

To: 'all.families@stpaulschool.ca'
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Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Knight of Columbus- Soccer Challenge Entry Form.pdf

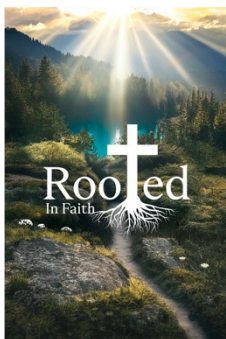


Dear Parents,

Hello from the Sunshine Coast! It is my pleasure to be writing my Principal's message from Outdoor Education with the Gr. 7 class. I enjoy this trip each year, not only to connect with nature, but to be able to spend time with our Gr. 7 students as they start their year of leadership. Camp is a wonderful opportunity for our students to do multiple "Let Grow" activities as they take risks, deepen friendships, try new things, and build confidence. Celebrating Mass each day and singing around the campfire are highlights, and the food is pretty good too. See you next week!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



My Let Grow project is:

"I made breakfast by myself - cereal, milk, and grapes." (Kindergarten)

"I rode the elevator by myself. I was brave." (Gr. 1)



How much should my child raise for Walkathon? - Our Walkathon total last year was **\$90,214**, and we're hoping to beat it this year! Averaged out over our 167 families, that would equal approximately **\$540 worth of pledges per family**. Students are encouraged to ask family members, relatives, family friends, and neighbours, all with parent permission and supervision. You have until Oct. 13th to keep collecting those pledges. We can do this!



New this year! Walkathon Community BBQ! Join us after the Walkathon as we celebrate our hard work and have some fun playing and socializing with other families as a community. Join us!

Change to the Walkathon BBQ menu! – Please note that hamburgers are no longer available; we will be serving hot dogs only (vegetarian option available) along with chips and a juice box. Please complete and submit your family food order form accordingly. **Food orders and payment are due on Monday, Sept. 28.**

Family Pet Blessing – Oct. 1st – To recognize the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi we will be having our annual family pet blessing at **3:00 pm on Thursday, Oct. 1st**. Pets may be brought to school at 3:00 pm, and the blessing will take place on the grass near the covered area. All pets that are brought to school **MUST** be secured by either leash, crate, cage, or bowl. We look forward to celebrating St. Francis and giving thanks for all our furry, feathered, finned, and four-legged friends who bring so much joy to our families!

Next Assembly – Orange Shirt Day – Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Gr. 3 & 6 to lead. 9:00 AM in the gym.

School Mass – Thursday, Sept. 24th. Gr. 5 to lead. 9:15 AM in the church.

Orange Shirt Day – Tuesday, Sept. 29th. To recognize National Truth and Reconciliation Day, students may come out of uniform wearing an orange shirt.

No School – Wednesday, Sept. 30th. National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Volleyball and Cross Country Schedules – See online calendar and/or Seesaw.

Can I use the drop off lane? Just a reminder that if an adult needs to get out of the car to assist your child to exit or enter your car, then **please do NOT use the drop off/pick up lane**; please park in a parking spot instead. Families using the drop off/pick up lane should have children who can quickly exit/enter the car by themselves while the adults stay inside the car. Thank you for helping our drop off/pick up lane move efficiently.

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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Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge - On Sunday, October 10th at 10:00am in the St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. For registration and more information, please contact **Tony Banting** - [778-387-5191](tel:778-387-5191). See attached entry form.



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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