



Message from PEC Chair

We welcome this New Season of Advent with joy and anticipation. After ending the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Holy Father invites us to see the closing of Holy Door as not the end but the beginning and the continuation of God's Mercy. He invites us to seek mercy and show mercy to each other. When we seek mercy and show mercy, we are truly struggling to Imitate Our Lord, who despite being divine became human; Incarnated, God became Man. The grace will not be lacking. In particular, this year, the Catholic Schools mediate and pray about the stewardship we are given in the care and preservation of shared and inherited earth, Care for Our Common Home.

With coming Christmas season, we see the Holy Family, journeying through their own, apparently humbly life as new Mom and Dad with The Child. How can we incarnate, the Love of all Loves, in our own homes? How can we make visible what is invisible, make real what is denied, teach our children our living faith? With humility, we seek mercy and joy that comes from knowing, Love is with us.

Yours, With Anticipation,

John Yun

Your support in ensuring a successful walkathon fundraising this year is much appreciated!!!

IT Update

We are so fortunate at St. Paul School to be blessed with a supportive community of parents, teachers, and staff. Parents, your ongoing commitment to walkathon has allowed us to equip our school with state of the art technology that includes: a SmartBoard and iMac in each classroom; a set of Macbooks for the intermediate students; a set of iPads for the primary students; and various other devices such as Apple TVs, WiFi in the entire school, and colour laser printers.

This allows the teachers to not only introduce your children to devices that will most certainly empower our future generation but to also educate them in their use. Using this technology, the students are able to more quickly grasp concepts while acquiring valuable skills in the use of digital media and online research. Teachers too have been very supportive investing much of their own time learning how best to apply this to their classroom activities. This has allowed them to successfully implement B.C.'s New Curriculum which was redesigned to ensure your child's success in the 21st Century. Technology has also broadened the classrooms allowing students to work at home (via Google Classroom) and allowed parents to experience their child's learning (via Fresh Grade).

We have an incredible IT support team that quite literally works all hours of the day and night (and weekends) to ensure that all this technology runs "stress free". Given that there is no on-site IT administrator or tech support, it is no small effort to ensure that the 150+ networked and interconnected devices run smoothly day after day. Some highlights of our recent activities include: improving WiFi reach and reliability throughout the school and gym; implementation of a barcode scanning system in the library to ease the checking of books in and out; setting up 30+ Macbooks from a baseline image so they have identical settings and software; and the installation of the additional 40+ iPads and charging stations recently acquired to replace our existing iPad hardware which is over 5 years old now.

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son,
And will call him Emmanuel.
– Isaiah 7:14*

*The star of Bethlehem shone
when Christ was born
In the darkest nights,
Christ's love still shines the brightest*

Have a Blessed and Joyous

Christmas

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Parent Participation Update

The 2016/2017 Bingo season is in full swing and has been quite successful in its first 5 months. We would like to thank all of the parent participants and volunteers for their dedicated efforts in achieving this success!

Our biggest event, Christmas Bingo, is being held on Thursday, December 15. We anticipate hosting over 160 patrons, and serving over 80 turkey dinners! There will be two teams of parents on shift that evening to support the large number of patrons who will be in attendance and to ensure the evening goes smoothly. Please take a look at the accompanying poster for more details on the event if you are interested in attending as a player. The evening promises to be a fun-filled affair with lots of additional prizes to be won!

As many of you know, Bingo was in jeopardy of shutting down due to a lack of operations managers a couple of years ago. We were fortunate for having two of the parents in our community (Stephen Tam and Edward Chiu – thank you gentlemen!) stepped into the role which allowed us to continue hosting Bingo. Edward has since decided to step down from this role. If you are interested in stepping into the role, please let us know.

For comments and suggestions relating to the above updates, please contact your PEC representatives:

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Dates to Remember

January 2	January 2 - No school (New Year's Holiday)
January 3	School resumes at 8:45
January 25	St. Paul Feast Day celebration Mass at 11:00am
February 1-3	Scholastic Book Fair
February 7	New parents information meeting at 7pm
February 9-10	No school (Catholic Educators' Conference)
February 13	No school (Family Day)
February 22	Pink Day for Anti-Bullying
March 1	Ash Wednesday - Mass at 11:00am
March 2-3, 6-10 and 27-31	Lenten morning Mass
March 9	Second term report cards sent home
March 13-24	School closed for Spring Break
March 27	School resumes at 8:45

Watch out for our March 2017 newsletter featuring update from PEC Treasurer and PEC Maintenance Representative.