

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



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful day yesterday for our community! Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to join us for the various events of the day. From the Mass, to the angelic voices of the St. Pat's Chamber Choir, to the large community lunch in the gym. A special thank you to the parents who helped with set up and take down of the tables and chairs! It was a lot of work, but well worth it when we could all sit and break bread together. Even though Father Smith has been here for 2 years, it was his first Feast Day celebration with us, and he loved the manner with which we celebrated our community's patron saint. We are so blessed!

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." St. Paul



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](#).

It's time to stock up on the latest St. Paul Spirit Wear! - Watch for an email tomorrow that will have all the details for where and when you can purchase spirit wear for you and your child next week. We have new items to choose from, and sample sizes will be available to try on. Thanks for showing your school spirit!

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacrament Preparation - Saturday, Jan. 28th. 5:00 PM.

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Preparation – Wed. Feb. 1st at 6:45 in the gym.

Gr. 5 & 6 to Grouse Mountain - Tomorrow, Jan. 27th and Wednesday, Feb. 1st.

New Parent Information Evening - Tuesday, Jan. 31st. 7:00 in the gym. Do you know anyone who is interested in sending their child to our school next year? This evening is for parents to find out more about our Kindergarten program, our school, and to pick up an application package. Spread the word!

Re-registration for 2023-2024 – Submission on Wednesday, Feb. 1st. If you only have 1 child returning to Grade 6 or 7 in Sept. 2023, you can submit your re-registration requirements on Tuesday, Jan. 31st.

CSL (Communicating Student Learning) Progress Reports - Will be sent home next Friday, Feb. 3rd.

School Assembly – Wed. Feb. 8th. 1:15 pm. Gr. 5 & 1 to lead.

School Mass – Thursday, Feb. 2nd at 9:15 AM. Gr. 3 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving – Feb. 3rd. Fukuroku.

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.



Here's your chance to buy new St. Paul Spirit Wear! -watch for a separate email tomorrow with details for our St. Paul Spirit Wear sale taking place next week.



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 xʷməθkʷəṽəm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

