

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



Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our AGM/Meet the Teacher evening this coming Tuesday night, Sept. 20th. We will begin with the AGM portion of our evening in the gym at 6:30 PM, where you will have a chance to meet all our staff members, hear about our school, and meet the members of our PEC (Parish Education Committee). We will then break into classroom sessions in the school, with each teacher repeating their session twice. If you have multiple children, it is best to “divide and conquer” for the classroom sessions. This is our first AGM since Sept. 2019, and we look forward to sharing with you all the exciting things that will happen at St. Paul School this year.

I sign off this Principal’s Message from the sunny shores of Outdoor Education with our Gr. 7 class. It has been a wonderful opportunity to bond with our new Gr. 7 leaders surrounded by nature, testing our comfort zones, and enjoying each other’s company. And I get paid to be here...! 😊

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.”
~Beverly Sills



No School - **Monday, Sept. 19th** – In observance of the National Day of Mourning to commemorate the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

Daily Health Check – Families are reminded to perform a daily health check each morning before coming to school. You can find the health check link [here](#).

School Mass – Thursday, Sept. 22nd. 9:15 AM. Gr. 7 to lead.

Late Arrivals to School – Please note that **instruction in the classroom begins at 8:45 AM**. We have had a number of students arriving late to school this week, so we ask our families to make an effort to have your child arrive to school in time to be settled in the classroom by 8:45 and ready to learn. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher Night/AGM: Tuesday, Sept. 20th. We are happy to return to holding our AGM/Meet the Teacher night in person on Sept. 20th. We will gather in the gym for the AGM at **6:30 PM**, and then teacher presentations will take place in the classrooms afterwards. Each teacher will present for 30 mins. The sessions will be repeated twice.

Full steam ahead with Walkathon 2022/2023! We will hold our annual school Walkathon on **THURSDAY, Sept. 29th**, and we will be walking to Garden City Park. More details to come!

How are those pledges coming?? – A reminder that Walkathon forms are due to the office on **Sept. 20th**.

St. Albans Exit/Entry are two way – Just a reminder when leaving the drop off lane and exiting to St. Albans, the left side of the driveway is for INCOMING traffic. Please do not move into the left side of the driveway to make a left turn on to St. Albans when exiting the parking lot. Thank you.

Please drive slowly! – We had complaints last year from our neighbours about cars using excessive speed on our side roads, and cars have also been observed driving with excessive speed in our parking lots. Please help us out by being responsible and safe, and keeping our neighbours happy.

Rainy Days – Like last year, we will continue with students going outside for recess, **regardless of inclement weather**. A reminder to ensure your child is dressed for the possibility of wet weather every day, as they go outside for recess rain or shine. Extra socks are handy to have in the backpack.



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, I learn, and play is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

