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Subject: Thursday Letter
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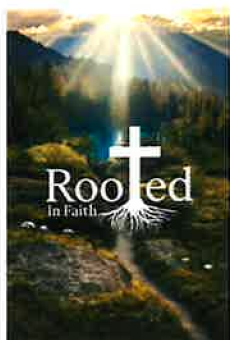
Dear Parents,

Welcome back, St. Paul families!! I sincerely hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to kickstart the new year. The staff have been busy getting their classrooms ready for next week and are excited to welcome your children back into our hallways. We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday night for our **Meet the Teacher/AGM** (details below), and we look ahead to year of growth as we go forward ***"Rooted in Faith."***

Please stay tuned over the next couple of weeks as we will be sharing lots of helpful information to get the year off to a great start.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



Freedom is the fertilizer for growing up. ~Let Grow program

SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK!

Important Forms! - Your oldest/only child will bring home four important forms on the first day of school. With the exception of the Walkathon form, please complete and return the other three forms back to your child's teacher by **Friday, Sept. 11th**. Thank you.

Staffing Changes - Over the summer we had some adjustments to our staffing assignments. We welcome two new Education Assistants to our team - **Ms. Kara Kovalick** and **Mrs. Ivy Zuzartee**. We also welcome a new PE teacher. (Yes, you read that correctly!) **Ms. Dana Aldave** will be teaching Physical Education, and **Mr. Kelly** will be teaching Music.

First Day of School - Tuesday, Sept. 8th. ****8:45 am start and Noon dismissal.**

Meet the Teacher Night - Tuesday, Sept. 8th. 6:30 pm in the gym.

First School Mass - Thursday, Sept. 10th. Staff to lead. 9:15 AM in the church.

First Assembly - Friday, Sept. 11th. Gr. 7 students will be presented with their Leadership hoodies, and we will have our Walkathon kick off!

Traffic Crossing Guard Meeting - Sept. 8th at 9:00 am.

Lunch Supervisors Meeting - Sept. 9th. 11:30 am

Library Supervisors Meeting - Sept. 10th. 3:10 pm

Homeroom Parent Meeting - Sept. 11th. 9:45 am

Gr. 7 Outdoor Education - Sept. 22nd to the 25th.

Photo Day - Sept. 16th

Walk-A-thon Fundraiser

Walkathon - Oct. 2nd. Dismissal at 12:15 pm. Community BBQ to follow, so stick around!

Our annual walkathon is our one and only big fundraiser for the year, empowering the students to help raise funds for their school through sponsorship while having the benefit of exercise and fun as they walk with their friends, teachers and parents! Hard copies of the notice and pledge sheets will be sent home with each child once school begins, however we encourage you to start early using the attached forms.

Calendar Updated! – The 2026/2027 school calendar is now updated with preliminary dates for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc. The calendar can be accessed through the school website at www.stpaulschool.ca. *Please note dates can change, so check often.

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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.

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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