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

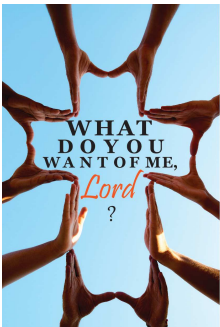


Dear Parents,

I have the privilege to be spending two days at one of our fellow CISVA schools as part of a school evaluation team. It is always a worthwhile experience, full of inspiration and new ideas, as well as wonderful pride in our Catholic School system. Having the opportunity to spend time with principal colleagues and their staff members, as well as children from another community, is an uplifting and affirming experience that further highlights the foundational benefits of Catholic education. As we finish up today, I look forward to returning to St. Paul tomorrow and being back with the community that I am proud to call home.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal
St. Paul School, Richmond
<http://www.stpaulschool.ca>



"Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort." Pope Francis



Pick Up/Drop Off Lane and Front Parking Lot CLOSED until further notice – It may look open, but a reminder that access to the front parking lot is still **CLOSED**. This means there will be no parking in the front lot, and no pick up/drop off lane even if you see other cars in the front parking lot. **ALL school traffic must park in the back lot and escort your child to and from your vehicle. The back lot must be accessed from Lundy Street, NOT from the driveway beside the parish centre.** We cannot stress enough: The safety of your children and our staff is our number one priority. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation by following this traffic rule.

Assembly Tomorrow – Friday, Nov. 16th. Gr. 6 & K to lead.

No School – Friday, Nov. 23rd. PRO-D Day

Next School Assembly – Friday, Nov. 30th. Gr. 5 & 2 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Nov. 19th.

Volleyball – Boys' CISVA Volleyball Championship at Harry Jerome. See PE blog for details.

Calling all siblings for Kinder 2019-2020 – If you have any child/ren joining the school for Kindergarten next school year, please email the office (office@stpaulschool.ca) by tomorrow, Friday.

All Families Please Subscribe: As mentioned on Meet the Teacher Night, we are asking all families to subscribe to the St. Paul Remind feature which allows you to receive time-sensitive text messages with important school information (school closures, unexpected changes to parking and traffic patterns, emergency messages, etc.). Please text the message "@mmoorehead" to 289-204-2271 and you will be subscribed. You can also download the Remind app to your phone. No private information is shared within the group, and communication is one-way (for announcements only).



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.com.

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.

