

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
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Subject: Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

Last night I had the privilege of attending the Archbishop's Dinner in downtown Vancouver. The evening is an annual fundraiser, with this year's funds going towards supporting Catholic Charities. The event has become a way for the faithful of Vancouver to gather and hear updates from Archbishop Miller regarding the highlights and challenges of the past year, and plans for the coming year. It was inspiring to hear of the renewed vision for programs such as *The Door is Open* and the Men's Shelter, and to have guests at the dinner who have been the recipients of these life-changing support services. It was also a lovely opportunity to view our Archdiocese beyond the familiarity of CISVA, and witness

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."
Our Lady of Fatima



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](#).

The Rain Has Arrived! – A reminder that students go outside to play for recess even when it's raining, so students must come to school with a coat (preferably with a hood) and are encouraged to bring boots as well. Fresh air and physical activity breaks outside are important factors to keeping students balanced and on task throughout the day.

Are all your child's uniform pieces labelled? – A reminder to label all pieces of your child's uniform and outerwear – this is the best way to be sure it is returned when it is accidentally left behind. We currently have a few coats, 3 pairs of boots, and 1 school polo shirt in our Lost and Found, which are unlabelled. Are they your child's...?

Walkathon Assembly – Tomorrow! 2:00 pm in the gym.

Dress Down Day – Oct. 31st. Students may come out of uniform wearing orange and/or black, or may come in costume. If wearing a costume, please remember:

- **We are a Catholic community**, therefore costumes must be modest, respectful of others, and free of offensive language.
- **We are focused on student safety and peace of mind**, therefore: no weapons or replica weapons of any kind (guns, swords, knives, chains, etc.); no blood or slime; no witches, ghosts, goblins, zombies, or scary monsters.
- **We are a learning community**, therefore students must be able to sit at their desk comfortably and consider the space of others (no big hats or wide wings, etc.); fully participate in all class activities (including PE and recess times); and see and hear clearly.

School Assembly – Nov. 2nd. 1:15 PM.. Gr. 6 & 3 to lead.

School Mass – Thursday, Nov. 3rd. 9:15 AM. Gr. 1 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – Oct. 31st – Yummy Pizza. Nov. 4th – Fukuroku.

School Assembly – Wed. Nov. 2nd. Gr. 6 & 3 to lead. 1:15 pm in the gym.

Interim Reports Sent Home (electronically) – Friday, Nov. 4th.

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.

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.

