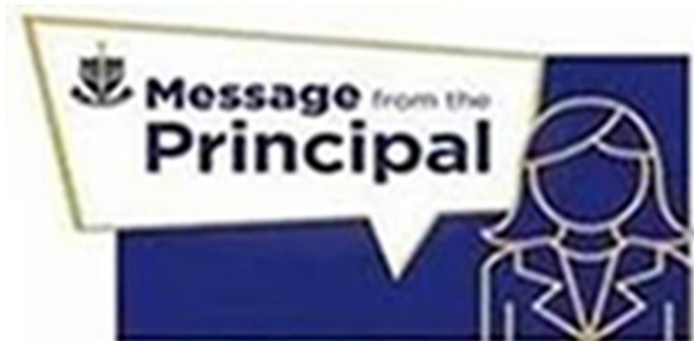


To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

Each of our classes began their Open Parachute lessons this week. Hopefully you all had a chance to view the *Moorehead Message* that was sent home last Friday, as well as read the accompanying letter outlining this new mental health program, and how we aim to equip our students with the skills to successfully navigate their mental health as they make their way through their child and teen years, and into adulthood. Please watch for parent resources that will come home from myself and your child's teacher, so that you can continue the learning process with your child at home.

Don't forget to book your appointment(s) for your Learning Conference(s) which take place next Thursday and Friday. **And a reminder that Conferences are for *parents and teachers ONLY*, with the exception of Gr. 7, where Gr. 7 students will join the conference.** (This is a correction from the original information letter that was sent home.)

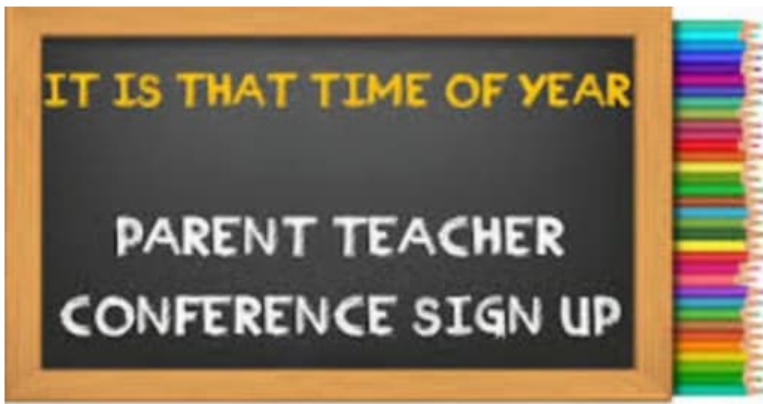
We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.” Socrates



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](#).

Walkathon Pledges/Donations now due – please send in if you haven't done so already.

Photo Retake Day – Tuesday, Oct. 18th.

School Assembly – Wed. Oct. 19th. Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. 1:15 pm in the gym.

School Mass – Thursday, Oct. 20th. 9:15 AM. Gr. 3 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – Friday, Oct. 14th, Fukuroku and Monday, Oct. 17, Yummy Pizza.

Noon Dismissal – Thursday, Oct. 20th. (Learning Conferences)

No classes – Friday, Oct. 21st. (Learning Conferences)

Learning Conferences – Oct. 20th and 21st. **Appointment bookings opens on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 9am.** See information that was sent home Tuesday, Oct. 4th via email.

Volleyball Game and practice schedule – please see [PE blog](#).

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.

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.

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