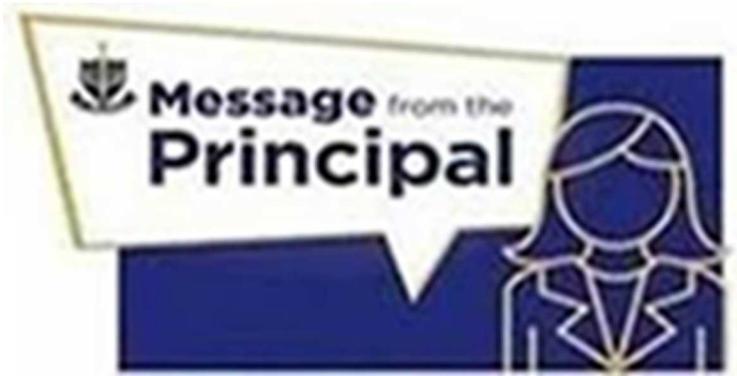


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Subject: Thursday Letter
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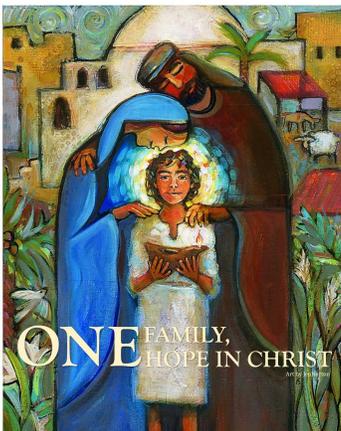
Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, March 2nd, we begin the season of Lent with our school Mass at 9:00 am in the church. Lent is a time to open our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper. Reflection on the sacrifice our Lord made for us, complete with fasting, penitence and almsgiving, allows us to contemplate our own heart and point us to the hope of the Resurrection.

A reminder that beginning on **Thursday, March 3rd**, daily Lenten Masses will begin. Mass will be each morning **at 8:15 am** (not the usual 8:00 am) and will end in time for the start of school. Students are asked to make morning Mass attendance a part of their daily routine. Students will enter the church, leave their backpacks at the back of the church, and sit with other students and staff in the front pews. Staff will be present to greet children at the church door each morning, and sit with them up front. We find this time of daily Mass a wonderfully enriching opportunity for students to contemplate their Lenten journey and spend time

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Luke 12:34



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](#).

Return to regular dismissal procedures beginning Tuesday – As per the email sent yesterday, starting on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, we will return to 3:00 dismissal for ALL students, and the use of the pick-up lane will resume once again. Thank you for your patience during the past month.

Dress Down Day – Pink Shirt Day ****Correction**** - Please note Pink Shirt Day will be on **WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23rd** (**not** Feb. 24th as stated in last week's Thursday Letter)

Rapid Test Kits for School Families – As you may have heard on the news, Covid-19 Rapid Test kits will be distributed to all BC school families in the coming weeks. Test kits will be delivered to individual schools, and then distributed to families. We will keep you updated on this process.

Congratulations to Ms. Carroll! – We are pleased to share the news that Ms. Carroll is engaged! We wish her and her fiancé, Tim Conneely, many blessings in their life together.

Daily Lenten Mass – Daily morning Mass for students and staff begins on Thursday, March 3rd, at the adjusted time of **8:15 am**. **Students sit with staff in the first rows of the church.** All students are asked to attend throughout Lent.

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.

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.

Hot Lunch Serving – Thursday, Feb. 24th. White Spot

Vancouver Coastal Health Update - "Richmond Public Health will be holding School Aged Immunization clinics during Spring Break (March 14 – 25) at 8100 Granville Ave. If your child is in need of immunizations, please call 604-233-3176 to book an appointment."

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 Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

