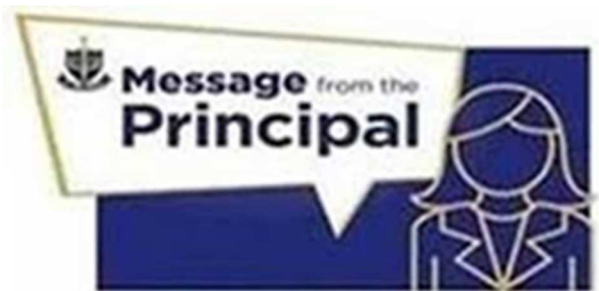


Christine Ong

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High



Dear Parents,

Are you travelling outside of the country over the Christmas holidays? As we get closer to December, some families might be considering international travel over the break. If you are planning a trip, please remember that the current regulations are that unvaccinated children under 12 years of age are required to self-isolate for two weeks after returning to the country. The regulations are as follows:

The opening of the U.S./Canada border and the upcoming Winter Break may have families considering international travel. Families should be aware of the [federal travel guidance around COVID-19](#), especially the restriction in attending school for unvaccinated students for 14 days following the international travel, including travel to the U.S. Unvaccinated students ages 12-17 are required to follow all quarantine requirements. Unvaccinated students under the age of 12 who are accompanied by someone who qualifies for the fully vaccinated traveler exemption are not required to quarantine, however, these students have the [following restrictions](#):

For the next 14 days after returning to the country, unvaccinated children under 12 must:

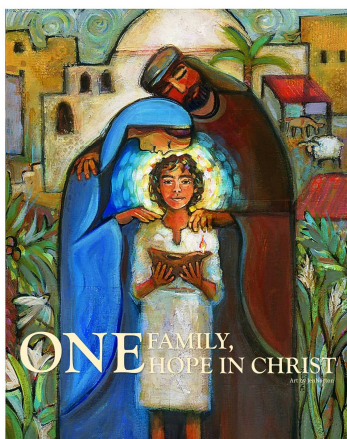
- not attend school, camp or daycare
- not attend large or crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event
- not take buses, subways, trains or other crowded transportation
- not attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g. long term care facility)
- stay in a place that allows the child to avoid all contact with any person that:
 - has an underlying medical condition that makes the person susceptible to complications related to COVID-19
 - has a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment; or
 - is 65 years of age or older
- limit contact with others: remain with their fully vaccinated parent or guardian, as much as possible
- wear a mask and physically distance when in contact with non-household members

There is no allowance for unvaccinated students to return to school within 14 days following international travel, regardless of who they travel with or if they receive a negative PCR test result.

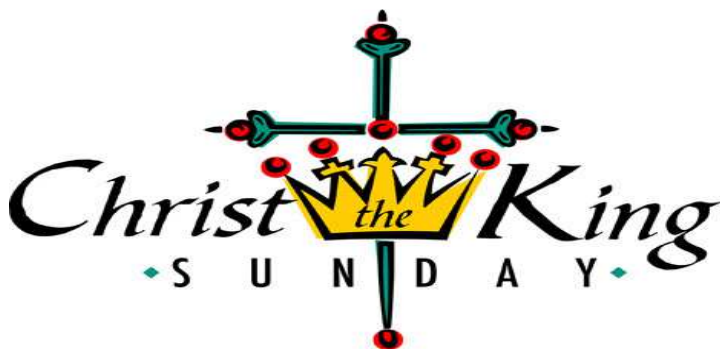
Finally, international travel would most likely mean missing days of school after we return in January. Please be advised that teachers will not be providing work or online instruction to students who miss school for this reason. Thank you.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



God our help and hope when waters rise, you brought Israel safely through the sea. Sustain all those who seek to save others, so that they may repair the ruined cities, raise up the former devastations, and be the restorers of streets to live in; through Jesus Christ, our eternal savior. (based on Isaiah 58, 61)



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.**

No School – Tomorrow, Nov. 19th. (Professional Day).

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Nov. 22nd.

School Mass – Nov. 25th. Gr. 7 to lead. 9:00 am.

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! Tweets from today show photos from our internet safety talk for Gr. 5, 6, & 7 with Constable Walker.

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

