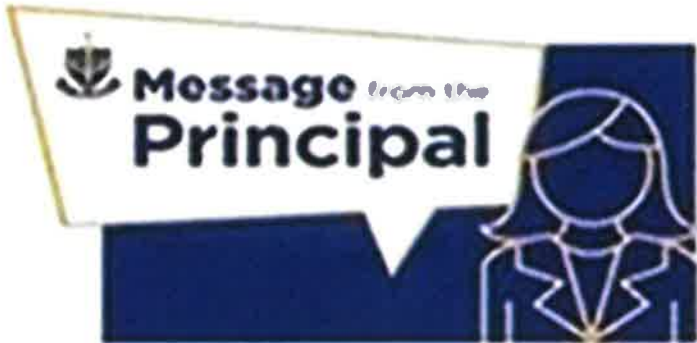


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To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter

Importance: High



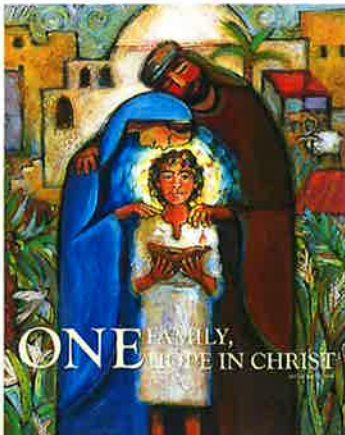
Dear Parents,

In our school Mass this morning our Gr. 1 and 4 students honoured our Holy Mother with a May Crowning Mass. Through all of His suffering, Mary was always by Jesus' side to love and support Him. With Mother's day this weekend, we too will look to our own mother, in person or in prayer, and show her the respect and appreciation she truly deserves. One day in the year is truly not enough to show our mothers how much they mean to us. My own mom is 86 years old, and I am blessed to have her as an active part of my life. I am equally blessed to be mother to my own three children, the youngest of which is celebrating her 19th birthday today. ☺

Like Mother Mary, a mother's love is limitless, fiercely protective, and unconditional. It is this same love that supports, nurtures, and raises the children of St. Paul School. To all mothers, grandmothers, expectant mothers, step-mothers, and mother figures of the St. Paul community, I wish you a most blessed Mother's Day. You deserve it! Thank you for all you do.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

Proverbs 31:25



UPCOMING EVENTS

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](#).

Dress Down Day Tomorrow – Jean Up Day! Students may come out of uniform wearing jeans, or denim clothing if you don't have jeans. Don't forget your minimum \$5.00 donation for BC Children's Hospital.

Sexuality and Your Child – Gr. 4 to 7 – Just a reminder to complete this week's video and discussion questions by tomorrow if you haven't done so already. Next week's assignment will come on Monday.

Track Meet for Gr. 3 to 7 on Monday – a reminder that Gr. 3 to 7 will be at Minoru on Monday for our Track Meet with St. Joseph the Worker. See the PE blog for details.

Next School Assembly - Wednesday, May 11th at 1:00 PM. Gr. 5 and 2 to lead. We will also have a special retirement recognition for Mr. Lim during this assembly. (Shhhhhh....) Parents welcome.

School Mass – Thursday, May 12th. 9:00 AM. Kindergarten to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – May 9th - Yummy Pizza. May 13th – Fukuroku.

Do you use the pick up/drop off lane? Just a reminder that the pick up/drop off lane is meant for families whose children can **independently exit their cars while parents stay in the driver's seat. Our lineup is getting long with cars that take too long to unload.** If your child requires assistance to get out of the car (child is in a car seat, or parent needs to undo seatbelt) please park and escort your child to the covered area. **Please share this information with everyone who drives your child to school.**

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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY