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Subject: Thursday Letter

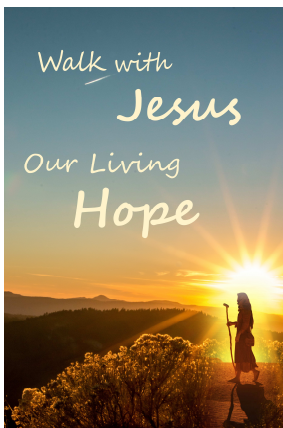


Dear Parents,

This Sunday we will celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as *Gaudete Sunday*. This third Sunday is marked with the lighting of the pink candle in the Advent wreath, and sends us the message to *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near.* (Philippians 4:4) It is a joyful reminder that Christmas is near, and the joy that is throughout the hallways here at St. Paul's is evident. Our donations for *Hampers of Hope* are abundant, and we are grateful for your generosity. As the weeks of Advent go by, we continue to patiently wait and prepare for our Saviour.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)



Hampers of Hope Advent Fundraiser – One day left (tomorrow) to bring in your donation. We are at roughly \$2500, which is a wonderful amount! The generosity of the St. Paul spirit is alive and well this Advent season. Stay tuned next week for our official total.

Sibling Kinder 2021-2022 Registration – Due for submission, Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

Dress Down Day – Next Friday, Dec. 18th – Ugly Christmas Sweater day! No donation required.

****Noon Dismissal**** – Friday, Dec. 18th.

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.

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.

