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**Cc:** Parish St. Paul (Richmond)  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter

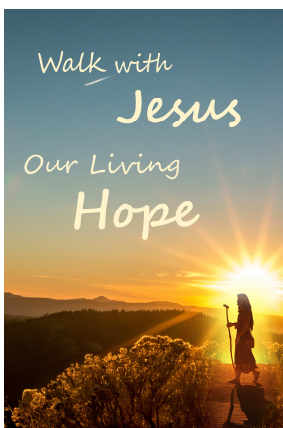


Dear Parents,

As the long Thanksgiving weekend approaches, I'm sure we will all embrace the opportunity for a slower pace for a few days, and time spent with close loved ones. It's customary on this holiday to reflect on the things in our lives that we are thankful for, and to share in our appreciation with family and friends (appropriately!). This time of thanks is especially significant to me, since today marks my parents' celebration of 60 years of marriage. My dad took one look at my mom across a crowded Montreal dance hall in 1958 and told his friend *"See that girl – I'm going to marry her."* Fast forward 62 years and they are still going strong (albeit a little slower at age 84...), and I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the life they provided for me and my two siblings. My parents are the epitome of love, patience, fun, and faith, and their devotion to family and each other is the most wonderful example of God's love within us.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



***"Walking where Jesus walked is less important than walking AS Jesus walked."***

Thomas S. Monson

# GOOD to Know

**No School Tomorrow and Monday** – Professional day tomorrow, and Thanksgiving Monday on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Temporary Transition Learners** – The first formal return to in-person learning date is this Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, however many of our families have already returned. If you wish your child to begin in-person learning at school on Tuesday, please email your child's teacher. As always, your child is welcome to return at any time (you don't need to wait until the next Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> date). Just email your child's classroom teacher when you are ready for your child to return.

**Learning Conferences** – The opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss student progress will take place in person over two time periods this year – Thursday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and Friday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. (Students will be dismissed at noon on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and there will be no classes on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.) Please watch for a detailed letter to come home tomorrow, which includes instructions for how to sign up for your time slot.

**Halloween at St. Paul's** – On Friday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> students will be welcome to come out of uniform and dress in either a Halloween costume, or wear orange and/or black. **Please bring a \$2.00 donation for our sponsor child Thomas in Ghana.** When considering a costume for school, please keep in mind the following:

- **We are a Catholic community**, therefore costumes must be modest, respectful of others, and free of offensive language.
- **We are focused on student safety and peace of mind**, therefore: no weapons or replica weapons of any kind (guns, swords, knives, chains, etc.); no blood or slime; no witches, ghosts, goblins, zombies, or scary monsters.
- **We are a learning community**, therefore students must be able to sit at their desk comfortably and consider the space of others (no big hats or wide wings); fully participate in all class activities (including PE and recess times); and see and hear clearly. Covid face masks will still be expected upon arrival and at dismissal.



**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](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** – A reminder that birthday celebrations (treats, give-aways and gifts) are NOT permitted until further notice.

