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Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High

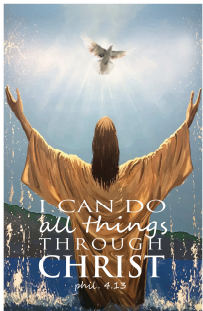


Dear Parents,

Each year close to Feast Day time, I write the same Principal's message about St. Paul. I feel it's important to know and be reminded often of the history of the Saint that our beloved school is named after. As a young man, Paul was known as Saul, and fiercely persecuted any followers of Jesus. On the road to Damascus, Saul was struck down in a blinding light, and in the confusion around him he heard a voice..., "*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*" Saul answered, "*Who are you, Sir?*" The only answer that came was, "*I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting.*" After his conversion, Saul became Paul, and launched a tireless missionary career that took him all over the Middle East, and ultimately to Rome. God calls each of us in our daily lives, the same way he called Paul. He wants us to "*Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*" (Mk 16:15) In order to respond to such a call we, like St. Paul, need to listen with our hearts and believe that "*I can do all things through Christ.*"

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." St. Paul the Apostle.



No Assembly Tomorrow - Due to celebrating St. Paul Feast Day, there will be no Friday assembly tomorrow.

St. Paul Feast Day Mass – tomorrow. **10:30 AM start.** Gr. 4 class to lead. Brown bag lunch to follow in the gym. Dismissal at 3pm.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Jan. 25th . 5:00 PM

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Wed. Jan. 29th. 6:45 PM.

Hot Lunch Serving – Jan. 27th, 2020.

Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain – Thurs. Jan. 30th.

Next Week's Assembly – Friday, Jan. 31st, 2020. Gr. 6 & K to lead.

Dress Down Day – Friday, Jan. 31st. **Star Wars day!**

Basketball – See PE blog.



St. Paul School **Spirit Wear** will be on sale soon. Details coming your way next week.



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.

