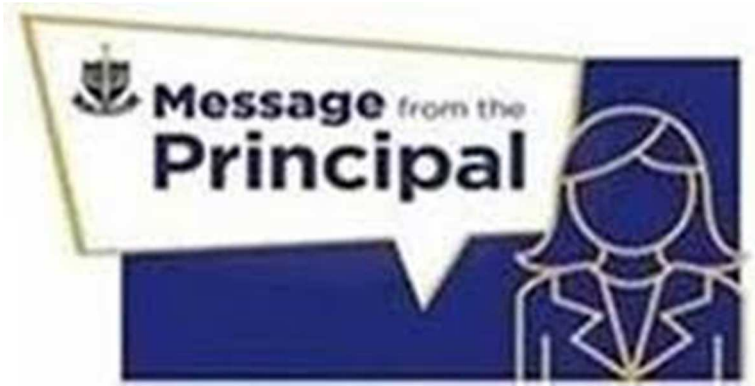


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Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Learning Conferences Day.pdf



Dear Parents,

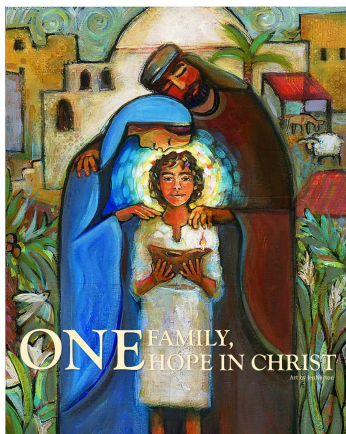
This morning our Gr. 4 class led our school Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast was established by Pope St. Pius V in gratitude for the Christian victory over Turkish invasion at Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571. Pope St. Pius and Christians throughout Europe prayed the Rosary on that day, and it is attributed to being the reason for the victory. This Feast day is also the patronal feast of the Vancouver Archdiocese, and the name of our Cathedral in downtown Vancouver.

The praying of the Rosary centres on meditation of the mysteries of Christ, together with Mary. Perhaps a family goal for the month of October (which is especially dedicated to the Rosary) could be to pray the Rosary each night as a family. Visual images to support the various mysteries can be found [here](#).

On behalf of everyone on staff, we wish all our families an enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend filled with gratitude and joy for the blessings He has given us.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."
Our Lady of Fatima



Garry Point Endurance Challenge – tomorrow! For Grades 2 to 7. Please see detailed information on Mr. Kelly's blog for the various start/dismissal times, and all the important information to help make this a fun and safe event.

Do you want to see photos from Gr. 4 Mass today? Or yesterday's Gr. 2/5 assembly? Follow us on Twitter! @StPaulSchoolRmd.

Twitter permission forms - due back tomorrow! Forms were sent home on Monday with the oldest/only child in each family. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not have one.

No School – Monday, Oct. 11. Happy Thanksgiving!

Walkathon Funds due – Wednesday, Oct. 13th.

Fukuroku Hot Lunch Serving – Friday, Oct. 15th.

Early Dismissal Oct. 21st and No Classes Oct. 22nd – For our upcoming Parent/Teacher interviews, school will dismiss at Noon on Thursday Oct. 21, and there will be no classes on Friday, Oct. 22nd. Information regarding scheduling your appointment time(s) was sent home yesterday. See attachment.

Have you met Constable Walker? Our school liaison officer, Constable Walker, has been visiting our school in the mornings to say hello and get to know our community. She has also been having conversations with parents regarding safe driving practices. Constable Walker's message: it's more important to arrive safely rather than on time, so please drive slowly when on school property if you are late for school.

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.

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.**



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 xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

