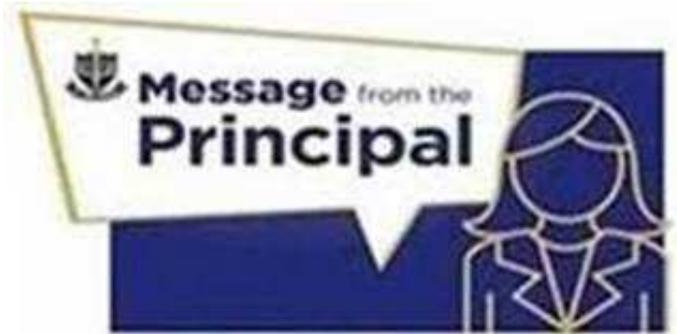


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Cc: Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High



Dear Parents,

I'm struggling to wrap my head around the fact that there are only 2.5 days of school left. In what has, at times, felt like the longest academic year ever, we find ourselves suddenly at the end. We are all very aware of the kind of year it has been, both at school and in our everyday lives. Father Smith spoke about adversity at our Gr. 7 Farewell Mass this past Tuesday evening, and how it can of course be challenging, but can also give us experiences that contribute to our growth and development as compassionate and empathic human beings. This has been one of those years for our school community. Through everything that has affected us this year, the heart that is this incredible community continued to beat loud and strong; the gratitude that I have for staff, students, and parents is profound.

As we go our separate ways for the summer to enjoy some much needed rest and relaxation:

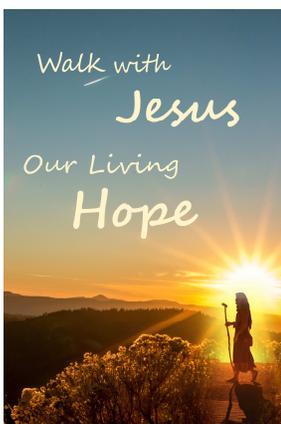
Please continue to pray for the end of the pandemic, our health care workers, and for those who have lost loved ones.

Please continue to pray for the souls of the Indigenous children who were lost in the residential school system, as well as the survivors whose families carry the resulting trauma today.

And please continue to pray for the Guno family, and the repose of the soul of our dear friend Justice.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Exodus 33:14

A NOTE TO PARENTS

Students Can Wear Gym Strip to School – Due to the expected high temperatures, students can wear their gym strip to school tomorrow (Friday) and Monday. (Tuesday is already a dress down day, where students can come in play clothes.)

Last Day of School – Tuesday, June 29th. **Dismissal at Noon**

Dress Down Day – Tuesday, June 29th. Play clothes. No donation needed.

CSL Progress Reports - coming home on June 29th.

Top Marks School Uniform - Kindly place your order by June 30, 2021 to guarantee delivery before school starts in September 2021.

First Day of School in September – Sept. 7th.

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.



Please ask your children to take a moment and check if any item in the *lost & found* table by the front office belongs to them. All unclaimed items by **12noon on Monday, June 28th**, will be properly disposed. Thank you for your kind consideration.



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.

