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Subject: Thursday Letter

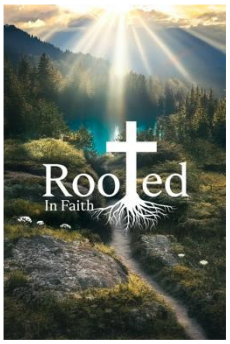


Dear Parents,

As we enter the final days of Ordinary Time, we look forward to the beginning of Advent this weekend, a sacred season of hope, anticipation, and preparation for the coming of Christ. Christmas follows and then the Epiphany; they all tie into our Christian beliefs during this busy time of our lives. We anticipate with Joy the coming of our Saviour, the Incarnation, and His Baptism – all gifts God has given mankind. We all wait for those gifts under the tree, but it is those gifts from our Lord that we must always open first, and use them throughout our lives. Here at school we will be having our Advent assemblies, preparing our students for our Saviour's birth and helping them meaningfully understand the true meaning of Christmas. We will continue to work together to help those in need during the Christmas Season, reminding us that it is far better to give than it is to receive.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



My *Let Grow* project is: When helping around the house:

"I washed my dad's car." (Gr. 5)

"I changed my bedsheets." (Gr. 4)



Luke 15 Charity Drive – Donations due **Monday, Dec. 7th**. Please see email sent today with details on what each child is asked to donate.

Assembly – Tomorrow. 9:00 in the gym. Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. We will be blessing our classroom Advent wreaths.

Hot Lunch – Tomorrow. – Triple O's. Nov. 30th – Yummy Pasta. Dec. 4th – Fukuroku.

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

School Mass – Thursday, Dec. 3rd. Gr. 4 to lead. 9:15 in the church.

Learning Updates sent home – Friday, Dec. 4th.



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.



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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