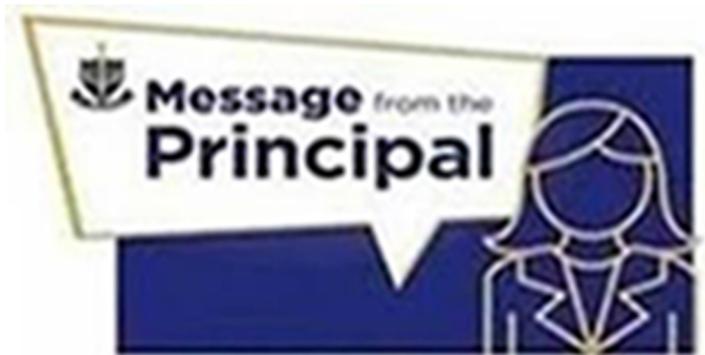


To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca  
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)  
Subject: Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Having spent most of my teaching career in a primary classroom, I found Advent to be the most joyous liturgical season to share with children. With the return of busy calendars full of family, personal, and professional obligations this December, it is very easy to become distracted, and ultimately off course, with what is meant to be a time of patient waiting and preparation. Sharing and celebrating Advent with young children allows the hectic pace to subside, and our hearts to be filled with the true spirit of the season.

The staff of St. Paul School wishes all our families the same opportunity to find joy in preparing for the celebration of His birth, and anticipation of His return.

*Be ready and watchful, for the light of the world has come, and will surely come again.*

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



*Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.*



**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](#).

**Blanket BC Charity Project** – each child will be contributing to our charity project this year. Please see email sent out today from Ms. Moorehead for the details. Thank you in advance for your support.

**If your child will be away** – A reminder to please [email the office and the teacher](#) if your child is sick. This needs to be done *each day your child is away, and please email before 8:30 AM.* Thank you.

**No School** – Tomorrow. Professional Day.

**Hot Lunch Serving** – Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Yummy Pasta. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fukuroku.

**School Mass** – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Gr. 5 to lead.

**School Assembly** – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. 1:15 PM. Gr. 4 & 2 to lead.

**Congratulations!** Both Ms. Vu (Bachelor's of Education) and Ms. Guevara (Master's of Education)

**Best wishes Mrs. Teodosio!** Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> will be Mrs. Teodosio's last day as she goes on maternity leave to have her baby. We wish her a safe and joyful delivery!

**Welcome back Ms. Carroll!** – We are pleased to announce that Ms. Carroll will be returning to our staff in January. She will be joining the Gr. 1 team in Mrs. Teodosio's place.

Interested in buying Christmas cards and supporting a good cause? The youth group from Blessed Sacrament parish are selling Christmas cards to finance their trip to Portugal for World Youth Day. Ordering information can be found here: [www.van2wyd.com](http://www.van2wyd.com).

**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](http://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 xʷməθkʷəjəm (Musqueam), and Sḵwəwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.*

Happy 1st week of Advent!

