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



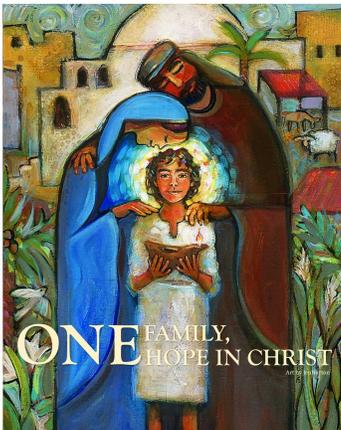
Dear Parents,

In this morning's school Mass we celebrated the Feast of St. Blaise. St. Blaise was a physician and a bishop, and while he was in prison for being a Christian, a desperate mother brought her young son to St. Blaise so he could save the boy's life from choking on a fish bone. St. Blaise offered up his prayers, and the boy spat out the fish bone and was cured. As a result, St. Blaise is invoked for protection against illnesses of the throat. Each student and staff member received the blessing in today's Mass, which consisted of Father holding two (unlit) candles tied with a ribbon in the shape of an "x", in front of a person's throat while the blessing is said: *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness"*. Then Fr. Smith made the sign of the cross over the recipient of the blessing.

I share this information with you as I feel this is a lesser known sacramental that the students participated in today, so please ask them about it tonight at the dinner table.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Father of mercy and God of all consolation, graciously look upon me and impart to me the blessing which flows from this holy Sacrament. Overshadow me with Your loving kindness, and let this divine Mystery bear fruit in me."

— Saint Blaise



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 – were due today. If you have not submitted yours, please do so as soon as possible.

CSL (Communicating Student Learning) Progress Reports – coming home tomorrow.

Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain – Wed. Feb. 9th. (Tomorrow's trip is postponed due to expected inclement weather.)

School Mass – Thursday, Feb. 10th. 9:00 am. Gr. 2 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – Tomorrow - Fukuroku. Monday, Feb. 7th – Nova.

Gr. 2 Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Feb. 5th. 5:00 pm.

No School – Thursday and Friday, Feb. 17th and 18th (Professional Development), and Monday, Feb. 21st (Family Day holiday).

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.**

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.

SAINT BLAISE

Pray For Us

