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To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High



Dear Parents,

Back in September, when we rescheduled the Walkathon to May 21st for COVID reasons, we were confident that by then we would be through the pandemic and we would be able to enjoy our traditional Walkathon in Garden City Park as we know it. Well... how naively hopeful we were... So you can imagine that when we had to do our Walkathon on a weekend, apart from the school, and during a time when many families have endured hardships throughout this year, we lowered our bar significantly (and understandably) in terms of what kind of grand total we could expect. Last year our grand total was \$76,000, so we crossed our fingers and hoped for, maybe... \$40,000 this year? And that's with fingers and toes crossed!

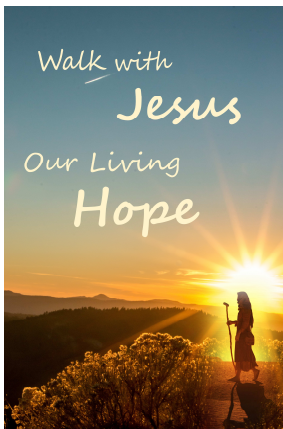
May I now list reason #458 as to why I love this community so much? Because we put out a call, and boy, did you answer!! I am so proud to announce that our grand total for our Walkathon this year is **\$67,176.00!!!**

Thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. Your children, and the future students of St. Paul School, will benefit from these funds that have been raised. The teachers are excited to work with the new Smartboards that will be coming their way, and your children will directly benefit from this upgrade in technology in every classroom.

Three cheers for St. Paul! *Hip hip hooray! Hip hip hooray! Hip hip hooray!* ☺☺☺☺

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love endures forever. Psalm 107:2



Congratulations to our Gr. 2 Students! – Last night our Gr. 2 students, together with their families, received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. We thank Ms. Wu, Mrs. Teodosio, Mrs. Schell, Father Smith, and all parents of our Gr. 2 students for helping each of them prepare for this most sacred sacrament. May they always keep Jesus close to their hearts.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Please pray for our Gr. 7 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Wednesday evening. May the Holy Spirit bless them with strength and wisdom to live God's holy way; the true path to a life of virtue.

Staffing Update for Next Year - We have had further changes to our staffing for next year, and we are sad to share the news that Ms. Cassie Comerford and Ms. Inga Samon will be leaving St. Paul's at the end of this month. We thank them both for their time with us, and wish them luck in their new endeavors.

Hot Lunch Serving – Tomorrow (Fukuroku) and next Thursday (White Spot)

Daily Health Check – Just a reminder that parents/caregivers are to be administering the daily health check assessment to each child before they come to school every morning. Let's continue to be diligent in our efforts to only send children to school when they are feeling well.

Please turn car engines off! – To help protect our beautiful planet (as well as keep our neighbours happy) please turn off your car engine when waiting in line for the dismissal bell at the end of the day.

Please slow down! – We have had another complaint from our neighbours about cars using excessive speed on our side roads. Please help us out by being responsible and safe, and keeping our neighbours happy.

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.

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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.

