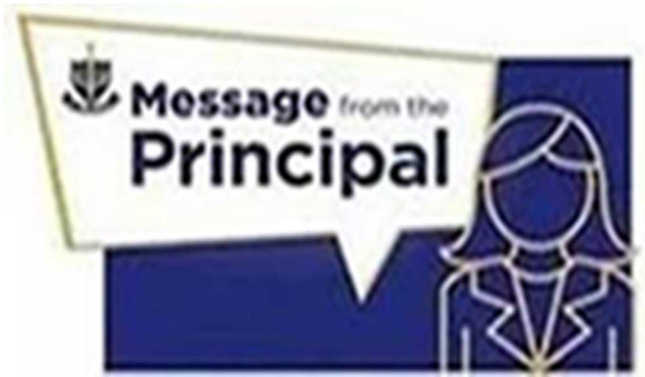


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Cc: School Staff; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Importance: High



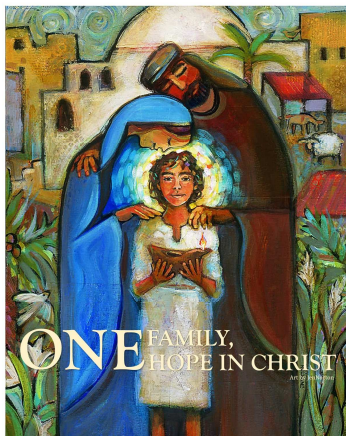
Dear Parents,

There are 6.5 weeks left in the school year. And no, I'm not counting the weeks until summer break, but rather counting the weeks to be sure we can fit in all the things that we have to do between now and then! Once school life was permitted to return to pre-pandemic operations, we were very quickly reminded of just how busy the last three months of the year are. Having had a two year hiatus from a full schedule, it was an abrupt restart that was met with some degree of stress, but was quickly followed with gratitude that we are able to enjoy a full schedule of school life once again.

The pandemic is not over, and we will continue to follow provincial health and safety guidelines, but in the meantime we will look forward to all the wonderful things to come our way in the next 6.5 weeks!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord."

Psalm 31:24



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](#).

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. The third and last assignment will come on Monday.

Jeans Day Success! – We are happy to share that we raised **\$1325.00** for BC Children's Hospital. Well done! Thank you for your donations.

Next School Assembly - Wednesday, May 25th at 1:00 PM. Gr. 7 and K to lead.

Uniform Swap Meet – Wednesday, May 25th. 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the parish centre. Detailed information to come soon from the PEC.

School Mass – Thursday, May 19th. 9:00 AM. Gr. 6 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – May 16th – Nova.

No School – Friday, May 20th (Professional Day) and Monday, May 23rd (Victoria Day holiday)

St. Paul School is now on Instagram! Follow us at [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.

