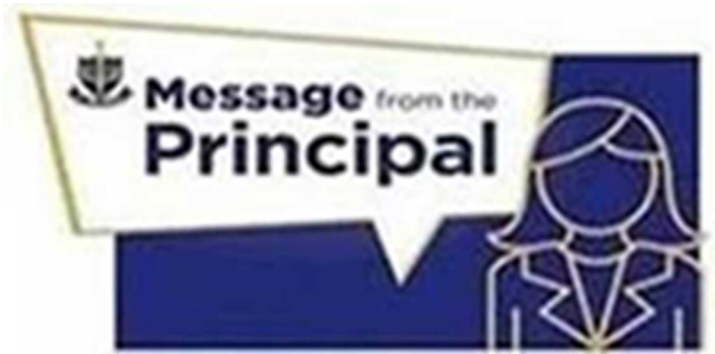


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To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High



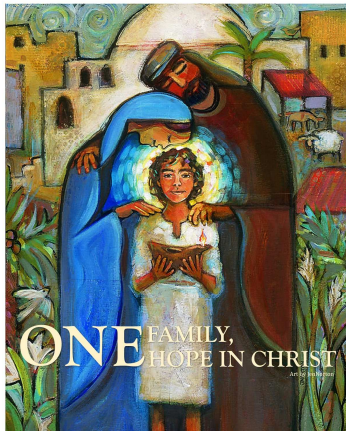
Dear Parents,

Visiting each class yesterday, I was thrilled to see the number of donation ornaments on various classroom Christmas trees! Our community is certainly stepping up the generosity for our two worthy causes. That being said, there are still a couple of classes that have only a few ornaments so far, so if you haven't made your donation yet, you can find the links below. No amount is too small!

We continue to make final preparations for our Advent Choral service next Tuesday. We look forward to sharing the spirit of the Advent Season with you through song, prayer, and scripture, all within the sacred space of our beautiful church.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“Advent increases our hope. A hope that does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.”
Pope Francis



Advent Choral Service - Tuesday, Dec. 14th – Tickets will come home tomorrow with your oldest/only child, as will another email with further details regarding what the students are to wear, arrival times, and detailed expectations. A *Moorehead Message* will also be shared before Monday to best demonstrate how everything will work. Stay tuned!

Have you made your donation yet? Don't forget to make your donation to one (or both) of the two charities our school is supporting this Advent Season. Donations can be made here: [Canadian Red Cross](#) or [Fraser Valley Flood Relief](#). Once your donation is made, your child can add an ornament to the classroom Christmas tree. Let's make our trees beautiful!

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.**

Noon Dismissal on Dec. 17th – A reminder that we dismiss at **Noon on Friday, Dec. 17th.**

Nova Food Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Dec. 13th.

School Mass – Dec. 9th. Gr. 6 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 of the blessing of our classroom Advent wreaths in Mass this morning.

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.**



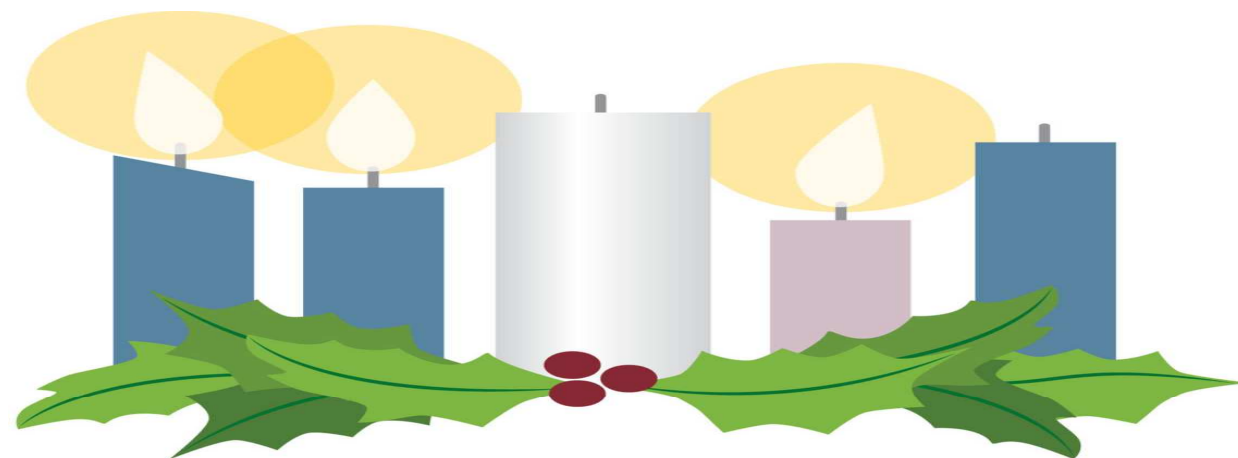
When Parents Have Concerns – If at any time you have a concern regarding your child, a school event, a staff member, or an incident that happened, we ask that you please come and speak with your child’s teacher. The only way that concerns can be effectively resolved is through open communication between 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.

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 Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.



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