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Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Hampers of Hope Poster.pdf

Importance: High



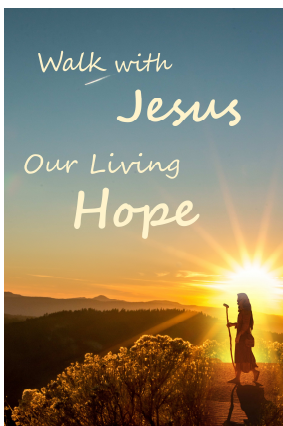
Dear Parents.

Today I participated in a leadership conference with all CISVA principals and our Superintendent's office. We are normally offsite for 3 days for this conference, but it was reduced to one virtual day this year. The theme of the conference was *Care for Self, Care for Others*, and focused heavily on mental health through the theme of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Each day we must decide to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders when we encounter a person who is suffering. Today, particularly, the level of suffering is significant. Taken from **Fratelli Tutti** of the Holy Father Pope Francis - *Jesus trusts in the best of the human spirit; with the parable of the Good Samaritan, he encourages us to persevere in love, to restore dignity to the suffering, and to build a society worthy of the name.* All of us can relate to the Good Samaritan, the passerby, the robber, and the wounded man. Who will we be drawn to be more like?

In this coming second week of Advent, we light the candle of Hope. May we continue to keep that hope in our hearts for the days ahead.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead



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



Hampers of Hope Advent Fundraiser – Be a part of our school Advent fundraiser for needy families in our community. Please bring your **CASH** donations between Dec. 7th and 11th. See attached poster for details.

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.

Classroom Deliveries Not Allowed - Please ensure that your children have everything they need when they arrive at school in the morning. This includes their snacks, lunches, runners/shoes, uniform/jacket, homework etc.,

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, this is strictly being implemented. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fukuroku Hot Lunch Orders – Due Thursday, Dec. 10th, at 9am. **Late orders will not be processed.** Thank you.



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.

Happy 2nd week of Advent!

