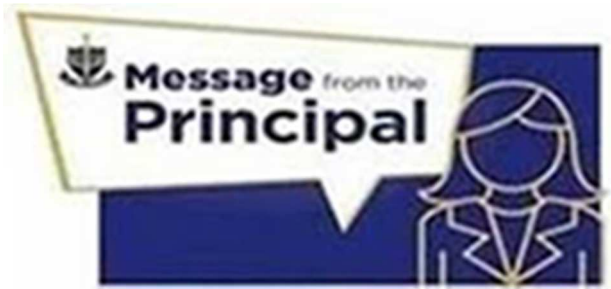


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Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High



Dear Parents,

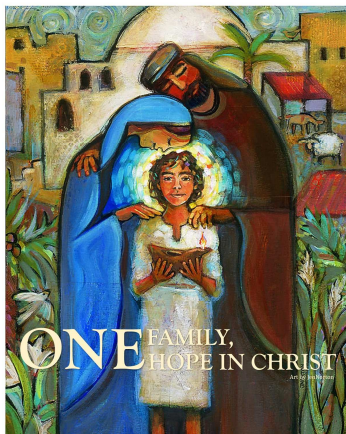
Happy New Year! I hope all of our families had a lovely Christmas break, and that you are finding ways to stay warm in today's snowfall. With January comes a new season of reflection, planning, and learning. Through December we had the anticipation of Advent, the celebration of Christmas, and now the "opening" of the gift of Christmas through the Feast of the Epiphany today. Epiphany allows us to revel in the birth of Jesus a little longer, reflecting on his human presence in our world. Soon we will enter back into Ordinary Time, and before we know it, another school year will have slipped by!

In anticipation of our return to school on Monday, I ask that all families be sure to read the information update that I emailed out earlier this morning. I will also be sending home a **Moorehead Message** tomorrow with an explanation of how our **afternoon pick-up procedures will change**. (Morning drop-off procedures will stay the same.)

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"The star burned like a flame, pointing the way to God, the King of Kings; the wise men saw the sign, and brought their gifts in homage to their great King."



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**. You can find the link [here](#).

Hot Lunch Serving – Monday, Jan. 10th. Nova.

School Mass – Thursday, Jan. 13th. 9:00 am. Gr. 6 to lead.

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.**



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

