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## Thursday Letter

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff at St. Paul School, as well as Father Smith, and our new Assistant Pastor, Father Felix, we welcome you to a new school year! It continues to be a sincere pleasure and honour to serve another year as your Principal.

And we are definitely excited for the year ahead! As we start the year, we can safely return to many familiar and fun activities and events, while also continuing with health and safety practices that help keep our school safe. While the pandemic has reshaped the way our society functions, our goal at St. Paul's is to make school as "normal" as possible for our community, within the health and safety guidelines for K to 12 schools as laid out in our school Communicable Disease Plan.

And finally, as we begin the year, we will lift our hearts as we come together as **One Family, One Hope in Christ**. Our journey this school year will bring new and exciting experiences, and may we be blessed with the virtues of patience, humility, and compassion, as we follow His gentle voice.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.* Ephesians 4:1



**Prayers Requested** – Please join us in praying for Samantha Deschênes, daughter of our Gr. 3 teacher Ms. Boily, who passed away earlier this summer. Please also keep Ms. Boily and her family in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

**Daily Health Check** – Just a reminder that parents/caregivers are to be administering a daily health check assessment to each child before they come to school every morning. **We ask parents to download the BC K-12 Health Check app through your app store, which is specifically for school-aged students. This is to be done at home each morning before coming to school.**

**New Arrival and Dismissal Procedures** – please see the letter attached that was originally sent out yesterday. Please ensure you, and all other people who drive your child to school, are aware of the changes.

**Pick up/drop off lane:** We will return to our original pick up/drop off lane in the front parking lot by the music portable. **Older students** may be picked up and dropped off in this lane. Students must be able to independently exit/enter the car, and to watch for their car at the end of the day. School staff will **NOT** be escorting students to and from this area, and will **NOT** be directing/managing the flow of traffic.

**Meet the Teacher Night:** Like last year, Meet the Teacher night will take place in the gym over two evenings. **Primary teachers (Gr. K to 3)** will hold their sessions on the evening of **Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**, and **Intermediate teachers (Gr. 4 to 7)** will hold their sessions on the evening of **Tuesday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**. Each teacher will present for 30 mins. Specific times and further details will be sent home next week.

**Welcome New Staff Members!** – We are pleased to welcome three new teachers to our staff: Mr. Garret Graham (Gr. 6), Ms. Meyer (Gr. 4), and Ms. Aoife Maye (Gr. 2). We are also excited to welcome two new Education Assistants: Mrs. Shanna Abonitalla, and Mrs. Riya Arora. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming them to our school!

**Full steam ahead with Walkathon 2021/2022!** We will hold our annual school Walkathon on Friday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, and we will be walking to Garden City Park. More details to come!

**Please drive slowly!** – We had complaints last year from our neighbours about cars using excessive speed on our side roads, and cars have also been observed driving with excessive speed in our parking lots. Please help us out by being responsible and safe, and keeping our neighbours happy.

**Rainy Days** – Like last year, we will continue with students going outside for recess, regardless of inclement weather. 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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