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Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High

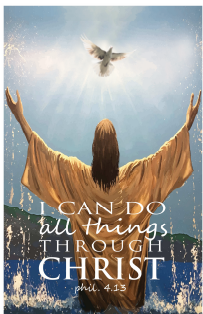


Dear Parents,

If you were anywhere in the city of Richmond at lunch time today, you would have no doubt heard the screaming coming from our school gym. The whole school packed into the gym to watch the annual staff vs. Gr. 7 volleyball game. Led by Father Gio and cheered on by Farther Edwin, the staff team humbly surrendered to the Gr. 7s in a nail-biter of a game. It was a fantastic example of community spirit! Thanks to all the staff who came out to play, and for those who supervised the students so that others could play. Thanks also to the Gr. 7 students who showed great sportsmanship, skill and enthusiasm. We look forward to next year's match!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man. Pope Francis



Students Being Dropped off Early in the Morning – we have noticed a handful of students on the school grounds as early as 8:00am, unsupervised by a parent/caregiver. A reminder that **school supervision does not start until 8:30 am, and if a child arrives prior to that they should be supervised by a parent/caregiver until 8:30 am.** Thank you.

Assembly Tomorrow - Gr. 4 & 1 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Next Week's Assembly – Friday, Dec. 13th. Gr. 5 & 2 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Hot Lunch Feast Day Orders – Due tomorrow morning at 9am. **Late orders will NOT be accommodated.**

Next Hot Lunch Serving – Tomorrow, Fukuroku and Monday, Dec. 9th, Nova Foods.

Christmas Production – **Tuesday, Dec. 17th.** Afternoon Matinee at 1:00 pm, and evening show at 7:00 pm. More details to come.

Dress Down Day – Friday, Dec. 20th. Ugly Christmas Sweater day. **\$2.00 donation** goes to BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund. **Students can bring their \$2 in any day during the week of the 16th.**

Last day of School for Christmas holidays – Friday, Dec. 20th. ****Noon Dismissal**.**



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.

