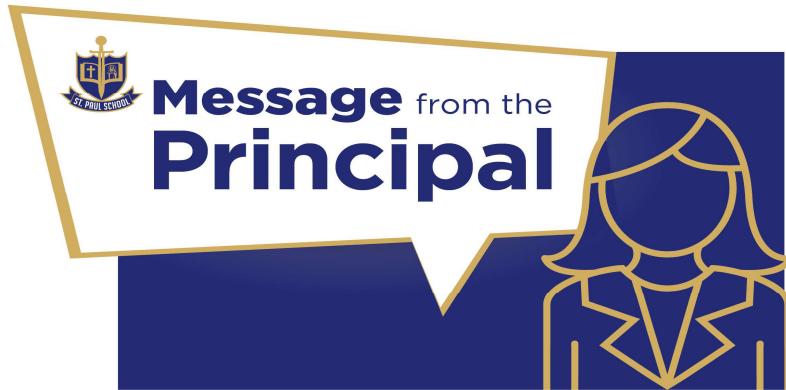


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Subject: Thursday Letter



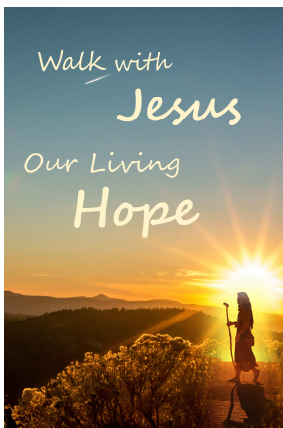
Dear Parents,

Joy to the World, the Saviour has been born! Happy New Year and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a heart-felt thank-you for the Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts that I received before the break; it is wonderful to be part of such a caring community.

With January comes a new season of reflection, planning, and learning. Through December we had the anticipation of Advent, the celebration of Christmas, and now the "opening" of the gift of Christmas through the Feast of the Epiphany yesterday. Epiphany allows us to revel in the birth of Jesus a little longer, reflecting on his human presence in our world. Soon we will enter back into Ordinary Time, and before we know it, another school year will have slipped by! The decisions and planning we make now will bear wonderful fruit come June. In the meantime, there is much to do!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"May the Lord grant us to work in this new year with generosity to create a more supportive and welcoming world." Pope Francis



If you are in the later dismissal group – If you are in the later dismissal group, please do not come to the school until 2:55 at the earliest. Cars that arrive too early clog the lineup and confuse drivers in the early pick up group. Cars in the later group are arriving when students in the first group haven't been picked up yet, and taking up spots in the lineup. Thank you for your cooperation.

Other traffic reminders:

- A reminder to have children ready to go when the car pulls up, **with masks and coats already on, bags in hand.**
- 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

Hot lunch Serving – Fukuroku lunch tomorrow for those who ordered.

No School – Monday, January 18th – Professional Day.

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.

