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



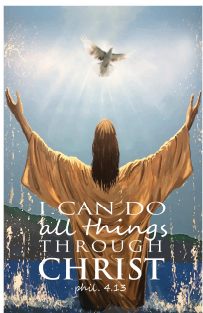
Dear Parents,

It was wonderful this morning to see so many students join us for our first day of Lenten morning Mass. As a parent of three children myself, I know what it takes to get the family out the door on time in the morning. Mine are young adults now, but those memories of getting them all out the door to work with me at Sacred Heart School are not too far off. The wonderful showing of students this morning tells me that St. Paul's is a community whose spirituality is of vital importance, and whose parents can pride themselves in making their family faith life a priority. The staff of St. Paul's looks forward to making this Lenten journey with your children.

Best of luck to our Destination Imagination teams who will be participating in this weekend's Regional Tournament in North Vancouver!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"Lent come providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."*  
Pope Francis



**Assemblies** – A reminder that there will be no Friday assemblies during Lent.

**No Toys/Personal Items at School** – Just a reminder that students are not to bring toys or personal items from home to school. We have seen a rise in trading cards (Pokémon, etc.) and other toys that either get broken, lost, or cause problems between students. Please remind your child that these items need to stay at home. Thank you.

**Hot Lunch Serving** – Monday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacramental Preparation** – Wed. Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>. 6:45 pm.

**Spring Break** – Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Badminton** – Starts next week. See PE blog.

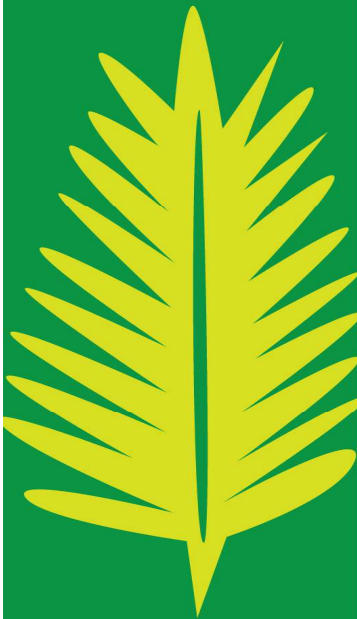


**When Parents Have Concerns** – If at any time you have a concern regarding your child, a school event, a staff member, or an incident that happened, we ask that you **please come and speak with your child's teacher**. The only way that concerns can be effectively resolved is through open communication 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](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.

**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.



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