

## Christine Ong

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**To:** all.families@stpaulschool.ca  
**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** Hampers of Hope Poster.pdf



Dear Parents,

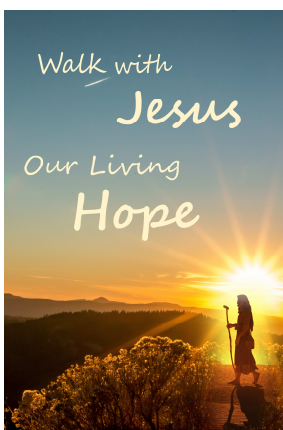
Having spent most of my teaching career in a primary classroom, I found Advent to be the most joyous liturgical season to share with children. A "normal" December would have a busy calendar full of family, personal, and professional obligations, and it is very easy to become distracted and ultimately off course with what is meant to be a time of patient waiting and preparation. Perhaps with far fewer events on our December calendars this year, we will be able to put the typical frenetic pace aside and enter into a meaningful and cherished celebration of Advent with our families.

The staff of St. Paul School wishes all our families the opportunity to find joy in preparing for the celebration of His birth, and anticipation of His return.

*Be ready and watchful, for the light of the world has come, and will surely come again.*

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"Be watchful and alert!"* Mark 13:33



**COVID-19 Information Update** – An email was sent from Ms. Moorehead yesterday with an update on our school in relation to the pandemic. Please read it if you have not done so.

**Hampers of Hope Advent Fundraiser** – Please see the attached poster with information for our school Advent fundraiser for needy families in our community. Donations are to be brought in between Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Some traffic reminders:**

- When waiting in the front parking lot line up, please pull up close to the car in front of you so the line doesn't extend out onto St. Albans Rd.
- Please do not pull out of the line early unless directed to do so by Ms. Moorehead or Mrs. Jew. Sometimes it's only a few more seconds before the car in front of you is ready to leave, and then the line of cars can leave safely and in procession.
- Please turn off your car engine when waiting at pick-up.

**Rainy Days** – A reminder to ensure your child is dressed for the possibility of wet weather every day, as they go outside for recess rain or shine. Extra socks are handy to have in the backpack.

**Classroom Deliveries Not Allowed** - Please ensure that your children have everything they need when they arrive at school in the morning. This includes their snacks, lunches, runners/shoes, uniform/jacket, homework etc, **Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, this is strictly being implemented.** Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Fukuroku Hot Lunch Serving** – Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.



**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 2021. 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 – A reminder that birthday celebrations (treats, give-aways and gifts) are NOT permitted until further notice.

Happy 1st week of Advent!

