

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Free Throw Entry Form.pdf



Dear Parents,

Happy 2023! I sincerely hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas, and I wish you good health and God's blessings for the year ahead. The year is passing quickly, and our community continues to move forward with joy in learning, growing, and being together. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your Christmas gifts and wishes prior to the break; your thoughtfulness and care is genuinely appreciated.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany tomorrow, we reflect on this time of revelation. The wise men followed the star to find God's human manifestation on earth in the form of a helpless baby. God receives all whose hearts long for him. May we open our hearts to receive revelation from God this year.

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." – Jesus Christ



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](#).

Welcome Lucy Teodosio! - Congratulations to Mrs. and Mr. Teodosio, and big sister Catie, on the birth of a beautiful baby girl. Lucy has already made her first visit to the school, and can't wait to start Kindergarten. 😊

From Mdm Caprilli: Thank you to the school community for the generous Christmas gifts and well-wishes. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas, and best wishes for the new year.

Hot Lunch Serving – Tomorrow - Fukuroku. Jan. 9th - Yummy Pizza.

School Assembly – Wed. Jan. 18th. 1:15 pm. Gr. 7 & Kindergarten to lead.

School Mass – Jan. 12th. Gr. 6 to lead. 9:15 AM

Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain - Friday, Jan. 13th.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition - This Sat., Jan. 7th in the St. Paul gym. Open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. For registration and more information, please contact **Tony Banting - 778-387-5191, or Kevin Mendonca - 604 808 1187**. See attached entry form.

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.

Late Arrivals to School – Please note that **instruction in the classroom begins at 8:45 AM**. We have a number of students arriving late to school on a daily basis, 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.

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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