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**Cc:** School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** St. Paul Summer 2022 March Flyer.pdf; St. Paul Summer 2022 March Kinder Flyer.pdf  
**Importance:** High



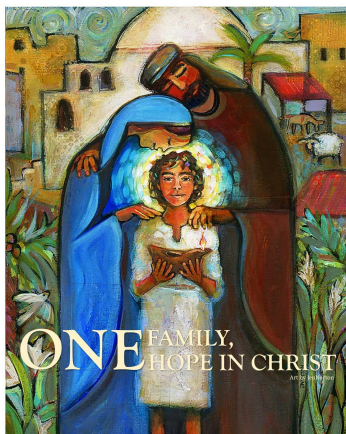
Dear Parents,

As we make our way through Lent, Father Smith and Father Felix are helping us build a temple within our hearts. The foundation, of course, is Jesus. The four pillars that hold up the temple are the essential tenets of our faith – Christian living, Christian prayer, the Creed, and the Mass/Sacraments. The walls that hold up the temple are symbolized by the Saints, and the lives that they lived in sacrifice to God. Of course, you can't enter the temple without a door, and in the temple we're building, the door is Mary. Like Father Smith said, Mary was the closest to Jesus and it is through her that we can find Him.

We will continue to build our temple in the remaining weeks of Lenten Masses. Students are welcome to come into the church after school to see the temple that Father is building, and we continue to encourage all students to be present for the morning Masses.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



***“God never tires of forgiving us, we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”***

Pope Francis



**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](#).

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

**St. Paul Summer Camp – almost full!!** - Registration opened this past Monday and all camps only have 2 or 3 spots left. If you are interested in registering your child, please send an email to the summer camp email address found in the flyer. If there is enough interest, a second camp may be offered depending on numbers. Payment is only to be sent once you have received a confirmation email of your registration. Thank you.

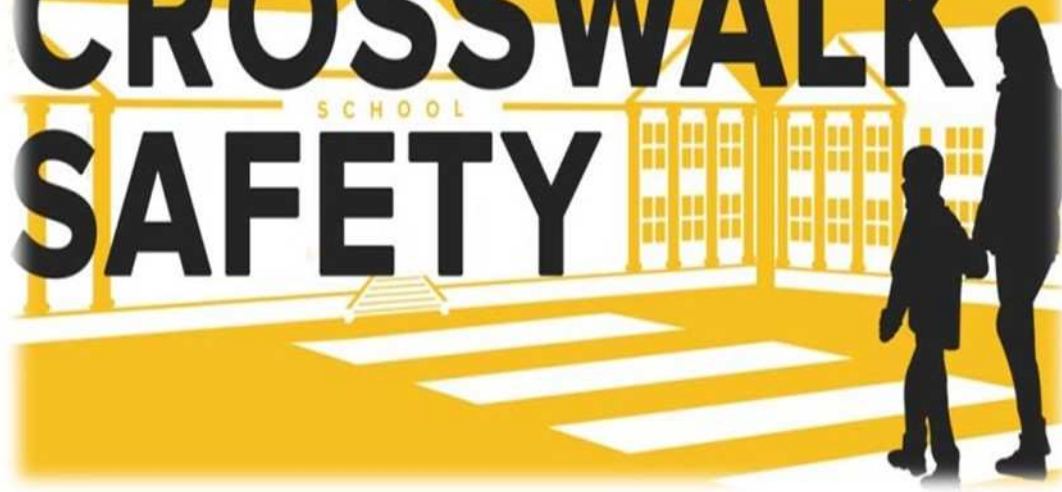
**Is your child starting Kindergarten at St. Paul's in September?** Our ***Bright Beginnings*** Summer camp will give your incoming Kindergarten child a jumpstart to their Kindergarten year. They get to meet St. Paul teachers, spend time in their classroom, and have a lot of fun in the process! Please see the "Bright Beginnings" flyer attached to this email for all the details. Don't miss out!

**Hot Lunch Serving** – Tomorrow - Fukuroku. April 7<sup>th</sup> – White Spot.

**Gr. 2 Mass for Sacramental Preparation** – Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5:00 PM

**Class Photo Day** – Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

# CROSSWALK SAFETY



**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.

**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



**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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# THREE PILLARS OF LENT



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