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



Dear Parents,

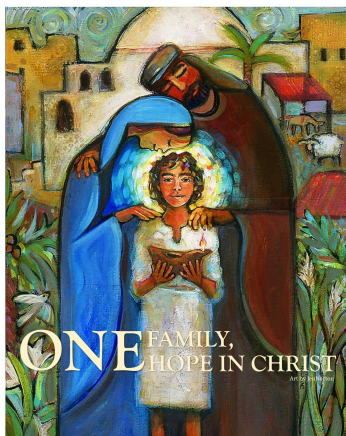
At sundown tonight we begin the Easter Triduum, which is the three day celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. On Holy Thursday, Jesus gives himself to us as food, and through the washing of feet, demonstrates for us the need to serve others. Jesus' death on the cross on Good Friday allows us to reflect on the perpetual love He showed us, and in turn, show the same love to one another. In His death Jesus frees us from sin; in His resurrection he opens for us the way to a new life.

These are the most important and sacred days of our faith. We must remember the building blocks of our sacred temple that Father Smith and Father Felix built for us all through Lent: Jesus is the foundation; the pillars of the Creed, Christian living and prayer, and the Mass; the Saints who make up the strong walls; Mother Mary is the doorway in; the theological virtues that make up the roof; and we must always keep the windows open to let in the light of Christ.

We have cherished being able to share your child's Lenten journey with them, and we wish all our families a most blessed and joyous Easter.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*"These, then, are the days which speak to us powerfully of God's love and 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](#).

**Thank you!** - to our Gr. 7 class for their reverent and meaningful portrayal of the *The Last Supper* this morning. If you weren't able to make it, check our Twitter (@StPaulSchoolRmd) or our new school Instagram account (st.paul.school.richmond) for photos.

**Next School Assembly** - **Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**. Gr. 6 and 3 to lead. Parents welcome.

**No School – April 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday and Easter Monday.

**Class Photo Day** – Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for First Communion** – Wed. April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM in the gym.

**School Mass** – Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. 9:00 AM. Gr. 3 to lead.

**Hot Lunch Serving** – April 21<sup>st</sup>. White Spot.

**Student Led Conferences** – Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. **\*\*No classes this day\*\*** Online appointment booking starts this Saturday at 9:00 AM.

**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!

**St. Paul School is now on Instagram!** Follow us at [st.paul.school.richmond](#).

**Follow us on Twitter!** @StPaulSchoolRmd.

**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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