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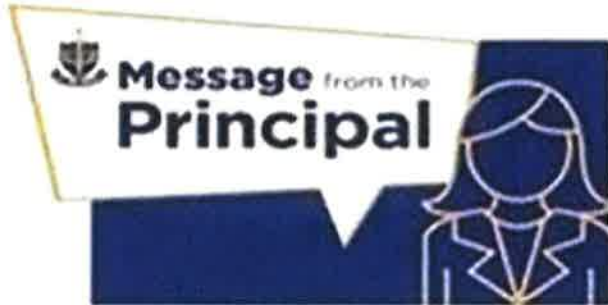
Thursday Letter

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To: "All St. Paul Families" <all.families@stpaulschool.ca>

Cc: School Staff <staff@stpaulschool.ca>, "St. Paul Parish" <parish.stpaulr@rcav.org>

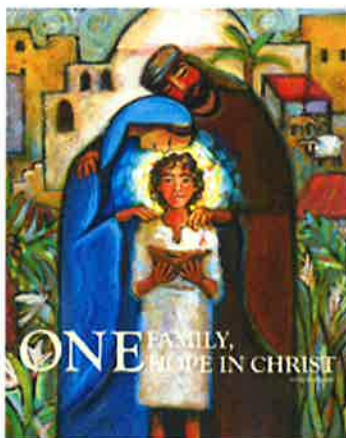


Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see you all at our Meet the Teacher evenings earlier this week. Hopefully you now have a good idea of the fabulous year that lies ahead for your child(ren). You have all by now received your Walkathon and pledge collection forms, and hopefully your children are well on their way to collecting pledges to support seismic upgrading for our school building. I know it's only been 5 months since our re-scheduled Walkathon last year, however we ask you to summon that great St. Paul spirit once more to enable us to reach our goal again this year! What a wonderful legacy to leave for the future students of St. Paul School.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Psalm 133:1



Does your child arrive to school before 8:30 am? – Please note that school supervision **begins at 8:30 am** each day. **Any students who arrive before 8:30 am must have a parent/caregiver supervise them until the doors open at 8:30 am.**

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.**

Parent Attendance at Assemblies and School Masses: As mentioned in our back to school information that came home, parents are **not permitted to join us for assemblies in the gym, or school masses in the church.** For assemblies, our gym capacity does not allow for the extra bodies. When it comes to school masses in the church, however, given that COVID numbers are still a concern, and that 90% of our students are unable to be vaccinated yet, we are proceeding with an abundance of caution to keep our students safe by not permitting parents to join us for school masses. This may change in the future, and we will keep you posted. Thank you for understanding.

Parent Coaches for Volleyball – As mentioned to the intermediate parents on Meet the Teacher night, if you are interested in being a parent coach for volleyball this season, please email Ms. Moorehead at mmorehead@stpaulschool.ca for more information.

Picutre Day - Tomorrow! Students are reminded to have their school sweaters with them. This includes the Grade 7 students.

Save the Date!– Garry Point Fun Run- Oct. 8th. For Grade 2 to More details to come.

Sweaters for school Masses – a reminder that students are expected to wear their sweater for school Mass, which means they must be sure to have their sweater **EVERY Thursday.**

Walkathon 2021/2022! How is the pledge collecting going? We will hold our annual school Walkathon on Friday, Oct. 1st, and we will be walking to Garden City Park. More details to come!

Orange Shirt Day – Oct. 29th – Our dress down day this month will be on **Wednesday, Sept. 29th**. We will be wearing orange to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day is to commemorate the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools and to honour those who were lost, and the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve. Sept. 30th is the statutory holiday, and school will not be in session on this day.

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.



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 – If you wish to have your child share a special treat with the class on his/her birthday, you are welcome to send **a small allergen-free treat** that the teacher can hand out at the end of the day. We now have **30 students** who carry Epi-Pens for food-related allergies, so all treats must be free of allergens according to our school policy on anaphylaxis. Please help us keep all our students safe.

