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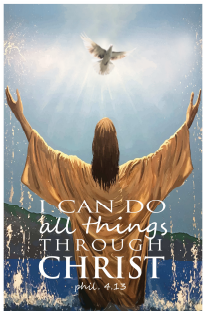


Dear Parents,

February is upon us next week (how did that happen...?) and looking ahead to the month – it's a busy one full of all sorts of events: Communicating Student Learning Progress Reports go home, two days off school so the staff can attend the Catholic Educators Conference, anti-bullying day, dress-down day, Valentine's Day, a special assembly with Unstoppable Tracy, Ash Wednesday, Lent begins, sacrament meetings and Masses, Spirit Wear Sales, and our New Parents Information evening, to name a few... For all the details be sure to visit our school website to view our online calendar and class blogs, and watch for our weekly Thursday Letter email to keep up to date!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"It's better to cry than be angry, because anger hurts others while tears flow silently through the soul and cleanse the heart." St. Pope John Paul II

Upcoming events

Assembly Tomorrow - Gr. 6 & K to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Dress Down Day Tomorrow – Star Wars Day! Students may wear Star Wars costumes or themed clothing, as well as brown, beige, white or black clothing. Don't forget to bring a Toonie (\$2.00) or more in support of **Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Vancouver**.

Be sure to join us for assembly if you can... ☺

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Feb. 1st . 5:00 PM

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation – Wed. Feb. 5th. 6:45 PM.

Hot Lunch Serving – Feb. 3, 2020.

Here's your chance to buy new St. Paul Spirit Wear! – watch for a separate email tomorrow with details for our St. Paul Spirit Wear sale taking place all next week.

New Parent Information Evening – Feb. 4th. 7:00 pm in the gym. *For new families who are interested in registering their children in our school for 2020/2021.*

Next Week's Assembly – Friday, Feb. 7th. Gr. 4 & 1 to lead.

Communicating Student Learning Progress Reports – Coming home Feb. 7th.

Custodio Basketball Tournament – Friday, Feb. 7th.

Basketball – See PE blog.

Reminder – No School – Feb. 13th & 14th (Catholic Educators Conference) and Feb. 17th. (Family Day holiday.)



Special Assembly! – Wed. Feb. 12th. 10:45 AM. St Paul gym. Join us as we welcome **Unstoppable Tracy** to St. Paul School! As an expert on Disarming Limiting Beliefs, Seen in Oprah Magazine, 30 million viral video views of her school story 2019, International Award-Winning Leader & Speaker, Decorated Athlete, TV HOST & Bestselling Author and honoured humanitarian, Unstoppable Tracy provides tools for resilience, determination, and ways to affect positive change to everyone around you. See attachment for more details!



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.

