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Subject: Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

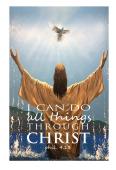
While we anticipate further announcements from the Ministry of Education as to what learning will look like for the remainder of the year, I want to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to the various member groups of our school community. To the staff: for your relentless dedication to your vocation in providing a quality catholic education to our community, and the significantly steep but wonderfully successful learning curve you endured through the transition to remote learning; I am honoured to work with all of you.

To our parents: I can only imagine the juggling act of balancing parenting, your own employment, financial stress, home isolation, and managing the continued learning opportunities for your children. With all your experience, I think I now have 500 new, highly qualified Substitute Teachers that I can call on when we're short staffed...??

And finally, to the students: even as I write this sentence I feel the emotions swell inside me. Most adults choose teaching as a profession for one reason only – they love working with children. Your absence in the school building has been difficult, however we are so PROUD of how each and every one of you has adapted to learning from home. We see you working hard, we see you being creative, and we see you being the responsible, engaged learners that you are. Keep the faith that we will be through this in the near future, and through it all remember, we can do all things through Christ.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead.



"But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength." Timothy 4:17



<u>No School/Remote Learning</u> – A reminder that tomorrow (Pro-D Day), Monday (Victoria Day), and Tuesday (Pro-D Day) are all **days off from remote learning**. Staff will be working on administrative tasks, however students are not expected to return to remote learning until next Wednesday.

<u>No information yet for return to school</u> – BC schools anticipate confirmation from the Ministry of Education very soon for possible return to in-class learning for June. As soon as information is received, it will be shared with the St. Paul community. Thank you.

<u>St. Paul Summer Camps Cancelled</u> – After much deliberation, the difficult decision was made to not proceed with our inaugural program of St.Paul Summer Camps. No payments have been processed, so all cheques that were received will be destroyed. Thanks for your patience, and we hope to try again in summer 2021!

<u>Mite Boxes</u> – If you are looking to return your Mite Box, please seal the opening with tape, and drop it to either the Parish Office or school office during office hours. Thank you for your support of the seminarians.

