

## Christine Ong

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**To:** all.families@stpaulschool.ca  
**Cc:** School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** St. Paul Summer 2021 FINAL.PDF



Dear Parents,

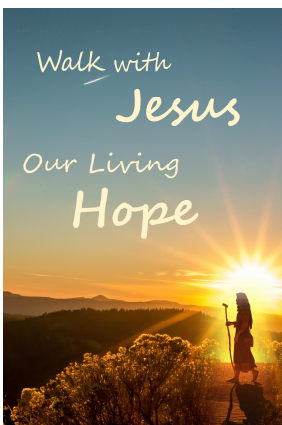
It's hard to believe that Spring Break is upon us. It was exactly one year ago today that the World Health Organization officially declared the Coronavirus a pandemic, significantly impacting our entire global society. As I write this Principal's message I gaze out my office window at the intermediate students enjoying recess in the sunshine, and I am deeply grateful for the relative sense of "normal" that our school has offered the students, staff, and families over this past year.

While brighter days are certainly ahead, I please ask once again that our families respect the current health regulations over the break ([which can be found here](#)) and keep our school community in mind in order to support a safe return to school on March 29<sup>th</sup>. **I ask all families to please refresh themselves with the health regulations prior to the start of Spring Break.**

Wishing you all a safe, restful break.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



***"The Lord always forgives us and walks at our side. We have to let him do that." Pope Francis***



**Friday, March 12** – Last day before Spring Break! Dismissal at 3pm.

**Monday, March 29** – Back to school after spring break!

**Tuesday, March 30** – Submission of pre-authorized debit form for returning families (2021-2022).

**Daily Health Check** – 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.

**St. Paul Summer Camps!** – We are pleased to announce that we will be offering summer camps again this coming summer. Please see the attached brochure for all the information. **Registration begins Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**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](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.

