laughter and fun, and shine that energy upon the students and each other on a daily basis. I am grateful that joy is alive and well at St. Paul, not only on Halloween, but all year long!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"A Christian is one who is invited... to join in the feast, to the joy of being saved, to the joy of being redeemed, to the joy of sharing life with Christ. This is a joy! You are called to party!" Pope Francis



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.

Interim Reports – Coming home tomorrow.

Lifetouch Photo Orders – Due tomorrow. To avoid handling fees, please place your orders before the due date.

Fukuroku Hot Lunch – Tomorrow.

Assembly Tomorrow – Gr. 5 & 2 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – Tomorrow, and Monday, Nov. 4th

Remembrance Day Assembly – Friday, Nov. 8th. **10:45 am** in the gym.

Volleyball– See PE blog for details.



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



Share your extra treats to the Agape Street Ministry. Bring them to the school office tomorrow



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

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.

