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Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: St. Paul Summer 2021 April_May Updated Flyer.pdf

Importance: High



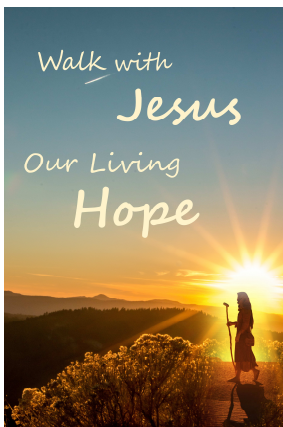
Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to welcome you into the school last Friday for Student-Led Conferences. For most of you, it would have been the first time you entered the building this year! So odd for a community such as ours that thrives on learning, worshipping, and celebrating together to have spent so much time apart. Even with the inability to come together in person, I am grateful for the sense of community that we have been able to maintain, despite the limitations.

As we enter the month of May this week, various staff members are slowly receiving their first vaccination shot over the last couple of weeks and in the weeks to come, based on when the opportunity arises for various age and priority groups for K-12 Educators. Knowing that the teachers and EAs are one step closer to being protected provides a boost of encouragement to finish the year strong. It won't be long now!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"All it takes is one bloom of hope to make a spiritual garden."
Terri Guillemets



Dress Down Day – Tomorrow! Jersey Day! Students can come wearing their favourite team jersey, St. Paul spirit wear, or an item of clothing that represents a team (hat, scarf, etc.) **Bring a toonie or more!** Donations go to support Catholic Charities of the Vancouver Archdiocese.

No School - Professional Day, Friday, May 7th – No school on this day.

Please turn car engines off! – To help protect our beautiful planet (as well as keep our neighbours happy) please turn off your car engine when waiting in line for the dismissal bell at the end of the day.

Please slow down! – We have had another complaint from our neighbours about cars using excessive speed on our side roads. Please help us out by being responsible and safe, and keeping our neighbours happy.

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.

Possible Second Week Offered for St. Paul Summer Camps! First week registration filled up quickly for camps 1 & 2, and registrations are still being accepted for the newly added second week. (See attached flyer). There are also still spots available in Camp 3 (August 9th to 13th). Secure a spot before they're gone!

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.

