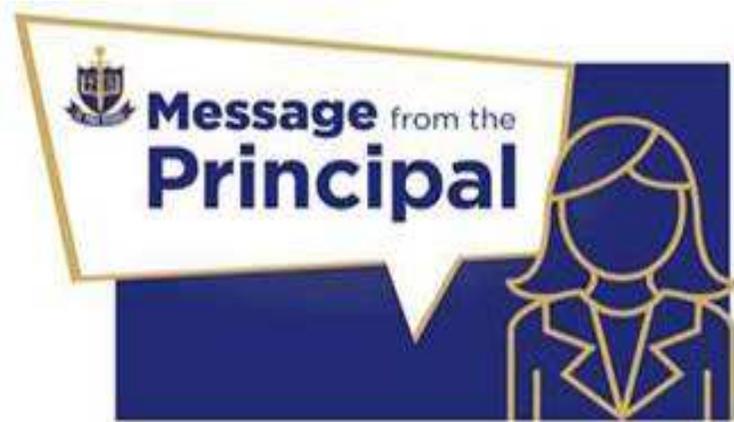


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Subject: Thursday Letter



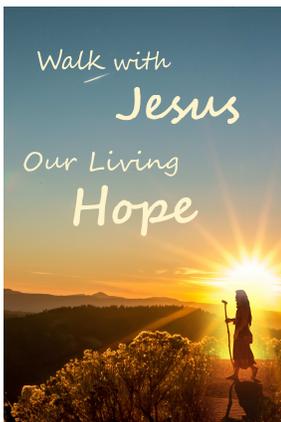
Dear Parents,

This coming Monday, Jan. 25th is the Feast of the conversion of St. Paul. Normally on this Feast Day, we have a school-wide Mass, followed by a wonderful lunch as a community in the gym, and an afternoon of fun and entertainment. Of course, this is not the case this year. We do, however, have some activities planned for the students (see below) and we look forward to celebrating the life of St. Paul: his conversion, his writings, his missionary work, and how he devoted his life to God.

As a young man, Paul was known as Saul, and fiercely persecuted any followers of Jesus. On the road to Damascus, Saul was struck down in a blinding light, and in the confusion around him he heard a voice..., "*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*" Saul answered, "*Who are you, Sir?*" The only answer that came was, "*I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting.*" After his conversion, Saul became Paul, and launched a tireless missionary career that took him all over the Middle East, and ultimately to Rome. God calls each of us in our daily lives, the same way he called Paul. He wants us to "*Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*" (Mk 16:15) In order to respond to such a call we, like St. Paul, need to listen with our hearts and ask, "*What must I do?*"

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." St. Paul

UPDATES & REMINDERS

Dress Down Day – Mon., Jan. 25th – St. Paul Feast Day! Wear all your St. Paul Spirit wear, and/or yellow or blue. **No donation required.**

Join us for Livestream Mass on Jan. 25th at 9:15 am – We will be having school-wide livestream Mass on Monday to celebrate our Feast Day. Those at home will be able to join as well. The link to the Mass will be sent out to all families Monday morning, so watch for it in your email.

When Grandparents drive children to school – For those families who have other people drive their children to school other than mom or dad, please ensure that the traffic rules, regulations, and etiquette are communicated to them so that they are aware of the proper procedures. (See next two bullet points.) Thank you.

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

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.

