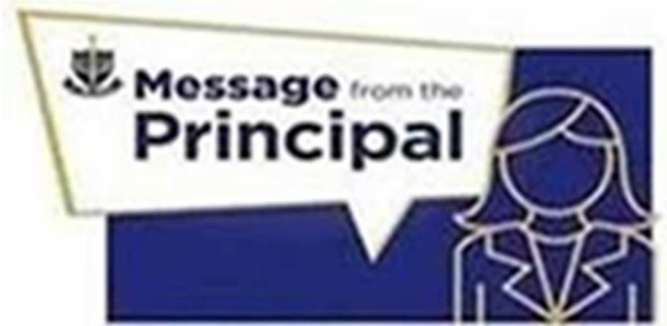


Christine Ong

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



Dear Parents,

We are wrapping up a very busy couple of weeks: Advent preparations, Advent class celebrations, a Ministry of Education Inspection of our school, our Advent Choral Celebration, and a Dress Down day tomorrow. 'Tis the Season! The break will be welcomed for all families and staff, and we look forward to starting back in January, recharged and ready to take on what lies ahead in the new year!

"May you be blessed

With the spirit of the season, which is peace,

The gladness of the season, which is hope,

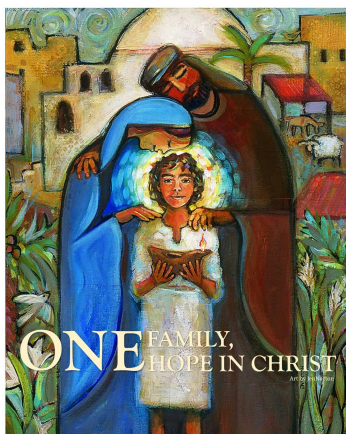
And the heart of the season, which is love."



Blessings of joy for a wonderful Christmas from the staff of St. Paul School. See you all back on **Tuesday, Jan. 4th.**

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



***"The Advent Journey:
Hope becomes peace.
Peace becomes joy.
Joy becomes love.
Love becomes Christ."
-Bobby Schuller***



Dress Down Day Tomorrow – Students may come out of uniform tomorrow wearing a Christmas sweater (the uglier the better!) or Christmas colours.

Last Chance to Make your Donation! 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. Tomorrow is the last day for your child to colour an ornament for the class tree.

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

First Day Back to School – TUESDAY, Jan. 4th.

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.**

School Mass – Thursday, Jan. 6th. Gr. 7 to lead. 9:00 am.

Fukuroku Hot Lunch Serving – Friday, Jan. 7th.

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

