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Subject: Thursday Letter
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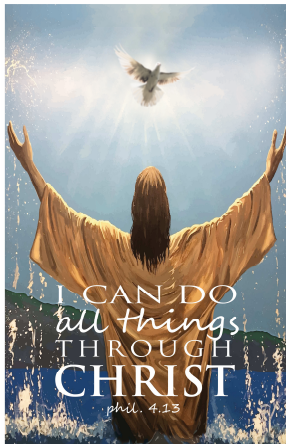
Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, and all the best to our St. Paul families for 2020! With January comes a new season of reflection, planning, and learning. Through December we had the anticipation of Advent, the celebration of Christmas, and now the "opening" of the gift of Christmas through the Feast of the Epiphany today, January 6th. Epiphany allows us to revel in the birth of Jesus a little longer, reflecting on his human presence in our world. Soon we will enter back into Ordinary Time, and the remaining six months of the year are busy ones. Before we know it, another year will have slipped by! The decisions and planning we make now will bear wonderful fruit come June. In the meantime, there is much to do!

Abundant blessings for 2020.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day." Jesus



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

Next Week's Assembly – Friday, January 17th . Gr. 7 & 3 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Jan. 13th, 2020.

Fukuroku Hot Lunch Serving – Friday, Jan. 17th.

Gr. 5 & Gr. 6 to Grouse Mountain – Tuesday, Jan. 14th.

Grade 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Wednesday, Jan. 15th at 6:45pm.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Jan. 18th at 5:00 pm.

Gr. 7 Confirmation Pep Rally – Saturday, Jan. 18th from 9:00am to 3pm.

No School – Monday, January 20th. PRO-D Day

Basketball Schedule – See PE blog.



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.

