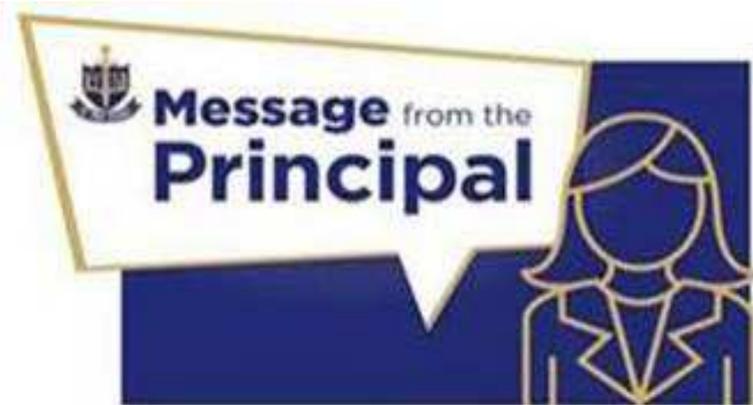


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Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High



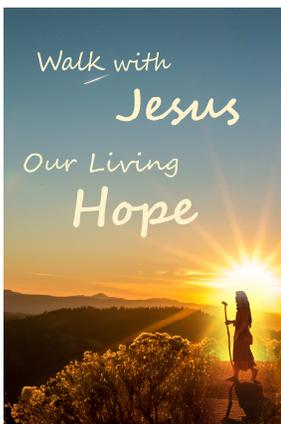
Dear Parents,

Today the entire school staff is participating in the annual Catholic Educators Conference, which is being held virtually this year. It's very different from the annual gathering of over 1600 CISVA educators at the Trade and Convention Centre, but we are certainly making the most of it, and are blessed with notable keynote speakers and informative breakout session opportunities. The conference provides an opportunity for *the spiritual and professional growth of Catholic educators, for the development of Christian community, and to provide leadership in the development of a dynamic, evangelistic school system.* School staffs from our 47 CISVA schools have virtually come together to learn, network, and celebrate Mass with Archbishop Miller. It is truly an uplifting and inspiring experience that affirms our vocation to be Catholic educators for the children and families of the CISVA.

From our staff to yours, we wish you a lovely Family Day weekend, and happy Valentine's Day. See you on Tuesday!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.” Pope Francis



St. Paul Parish Online Silent Auction – Feb. 6th to 13th. During Covid-19, parish Bingo evenings have been suspended, and with it, the opportunity to financially support the parish and to socialize and connect with our family and friends in the community. The purpose of this auction is not only to provide financial support for the St. Paul Parish, but also to provide an opportunity for all of us to give back to the community through a common goal. See our school website for more details on how you can participate.

No School – Feb. 11th, 12th and 15th – There will be no school on these days as school staff will be participating in the annual Catholic Educators' Conference on the 11th and 12th, and it is the Family Day holiday on the 15th.

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 17th – Students will watch the morning livestream parish Mass (later in the day), and receive communion/a blessing and ashes, all of which will be contactless.

Fukuroku Hot Lunch Serving – Friday, Feb. 19th (for those who ordered).

Pink Shirt Day – Wed. Feb. 24th. In support of, and to bring awareness to, anti-bullying. Students are welcome to come out of uniform that day wearing pink.

When Grandparents drive children to school – For those families who have other people drive their children to school other than mom or dad, please ensure that the traffic rules, regulations, and etiquette are communicated to them so that they are aware of the proper procedures. (See next two bullet points.) Thank you.

If you are in the later dismissal group – If you are in the later dismissal group, please do not come to the school until 2:55 at the earliest. ***This applies to both the front and back parking lots.*** Cars that arrive too early clog the lineup and confuse drivers in the early pick up group. Cars in the later group are arriving when students in the first group haven't been picked up yet, and taking up spots in the lineup. Thank you for your cooperation.

Other traffic reminders:

- A reminder to have children ready to go when the car pulls up, **with masks and coats already on, bags in hand.**
- 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

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.



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.

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.

