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



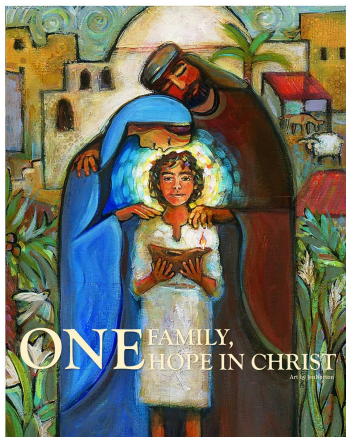
Dear Parents,

This is my favourite Principal's Message to write, and I haven't been able to do it for 2 and a half years. I am thrilled to be writing from the beautiful Sunshine Coast! We have not been able to take our Gr. 7 classes to Outdoor Education since September 2019, and I am grateful that this year's class has this opportunity. The time spent at camp is deeply meaningful to the formation of each class, and the students experience activities in an environment where they can safely challenge their comfort zones and discover new interests and skills. The opportunity to connect with nature and each other is a perfect recipe for fun and personal development, even if it rains a little bit...

Back at school, please keep our Gr. 2 class in your prayers this weekend as they receive First Holy Communion this coming Saturday. Thank you to Ms. Maye for preparing the class for this most blessed sacrament, and to the families for your support and preparation at home. We pray that Jesus will always stay in their hearts and guide their footsteps.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world."

John 6:33



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](#).

Next School Assembly - **Wednesday, May 11th at 1:00 PM.** Gr. 5 and 2 to lead. Parents welcome.

School Mass – Thursday, May 5th. 9:00 AM. Gr. 1 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – May 5th. White Spot.

Jean Up – Friday, May 6th. Students come out of uniform, wearing jeans in support of BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

Gr. 4 to 7 Sexuality and Your Child – All Gr. 4 to 7 parents should have received an email this past Monday regarding the **home-taught *Sexuality and Your Child* program**, which begins this Monday, May 2nd. Please refer to the email from Ms. Moorehead sent on April 25th for all the details.

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**.

Twitter Account will no longer be used – Please note that our school Twitter account will no longer be used. Our social media content will now be on our school Instagram account: **st.paul.school.richmond**

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 xʷməθkʷəʔəm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

