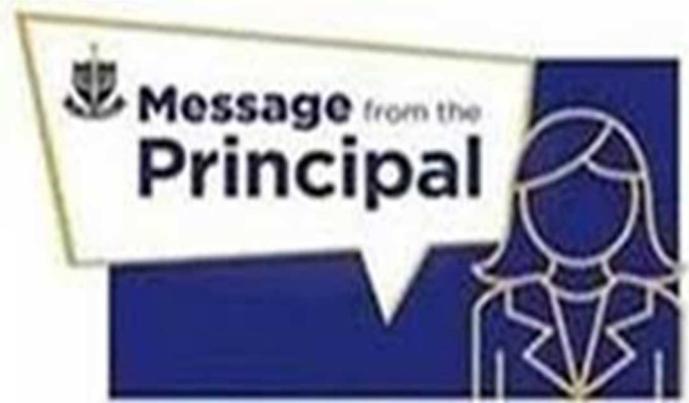


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Subject: Thursday Letter



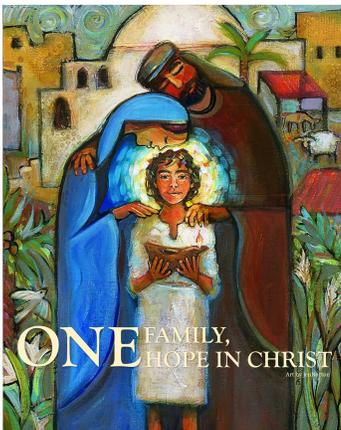
Dear Parents,

If you have been on our school grounds recently, you may have noticed a new addition to our playground area. In memory of our dear friend and Gr. 7 student Justice Guno, who died last year in May, a memorial bench in his name is now available for all to enjoy. We held a dedication and blessing of the bench this past Saturday with last year's Gr. 7 families, and today Gerald and Linelle Guno joined me to welcome each class to the bench, discuss its significance, share what kind of boy Justice was, and say a prayer. Justice was a kind, fun-filled, strong, prayerful boy who enjoyed martial arts, joking with his friends, praying the rosary with his grandparents, and spending time with his family. Students and families are encouraged to enjoy the bench and use it as a place to rest, find peace, think fondly of Justice, and pray. A special thank you to Hailey and Carolyn Law for arranging for the memorial bench and dedication/blessing.

Please continue to pray for the Guno family, and may Justice's soul, through the mercy of God, rest eternally in peace.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

UPDATES & REMINDERS

Learning Conferences Day – Online booking starts tomorrow at 9am.

Early Dismissal Oct. 21st and no classes Oct. 22nd – For our upcoming Parent/Teacher interviews, school will dismiss at Noon on Thursday Oct. 21, and there will be no classes on Friday, Oct. 22nd. Information regarding scheduling your appointment time(s) was emailed home yesterday from the office.

Hot Lunch Serving Tomorrow – for those who ordered. Fukuroku.

Nova Foods Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, October 18th.

Have you met Constable Walker? Our school liaison officer, Constable Walker, has been visiting our school in the mornings to say hello and get to know our community. She has also been having conversations with parents regarding safe driving practices. Constable Walker's message: it's more important to arrive safely rather than on time, so please drive slowly when on school property if you are late for school.

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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.

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.**



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 website 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.

St. Paul School acknowledges that the land on which we work, learn, and play is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkʷəjəm (Musqueam), and Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

