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Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High

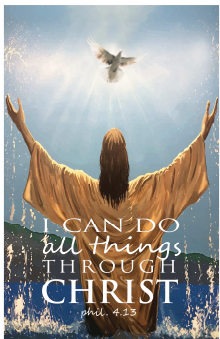


Dear Parents,

The month of December brings with it Advent, the first phase of this holy season. 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 Moorehead
Principal



Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down. Pope Francis



Students Being Dropped off Early in the Morning – we have noticed a handful of students on the school grounds as early as 8:00am, unsupervised by a parent/caregiver. A reminder that **school supervision does not start until 8:30 am, and if a child arrives prior to that they should be supervised by a parent/caregiver until 8:30 am.** Thank you.

Advent Assembly Tomorrow - Join us tomorrow for the blessing of the classroom wreaths and our prayer service led by our Gr. 6 and K classes. 9:00 am in the gym.

School Dance Presentation Tomorrow! – Join us at **1:30pm in the gym** to watch all the classes strut their stuff as a result of the hip hop dance lessons they have been enjoying all week in PE class. ***Students are to come to school dressed in their assigned colours!*** **No uniform that day.** **Kindly take note that dismissal will be at 3:00pm.**

Next Week's Assembly – Friday, Dec. 6th. Gr. 4 & 1 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Next Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Dec. 2nd (Nova Foods) and Friday Dec. 6th (Fukuroku).

St. Paul Feast Day Hot Lunch Orders – Strictly due on Friday, Dec. 6th at 9am. Late orders will **NOT** be accommodated.



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.

Planning the school year? – If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2019. The calendar can be accessed through the school web site at www.stpaulschool.ca

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.

