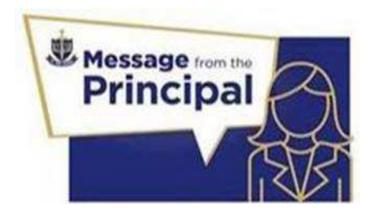
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Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)

Subject: Thursday Letter

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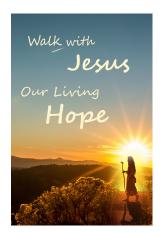


Dear Parents,

This past Tuesday we held our Kindergarten interviews for families who wish to have their child join St. Paul School next year. These interviews are always enjoyable, allowing us to meet the families in our community and hear their hopes for their children and the reasons why they are interested in our school. Many families make reference to hearing positive reviews about our school from friends who are already enrolled, and for that we are thankful. Meeting future families and the 4 year olds who will, in the blink of an eye, be 12 year olds at our Farewell Ceremony, brings light and hope to the future of our school in knowing that the strength of our community lies in part with our amazing families.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead Principal



"Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others." Pope Francis



<u>Fukuroku Hot Lunch Serving</u> – Tomorrow, for those who ordered.

Spring Break – March 15th to March 26th.

<u>Thank-you to the PSG</u> - We would like to thank the Parent Support Group (PSG) who, on behalf of the Government of British Columbia, has provided funds for the purchase of new playground toys for the students in Kindergarten to Grade Six. Thank-you for adding to the students' fun on the playground this spring!

<u>An invitation from Vancouver College</u> - Registration for Finnegan Summer (Vancouver College's annual summer camp program) 2021 will open on Monday, March 8, 2021. Please visit www.vc.bc.ca/campus-life/finnegansummer for full camp details. Thank you.

<u>Daily Health Check</u> – Just a reminder that parents/caregivers are to be administering the daily health check assessment to each child before they come to school every morning. Let's continue to be diligent in our efforts to only send children to school when they are feeling well.

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

<u>Rainy Days</u> – 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.

<u>Planning the school year?</u> – 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.

<u>Birthday Celebrations</u> – A reminder that birthday celebrations (treats, give-aways and gifts) are NOT permitted until further notice.

