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To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: BC CEC Virtual sessions flyer.pdf

Importance: High



Dear Parents,

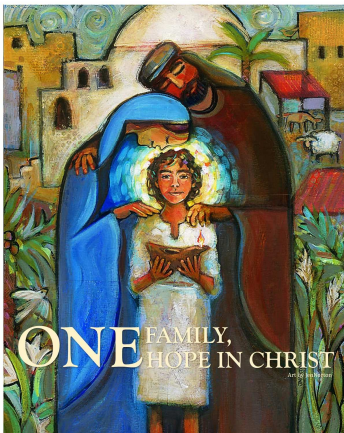
A reminder that next week is a short week, and that there is no school on Thursday and Friday, while the staff virtually attend the annual Catholic Educators' Conference. Monday the 21st is also Family Day, so the students will have an extra-long weekend.

I also wanted to update you on where we are with current health and safety protocols for schools. The change in pick-up procedures upon return from Christmas break was estimated to be in place until the end of January. BC schools have not yet received any notification to return to pre-Christmas protocols, and so the current protocols remain in place for schools. The current societal restrictions are due for updating on Feb. 15th, so if anything is going to change for schools, it will be after that briefing.

Thank you for your patience.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“We love, because God first loved us.”

John 4:19



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](#).

Dress Down Day – Monday, Feb. 14th. Valentine's Theme. Students may come out of uniform wearing red, pink, and/or white. *No donation needed.

Are you noticing signs of anxiety, emotional dysregulation, or lack of resiliency in your child? A reminder of the upcoming set of 3 webinars for parents aimed at supporting their child's mental health. This series is put on the *BC Council for Exceptional Children*, and can provide a wealth of information to help guide our children to successfully navigate their lives. Please see the attached information letter for details.

Are you, or someone who drives your child, parking illegally? We have been contacted to let us know that parents/grandparents/caregivers are parking in handicap spots (with no handicap permit) or parking in a "no parking" designated area when coming to pick up at the end of the day. This is preventing traffic from flowing efficiently in the front parking lot. Please park in designated parking spots only, **and please share this information with whomever drives your child to school.**

Gr. 2 Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Feb. 12th. 5:00 pm.

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

Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain – Wed. Feb. 23rd.

School Mass – Thursday, Feb. 24th. 9:00 am. Gr. 1 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.**

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.

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