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**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; 'St. Paul Parish Richmond'  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Importance:** High

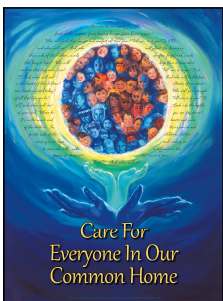


Dear Parents,

Please keep our Grade 2 students in your prayers this weekend as they receive their First Holy Communion with their families at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, followed by the Solemn Communion celebration on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please also keep our Gr. 7 students in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> with Archbishop Miller. At these most sacred times in the lives of our children, may God fill them with the Holy Spirit and make them one with Christ in peace and love.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal."* St. Teresa of Calcutta

# What's Happening

**Assembly Tomorrow** – Gr. 5 & 2 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

**Dress Down Day Tomorrow!** – Spring Fling/Crazy Hair day. Bright colours and crazy hair! **Please bring a toonie** for donation to L'Arche Canada.

**First Communion Family Celebration** – Saturday, Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 pm Mass.

**Next Hot Lunch** – Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Paul/St. Joe's Track Meet** – Wed., May 2<sup>nd</sup>. See PE blog for details.

**Lifetouch Orders for Confirmation & Holy Communion** – Due Wed., May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Jeans Day** – Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wear your jeans in support of BC Children's Hospital.

**No School** – Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Professional Day.

**First Holy Communion Solemn Celebration** – Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 pm Mass.



**Traffic and Parking** – Thank you for your patience and respect as we juggle the traffic patterns. Please know that we are doing everything we can to keep the students safe, and to keep you moving as efficiently as possible. The new back lot is very large, and difficult to supervise with school staff, **so we appreciate your cooperation by parking and escorting your child to and from the school property.** A drop off/pick up lane is not efficient in the back lot at this time as the lineup of cars at dismissal time would block too many parking spots. We are told the current arrangement should be for another couple of weeks. Thank you for your patience.



**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 2018. The calendar can be accessed through the school web site at [www.stpaulschool.ca](http://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.



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