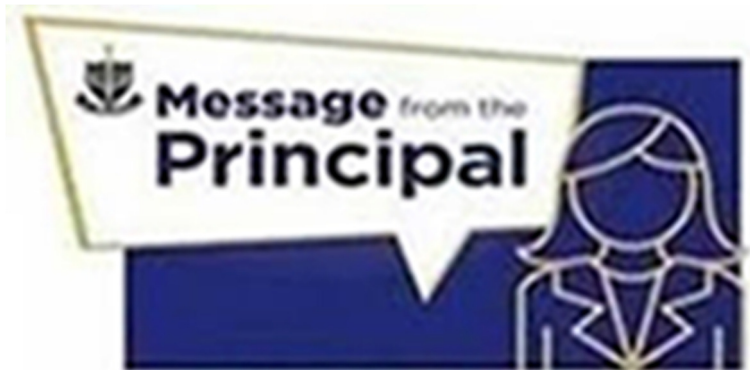


To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back into the gym once again for our AGM/Meet the Teacher Night this past Tuesday. Thank you for your dedication to building the partnership between home and school, so that your child(ren) can grow and learn with the support of our community behind them.

Next Wednesday will be a dress down day and assembly to honour National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Students may come out of uniform wearing an orange shirt. Students are also asked to bring a \$2.00 donation for the Orange Shirt Society.

As we near the end of September, volleyball and cross country are well underway, our classes have settled in to their routines, confessions started today, Walkathon and Orange Shirt Day are next week; we are up and running! Time to take a big breath and jump in with both feet. It's going to be a great year!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“The truth is not yet fully told.”

Phyllis Webstad



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 Assembly – Wed. Sept. 28th. Gr. 5 & 1 to lead. 1:15 pm in the gym.

Orange Shirt Day – Wednesday, Sept. 28th – Students may come out of uniform wearing an orange shirt to honour National Truth and Reconciliation Day. **Don't forget your \$2:00 donation to the [Orange Shirt Society](#).**

Walkathon - THURSDAY, Sept. 29th, and we will be walking to Garden City Park. *12:15 PM dismissal that day.

12:15 Dismissal Sept. 29th – A reminder that students will be dismissed at **12:15 PM** on our Walkathon Day.

No School – Friday, Sept. 30th. National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

School Mass – Thursday, Oct. 6th. 9:15 AM. Gr. 5 to lead.

CISVA Cross Country Meet – Wed. Oct. 5th. Details to come.

Garry Point Fun Run – Friday, Oct. 7th. Details to come.

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 his 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.

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

