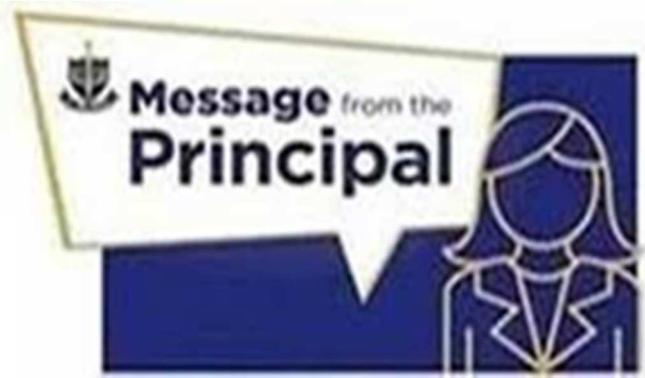


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**Cc:** School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Importance:** High



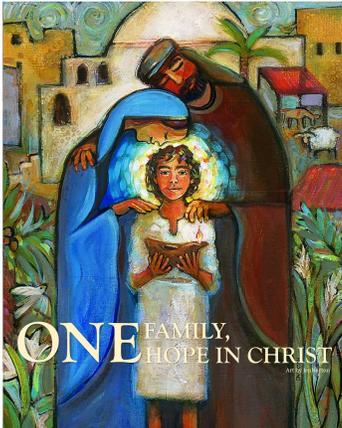
Dear Parents,

Next week will be a short week for students. Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day, and we have a professional day on Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup>. We also have another professional day the following Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. It is rare that we schedule two professional days in the same month, however it's the way the calendar fell this year. The first professional day will focus on *Educator Mental Health and Well Being*, and the staff will spend the day exploring timely and relevant topics such as stress, boundaries, empathy, personal struggles, and student mental health. For our second professional day the following week, we will join other CISVA schools (virtually) in our continued focus on Truth and Reconciliation.

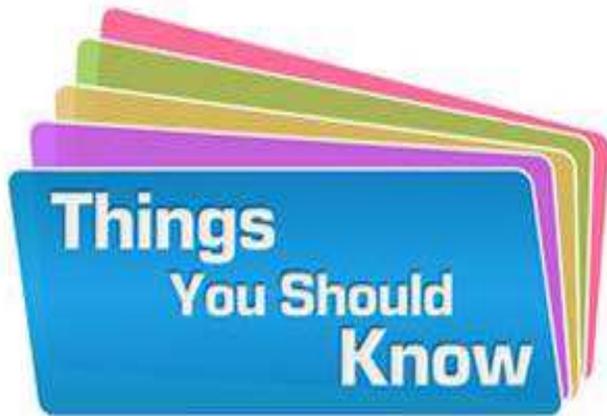
And in honour of Remembrance Day, the respect and reverence for the men and women of Canada who have served in times of war allows us to reflect on our great country, and what it means to be Canadian. May we never forget the sacrifices that were made for our freedom today.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*Lest we forget.*



**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.**

**Walkathon Success!** - Last Friday we had our Walkathon assembly where the various prizes were awarded, including the top two (one primary, one intermediate) classes who brought in the most money. Congratulations to **Gr. 7** for bringing in **\$11,808**, and to **Gr. 3** for bringing in **\$9870!** Pizza lunches will be awarded to both classes. We also want to take this opportunity to thank **Sandra Foster** for coordinating this year's Walkathon; her tireless efforts continue to make this a highly successful fundraiser each year.

**Fukuroku Hot Lunch Serving** – Tomorrow.

**Nova Foods Hot Lunch Serving** – Monday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**No School** – Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> (Remembrance Day), Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> (Professional Day) and Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. (Professional Day).

**Parents Welcome at School Masses** – Parents are now welcome to join us for school Masses on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. Masks must be worn, and we ask parents to sit a few pews back from the students. ***\*Please note that this invitation does not apply to school assemblies, which continue to be students and staff only.\****

**Follow us on Twitter!** @StPaulSchoolRmd. With limited access for parents to school activities, we are doing our best to post daily happenings of life during the school day. Check in and see what goes on around 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.**

**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](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** – 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 Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.*

