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Subject: Thursday Letter

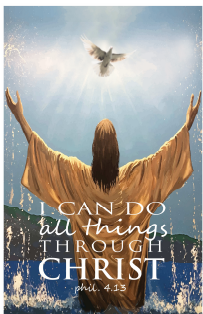


Dear Parents,

This coming Sunday we celebrate the third week of Advent. *Gaudete Sunday*, as it's also known, is marked by the lighting of the rose coloured candle in the Advent wreath. *Gaudete* means "rejoice", as we welcome the spirit of joy that begins this week. The hope is for joy to be a regular part of our daily lives, and not something that we only experience from time to time. In this busy season, as well as all year round, joy should be more than just a smile on one's face, it should be felt deep within the heart. Children are good at many things, and one of them is reminding us what this deeply felt joy can look like. How blessed we are to be reminded of this every day at St. Paul School.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.

Pope Benedict.



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

Next Week's Assembly – Friday, Dec. 20th. Staff to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

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

School Mass – Thursday, Dec. 19 at 11am. Grade 3 to lead.

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**.**

Next Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Jan. 6th, 2020. **NO Hot Lunch on Monday, Dec. 16.**



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.

