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



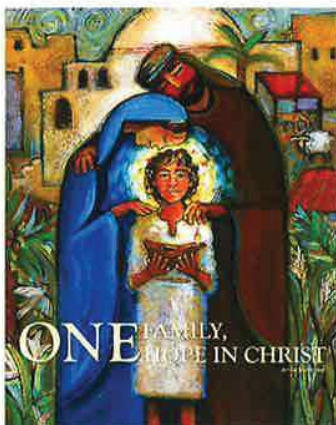
Dear Parents,

Our new pick-up procedure has been going very well this week, and we are thankful for everyone's patience and cooperation. I know that exiting your car on a rainy day can be frustrating for some, and we appreciate your support. Having two dismissal times so close together would prevent the pick-up line from moving efficiently, since we would have a mix of both groups lined up together. We also avoid the students gathering and mixing together while they wait for their car.

This arrangement is meant to be temporary, so hopefully won't extend past the next few weeks. If you find the front parking lot congested with pedestrians, try parking in the back lot – there is plenty of space to stay distant from others when making your way to and from the covered area. With more people now walking to and from their cars, we ask that all drivers take due care and drive slowly when leaving the property. Thanks again for your patience and cooperation.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken. Psalm 62:6



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**. You can find the link [here](#).

Dress Down Day – Tomorrow. **Black Excellence Day**. Students may come out of uniform wearing black. No monetary donation required.

Hot Lunch Serving – Tomorrow, Fukuroku, Monday, Jan. 17th (Yummy Slice) and Thursday, Jan. 20th (White Spot).

School Mass – Thursday, Jan. 20th. 9:00 am. Gr. 5 to lead.

No School Friday, Jan. 21st – Professional Day

Thank you from Mme. Caprilli, Mrs. Imoo, and Mr. Kelly – Heartfelt thanks to our parent community for your Christmas gifts, blessings and well-wishes. We are truly blessed to be part of such a giving and thoughtful community. Wishing you all the best for 2022

Follow us on Twitter! @StPaulSchoolRmd. With limited access for parents to school activities, we are doing our best to post daily happenings of life during the school day. Check in and see what goes on around school! Tweets from today show photos of the blessing of our classroom Advent wreaths in Mass this morning.

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.**

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.

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