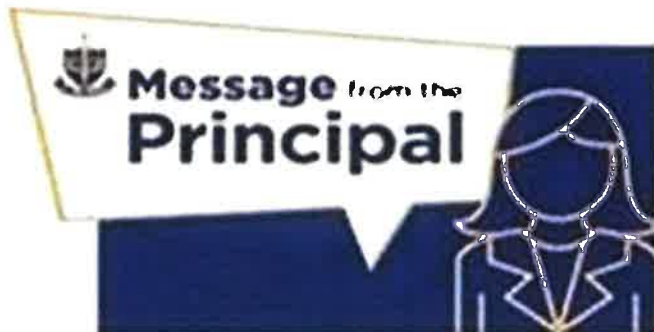


THURSDAY LETTER

September 29, 2021



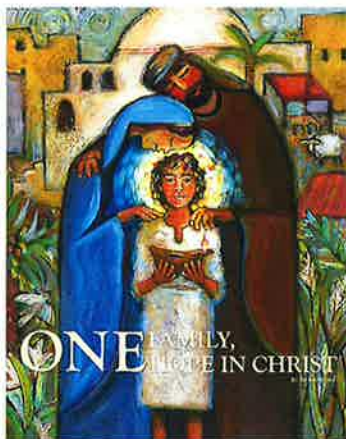
Dear Parents,

We are sending this week's Thursday Letter a day early, since there is no school tomorrow as we recognize the first National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada. We give thanks to our Gr. 7 students who, along with their Kindergarten Buddy class, led our afternoon assembly with reverence and honour in recognition of this important holiday. If you missed seeing our livestream assembly this afternoon, please click on the link in yesterday's email to all families to view it.

And congratulations to our Gr. 7 students who received their Leadership Hoodies in our afternoon assembly today as well. The hoodies identify our Gr. 7 students as the leaders of our student body, and signify a responsibility to be strong Christian role models to the younger students. We are confident this class of 2022 will wear their hoodies proudly and demonstrate a high level of leadership in this, their last year at St. Paul School.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"We have to recognize and navigate the darkness before we can see the light." Shayla Stonechild



No School Tomorrow – Thursday, Sept. 30th. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Walkathon – This Friday! **Dismissal is at 1:00 pm.** Be sure to see the email sent yesterday with all the final details.

St. Paul School is now on Twitter! - Want to follow our school on Twitter? Head to @StPaulSchoolRmd and follow us to see what we're up to!

Hot Lunch Serving - Monday, Oct. 4th (Nova Foods)

Does your child arrive to school before 8:30 am? – Please note that school supervision **begins at 8:30 am** each day. **Any students who arrive before 8:30 am must have a parent/caregiver supervise them until the doors open at 8:30 am.**

Daily Health Check – Just a reminder that parents/caregivers are to be administering a daily health check assessment to each child before they come to school every morning. **We ask parents to download the BC K-12 Health Check app through your app store, which is specifically for school-aged students. This is to be done at home each morning before coming to school.**

Parent Attendance at Assemblies and School Masses: As mentioned in our back to school information that came home, parents are **not permitted to join us for assemblies in the gym, or school masses in the church.** For assemblies, our gym capacity does not allow for the extra bodies. When it comes to school masses in the church, however, given that COVID numbers are still a concern, and that 90% of our students are unable to be vaccinated yet, we are proceeding with an abundance of caution to keep our students safe by not permitting parents to join us for school masses. This may change in the future, and we will keep you posted. Thank you for understanding.

Save the Date!– Garry Point Fun Run for Gr. 2 to 7 – **Friday, Oct. 8th.** More details to come next week.

Sweaters for school Masses – a reminder that students are expected to wear their sweater for school Mass, which means they must be sure to have their sweater **EVERY Thursday.**

Please drive slowly! – We had complaints last year from our neighbours about cars using excessive speed on our side roads, and cars have also been observed driving with excessive speed in our parking lots. Please help us out by being responsible and safe, and keeping our neighbours happy.

Rainy Days – Like last year, we will continue with students going outside for recess, regardless of inclement weather. 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 website 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 – If you wish to have your child share a special treat with the class on his/her birthday, you are welcome to send **a small allergen-free treat** that the teacher can hand out at the end of the day. We now have **30 students** who carry Epi-Pens for food-related allergies, so all treats must be free of allergens according to our school policy on anaphylaxis. Please help us keep all our students safe.



St. Paul School acknowledges that the land on which we work, learn, and play is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the x̱məθkʷəy̱əm (Musqueam), and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.