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Subject: Thursday Letter

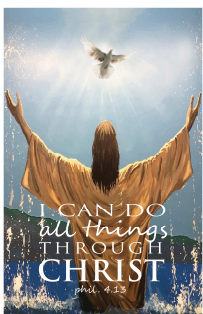


Dear Parents,

Today and tomorrow the entire school staff is attending the annual Catholic Educators Conference in downtown Vancouver. The conference provides an opportunity for *the spiritual and professional growth of Catholic educators, for the development of Christian community, and to provide leadership in the development of a dynamic, evangelistic school system.* School staffs from our 47 CISVA schools come together to learn, network, and celebrate Mass with Archbishop Miller. It is truly an uplifting and inspiring two days that affirms our vocation to be Catholic educators for the children and families of the CISVA.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints."
Pope Benedict



Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Feb. 15th. 5:00 PM

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

Dress Down Day – Friday, Feb. 21st. **Superhero Day!**

Pink Shirt Day – Tuesday, Feb. 25th. *(We will have our Pink Shirt day one day early this year due to Feb. 26th being Ash Wednesday.)*

Basketball – 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.

Celebrate
**Family
Day!**

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