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Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High

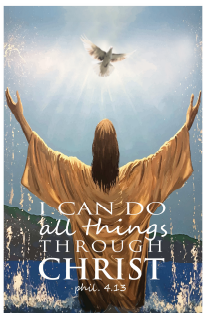


Dear Parents,

This past week has been a flurry of excitement, preparations, performances, and prayer. As we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath this Sunday, we are reminded of the heavenly hosts proclaiming Christ's arrival – *"Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy!"* God's greatest gift is coming. We will open many gifts this Christmas, but it is those gifts from our Lord that we should always open first, and hold dear throughout our lives. The staff of St. Paul School would like to wish all our families a most blessed and joyful Christmas, and may this incredible time of giving and spending time with family bring you joy that lasts throughout the year. God bless.

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



Assembly Tomorrow - Staff to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Dress Down Day – Tomorrow! Ugly Christmas Sweater day. **\$2.00 donation** goes to BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund.

Noon Dismissal Tomorrow – A reminder that the last day of school tomorrow is a noon dismissal.

First Day Back to School – Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain – Wed. Jan. 8th.

Next Assembly – Friday, Jan. 10th, 2020. Gr. 7 & 3 to lead.



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.

