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**To:** all.families@stpaulschool.ca

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

**Subject:** Thursday Letter

**Importance:** High



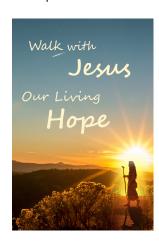
## Dear Parents,

The conclusion to this final week of Lent is the Sacred Easter Triduum, and it is a time devoted to special prayer and observances. While it has been a challenge to celebrate Holy Week this week given the limitations that prevent us from celebrating the various events in our usual way, the staff has still managed to create meaningful learning and worship opportunities surrounding Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, and the Stations of the Cross with their classes. A special thank you to Mr. Kirkham and our Gr. 7 students for their dramatic recreation of the Last Supper, which will shared via email with families today.

By providing our students with the opportunities to experience these truths in meaningful ways through liturgy and symbols, the experiences become a powerful proclamation of the Gospel, and God at work in the lives of our students. The three communities of church, school and family come together to support the truth, and our students should come to know and to proclaim the truth. It is this truth and belief in the risen Lord that our faith is built upon, and we model our lives around honouring God and helping others around us to become closer and stronger in their faith.

Enjoy and celebrate our Saviour's gift to us, his only Son. Have a Blessed Easter! Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead Principal



"In stillness, Earth awaits the resurrection." unknown



<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.

<u>Official Updated Mask Requirement</u> – Further to Ms. Moorehead's email on Monday evening, the official document from the BCCDC requiring students in Gr. 4 to 7 to wear a mask at all times when inside the school has been released. Details can be found here.

No School April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday and Easter Monday.

<u>St. Paul Summer Camps!</u> – 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 began this past Monday.

Class Photo Day - Friday, April 9th.

<u>Student-Led Conferences</u> – Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Conferences will be in person at school, following all safety protocols. More details to come.

<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.

