

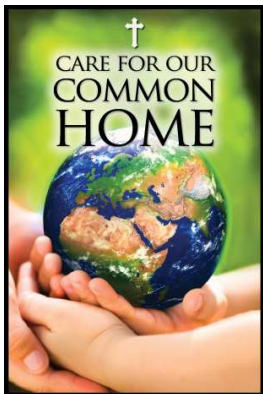
Secretary

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: All School Staff; St. Paul Parish Richmond
Subject: FW: Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year! The teachers are busy getting their classrooms ready for the first day of school, and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back. Our Archdiocesan theme this year is **Care for Our Common Home**. Based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, the Holy Father highlights how everything in our world is connected and ultimately points to God. We look forward to a year of activities surrounding our theme and what it means to the St. Paul community. We would also like to officially welcome our new Assistant Pastor, Father Mark, to our school community. We look forward to his spiritual leadership and guidance through the year.



As the new year settles in, we also turn our attention to the official launch of the redesigned K to 9 curriculum for all students in British Columbia. Big Ideas, Core Competencies, Curricular Competencies, and essential Content provide the framework for teachers to create a personalized, student-driven, inquiry-based learning environment. Students will be able to “know”, “do”, and “understand” real world issues and problems. The staff of St. Paul's have responded to this paradigm shift as expected – with enthusiasm, passion, and a relentless pursuit to provide your children with the best education possible. Exciting times are here!

I wish to extend my warmest wishes for a successful and fulfilling year for all members of our school community. Be sure to check the school web site regularly for information and updates, and please join us for our **AGM/Meet the Teacher** night on **Tues. Sept. 20th at 6:45 pm**.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



First Day of School – Tuesday, Sept. 6th! ***Please note dismissal will be at Noon on this day.**

First School/Walkathon Assembly – Led by staff. **Thurs., Sept. 9th** at 9:00 am

AGM/Meet the Teacher Evening - Please join us on Tuesday, **Sept. 20th at 6:45 pm**.

School Mass - Please join us for our first school Mass on **Wed. Sept. 21st at 11:00 am**. Staff members will lead this Mass.

Walkathon - Friday, Sept. 30th – Let the pledging begin! **Information details and pledge sheets will be coming home Friday, September 9th.** Our students have benefited greatly from past Walkathon funds, and we hope to do the same again. Please support our only fundraiser this year by encouraging your child to collect pledges and raise funds, and to contribute to a legacy of learning

New School Crest – Have you seen it yet? The St. Paul school crest has been updated, and you can see it on online on our school homepage. Parish and school came together to design a crest that is symbolic of both parish and school history, and reflective of the values of St. Paul. The crest will be proudly incorporated into our school identity, and we offer special thanks for *Mr. Lumel Aguirre* for his creative talent in designing it for us.



Supervision Parent Meeting – Thurs.. Sept. 8th. 11:30 am. **Both parents who intend to share this responsibility should attend. This meeting is mandatory.**

Library Parent Meeting – Thurs. Sept. 8th. 9:00 am. _

Homeroom Parent Meeting - Monday, Sept. 12th. 9:00 am.



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