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Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High



Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff at St. Paul School, as well as our new Pastor, Father Smith, and new Assistant Pastor, Father Joseph, we welcome you to a new school year! It continues to be a sincere pleasure and honour to serve another year as your Principal.

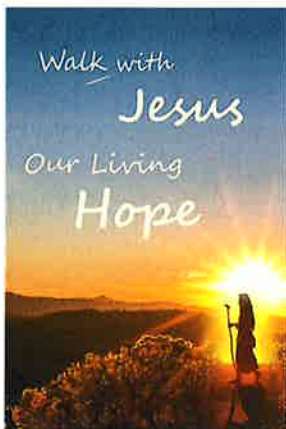
And what a year it is so far... While the pandemic has reshaped the way our society functions, our goal at St. Paul's is to make school as "normal" as possible for our community. (While strictly following health and safety protocols, of course!) It has been a true labour of love for the staff to get the school ready to open our doors today, and the smiles on everyone's faces has brought an energy to the school that has been missing for 6 months.

I can't express strongly enough how deeply appreciative and grateful I am for your support and cooperation through this upstart process. All of you responded so well to the large volume of information coming home, and you made sure that your child was ready with what they needed. On behalf of the staff, our heartfelt thanks.

And finally, as we begin the year, we will lift our hearts as we **Walk with Jesus, our Living Hope**. Our journey this school year will bring new and different experiences, and may we be blessed with the virtues of patience, humility, and compassion, as we follow His gentle voice.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"I will walk by faith, even when I cannot see."
2 Corinthians 5:7



Welcome to New Staff Members! – We have two new staff members who are joining the St. Paul community this year; please welcome **Ms. Mackenzie Crawshaw and Ms. Lisandra Sousa** who have joined our wonderful team of Education Assistants. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming them to our school.

Hello at Home! – A special hello to our students who are starting the year learning from home. We look forward to working with you when curriculum delivery begins on Sept. 21st. ☺

Walkathon – Our traditional format for Walkathon is currently under revision. Stay tuned for later details!

Meet the Teacher/AGM evening – Details on what **Meet the Teacher Night** will look like are in progress. More information to come 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 2021. 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 – A reminder that birthday celebrations (treats, give-aways and gifts) are NOT permitted until further notice.

