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Subject: Thursday Letter : November 19, 2026

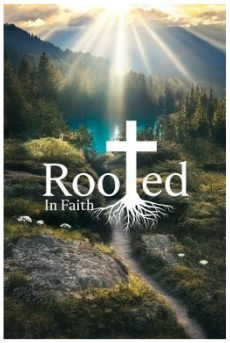


Dear Parents,

Please join us next Friday, Nov. 27th as we have our classroom Advent wreaths blessed in our morning assembly. As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, we are reminded of the importance of slowing down, reflecting, and making room in our hearts for the coming of Christ. May this special season bring hope, peace, joy, and love to all our St. Paul families.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



My *Let Grow* project is:

"I used a power drill. It was easy." (Gr. 2)

"I baked biscuits for my mom's birthday." (Gr. 3)



No School – Tomorrow. Professional Day.

Hot Lunch – Nov. 27th – Triple O's.

School Mass – Thursday, Nov. 26th. Gr. 7 to lead. 9:15 in the church.

Assembly – Friday, Nov. 27, 2026. 9:00 in the gym. Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. We will be blessing our classroom Advent wreaths.

Spirit Dress Down Day! – Monday, Nov. 30th. **Advent colours** – students may come out of uniform wearing green, purple, or pink.

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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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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