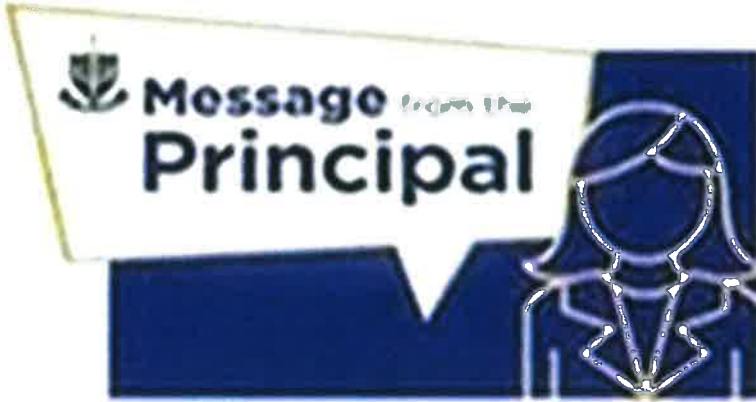


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Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; parish.stpaulr@rcav.org  
Subject: Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the year these last few days, and I would like to thank the staff, students, and families for being well-prepared and ready to learn. We've had a busy week – our first school Mass this morning, celebrating the Feast of the Nativity of Mary, as well as our Leadership Assembly yesterday where our Gr. 7 students were presented with the Leadership Hoodies. We also had our Walkathon kick off, in anticipation of our annual fundraiser on Sept. 29th; we hope to surpass last year's total!

Please continue to carefully read through the communication coming home from the office and your child's teacher over the next few days, as we continue to get the year up and running.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



***"Always walk through life as if you have something new to learn, and you will."***

Queen Elizabeth II



**Daily Health Check** – Families are reminded to perform a daily health check each morning before coming to school. You can find the health check link [here](#).

**Photo Day** – This Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Emergency & Pick Up Forms** – Due Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**School Mass** – Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. 9:15 AM. Gr. 6 to lead.

**Gr. 7 Outdoor Education Trip** – Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Late Arrivals to School** – Please note that **instruction in the classroom begins at 8:45 AM**. We have had a number of students arriving late to school this week, so we ask our families to make an effort to have your child arrive to school in time to be settled in the classroom by 8:45 and ready to learn. Thank you.

**Meet the Teacher Night/AGM: Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**. We are happy to return to holding our AGM/Meet the Teacher night in person on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. We will gather in the gym for the AGM at **6:30 PM**, and then teacher presentations will take place in the classrooms afterwards. Each teacher will present for 30 mins. The sessions will be repeated twice. Specific times and further details will be sent home next week.

**Full steam ahead with Walkathon 2022/2023!** We will hold our annual school Walkathon on **THURSDAY, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**, and we will be walking to Garden City Park. More details to come!

**How are those pledges coming??** – A reminder that Walkathon forms are due to the office on **Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 website at [www.stpaulschool.ca](http://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, I earn, and play is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.*

