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**To:** all.families@stpaulschool.ca  
**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; St. Paul Parish Richmond  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Importance:** High



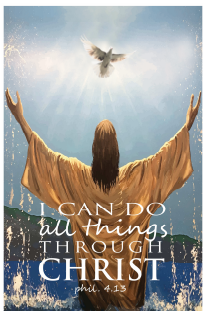
Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday we begin the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service at 11:00 am in the church. Lent is a time to open our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper. Reflection on the sacrifice our Lord made for us, complete with fasting, penitence and almsgiving, allows us to contemplate our own heart and point us to the hope of the Resurrection.

A reminder that beginning on **Thursday, Feb. 27th**, daily Lenten Masses will begin. Mass will be each morning at 8:15 am (not the usual 8:00 am) and will end in time for the start of school. Students are asked to make morning Mass attendance a part of their daily routine throughout Lent, and of course, families are welcome as well.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Romans 12:12



**Dress Down Day** – Tomorrow! Super Hero day. Students can wear a costume, a super hero themed t-shirt, or the colours red and/or blue. **Don't forget your toonie (\$2) donation or more for our Sponsor Child, Thomas.**

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

**Hot Lunch Serving** – Monday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Ash Wednesday Service** – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. 11:00 am in the church. Staff to lead.

**Daily Lenten Mass** – Begins Thursday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. **8:15 am each day. Students sit with staff.** All students are asked to attend throughout Lent.

**Hot Lunch Orders Due** – Thursday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Late orders will not be accepted.

**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](http://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.

