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



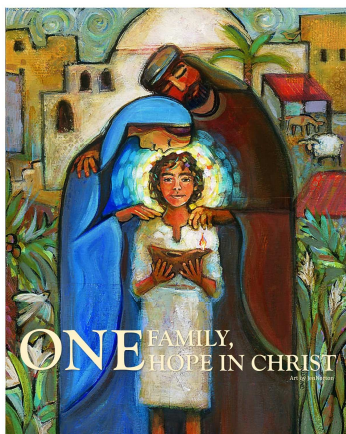
Dear Parents,

Yesterday was our Pink Day, in support of anti-bullying. I have shared this in my principal's message before, but it is surely worth sharing again. For those who aren't aware, here is how Pink Day came to be: It started in a high school in Nova Scotia, where a new Gr. 9 student was teased by a group of fellow students for wearing a pink t-shirt to school. Two Senior students, Travis Price and David Shepherd, as a result of witnessing the harassment, decided to do something about it. The two youths organized a protest consisting of purchasing 50 pink tank tops, and sending out a message to fellow students that night. The next morning, Travis and David stood in the front foyer of the school and handed out a pink shirt to the students as they arrived. When the bullied boy arrived and saw what was happening, his face spoke volumes.

Nationwide, the students of Canada are saying "no" to bullying, and all it took was for two young people to speak out and make a difference. We may be a humble little school in Richmond, but we are doing our part to make a difference as well.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Lift each other up." Pink Shirt Day, 2022

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

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](#).

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.

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. Mass is finished in time for the start of school at 8:45 AM.

After School Playground is Open – With the recent lifting of restrictions, and our return to 3:00 pm dismissal, students are now permitted to play on the playground after school. (With parent supervision)

Gr. 2 Mass for Sacramental Preparation – Saturday, Feb. 26th. 5:00 pm.

Hot Lunch Orders Due – tomorrow at 9am. Late orders will not be accommodated.

Hot Lunch Serving – Friday, March 4th. Fukuroku.

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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