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



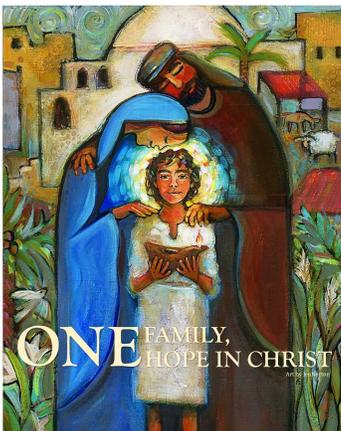
Dear Parents,

In this morning's school Mass, our Gr. 4 class led us in a celebration of our St. Paul Feast Day (which was this past Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>). Each year close to Feast Day time, I write the same Principal's message about St. Paul. I feel it's important to know and be reminded often of the history of the Saint that our beloved school is named after. As a young man, Paul was known as Saul, and fiercely persecuted any followers of Jesus. On the road to Damascus, Saul was struck down in a blinding light, and in the confusion around him he heard a voice..., "*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*" Saul answered, "*Who are you, Sir?*" The only answer that came was, "*I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting.*" After his conversion, Saul became Paul, and launched a tireless missionary career that took him all over the Middle East, and ultimately to Rome.

God calls each of us in our daily lives, the same way he called Paul. He wants us to "*Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*" (Mk 16:15) In order to respond to such a call we, like St. Paul, need to listen with our hearts and believe that we all belong to "*One Family, One Hope in Christ.*"

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"So nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." St. Paul.*

# What's Happening

**Welcome Baby Kirkham!** We are pleased to share the wonderful news that Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham welcomed their third child, **Phoebe Jane Alexandra Kirkham**, this morning at 12:02 am. Mother and baby are doing well, and George and Margot are excited to welcome their new little sister!

**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](#).

**Re-registration packages for 2022-2023 & Tuition Fee Tax Receipts 2021** – Home today. Please check with your oldest/only child returning to school in September 2022.

**Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain** – Tomorrow.

**School Mass** – Thursday, Feb. 3rd. 9:00 am. Gr. 3 to lead.

**Hot Lunch Serving** – Friday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Fukuroku.

**CSL (Communicating Student Learning) Progress Reports** – coming home Friday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Gr. 2 Mass for Sacramental Preparation** – Saturday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 pm.



**Do you have palms at home?** In this morning's school Mass, Father Smith requested that any families who have palms from Palm Sunday last year, please bring them to school. They will be added to the palms that will be used for ashes this year on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

**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](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 Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.*

**FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF  
SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE**

**Tue 25 Jan**

*Owe no man anything,  
but to love one another:  
for he that love another  
has fulfilled the law*

An illustration depicting the conversion of Saint Paul. On the left, Saint Paul is shown in a blue and red robe, kneeling in prayer. On the right, Jesus, with a halo and wearing a white robe, stands on a stone path, gesturing towards Paul. The scene is set against a dark blue background with a white pillar.