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**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter

**Importance:** High



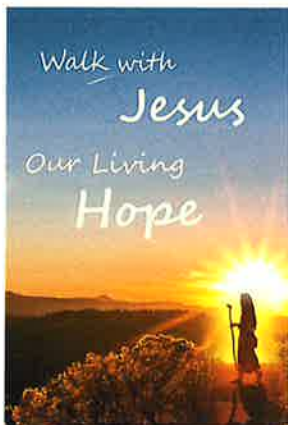
Dear Parents,

With the new safety restrictions in place until Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are being asked once again to continue to do our part in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our personal and social lives. The PHO and the Ministry of Education continue to stress how important it is to keep schools open to support the academic and emotional needs of our students and their families. When we all do our part, we allow our school community the greatest chance to continue to serve our students and their families at full capacity. That being said, even with the measures we have in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, it doesn't guarantee that an exposure won't happen in our school. As Dr. Henry has stated, school exposures are a reflection of what is happening in society, and keeping community transmission low is critical.

I am so grateful for the St. Paul "village" and the manner in which our students, staff, families, and parish have come together to epitomize Dr. Henry's "*be kind, be calm, be safe*" motto. With strength and responsibility, let us continue to *Walk with Jesus, Our Living Hope* through this journey.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



***"I will never walk alone; I have Jesus."*** Psalm 26:3



# ATTENTION PARENTS

**Dress Down Day – Thursday November 19, 2020** - **Where is the first place that you would like to go for vacation when the COVID-19 pandemic is over?** This question is the theme of our dress-down day on Thursday November 19. Students are invited to come to school wearing clothing (appropriate for school and the weather) that shows where they would like to take their first post-pandemic vacation. It could be a t-shirt representing the place, the colours of the flag of the country, etc. For this dress-down day, we are raising money for "The Door is Open" (Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Vancouver) where the Sisters and volunteers work tirelessly to serve the people living on the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. Each child is asked to please bring in a minimum \$2 donation to support the work of "The Door is Open". Thank-you!

**No School on Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Professional Day.

**Some traffic reminders:**

- When waiting in the front parking lot line up, please pull up close to the car in front of you so the line doesn't extend out onto St. Albans Rd.
- Please do not pull out of the line early unless directed to do so by Ms. Moorehead or Mrs. Jew. Sometimes it's only a few more seconds before the car in front of you is ready to leave, and then the line of cars can leave safely and in procession.
- Please turn off your car engine when waiting at pick-up.

**Rainy Days** – A reminder to ensure your child is dressed for the possibility of wet weather every day, as they go outside for recess rain or shine. Extra socks are handy to have in the backpack.



**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.

