

## Christine Ong

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



Dear Parents,

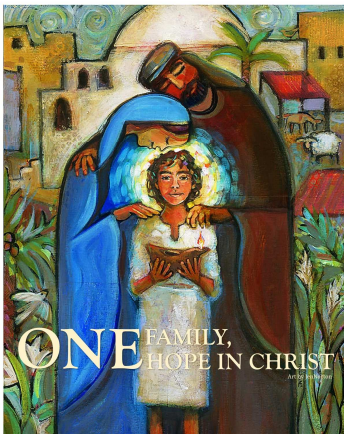
In today's news briefing, Dr. Henry announced further lifting of COVID-19 restrictions for our province. Of note is the lifting of the mask mandate, which goes into effect tonight at midnight. (12:01 AM specifically). The lifting of this mask mandate also applies to K to 12 schools, **however will NOT go into effect until our return after Spring Break on March 28th. That means all students and staff are required to wear a mask tomorrow (Friday) at school.** Once we return to school on March 28<sup>th</sup>, mask wearing for students and staff will be optional.

As guidelines for schools are updated, further changes to our Communicable Disease Plan will take place in time for our return to school on March 28<sup>th</sup>, and will be communicated home to parents before then. Further details from today's briefing can be found [here](#).

Wishing all our families an enjoyable and safe Spring Break! See you on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



***“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in Him.”***

Jeremiah 17:7



**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](#).

**Spring Break** – Last day of school is tomorrow, and first day back to school is Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Daily Lenten Mass** – Daily Lenten Mass will continue after Spring Break up until the day before Holy Thursday. Please continue to make this small sacrificial offering in having your child(ren) attend Mass.

**Safety in Front Parking Lot** – Traffic patterns in the front parking lot are busier these days with daily Lenten Mass. **Please drop your child in the drop off lane, and remind them to use the crosswalk when making their way to the church.** Drivers, please be extra vigilant for the presence of children in the parking lot in the mornings. Thank you.

**Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Preparation** – Parent Meetings will begin after Spring Break, with the first meeting on Wed. March 30<sup>th</sup>. 6:45 PM in the school gym.

**St. Paul Summer Camp** - Summer Camp information was sent home yesterday with the oldest/only child. As stated in the brochure, please note that **registration OPENS on March 28<sup>th</sup>, so please send your registration email then.** **Payment is only to be sent once you have received a confirmation email of your registration. 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.**

**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](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.

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