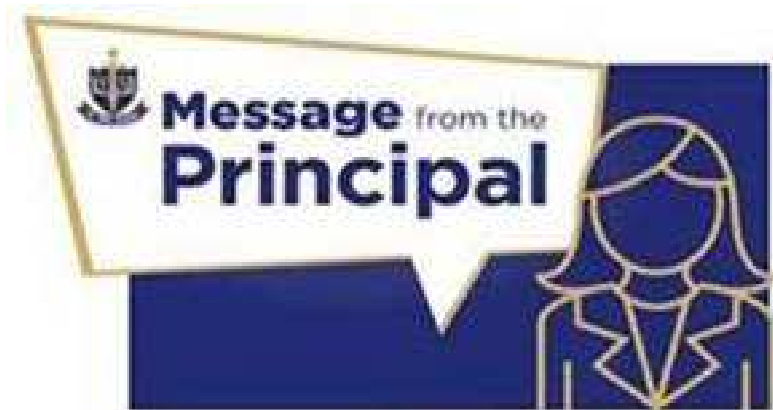


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To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High

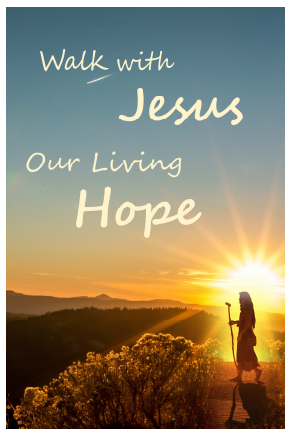


Dear Parents,

The Lenten Season is upon us, a time when we start to prepare for Easter, and began with Ash Wednesday yesterday. During Lent we observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline. Making God the centre of our life is what the Lenten Season is all about, and when we do this, then we are ready to do His work here on earth. We are sadly not able to participate in the traditional daily Mass attendance as we have in previous years, however we will work within the provincial health orders to make our journey through Lent as meaningful as possible. St. Paul School is supported by an incredible community, and we must teach our children to live their lives in the footsteps of Jesus – to be humble, to feed the poor, clothe the naked, and help the sick. Lent is not as much about “giving up”, but about “giving”.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.” Pope Francis



Auction Success! – A big THANK YOU for your efforts and support in the first online auction at St. Paul Parish. We are excited to share that over \$8100 was raised for our parish! Many thanks to our Bingo parents who canvassed for donations and/or made cash donations, and to all our families who supported the auction. Special thanks for our PEC members, specifically Louveign Secord, Mark Acosta, and Carolyn Law, who organized and executed the auction and prizes.

Mite Boxes – Going home today with each child. Due back on Wednesday, March 31st.

Hot Lunch Serving – Tomorrow, 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.

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.

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for he is gracious and
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abounding in love.