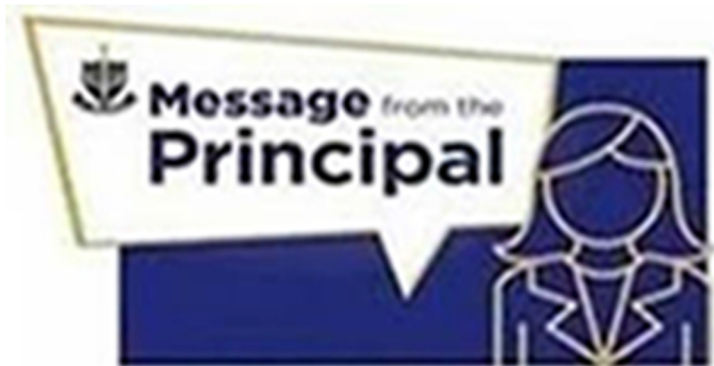


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**Subject:** Thursday Letter



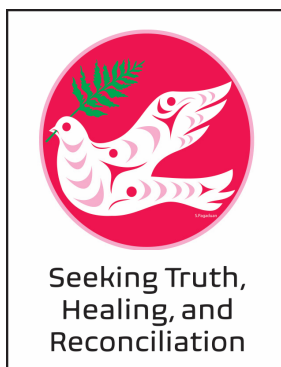
Dear Parents,

Today and tomorrow the entire school staff is attending the annual Catholic Educators Conference in downtown Vancouver. The conference provides an opportunity for *the spiritual and professional growth of Catholic educators, for the development of Christian community, and to provide leadership in the development of a dynamic, evangelistic school system.* School staffs from our 47 CISVA schools come together to learn, network, and celebrate Mass with Archbishop Miller. It is truly an uplifting and inspiring two days that affirms our vocation to be Catholic educators for the children and families of the CISVA.

Enjoy the extra long weekend, and enjoy Family Day surrounded by the love of family and God.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



***“Bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”***

Colossians 3:13



**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](#).

**Daily Lenten Masses for all Students** - Will begin on **Thursday, Feb. 23rd**. **All students are asked to attend daily morning Mass at 8:15 AM throughout Lent**. Teachers will be present for supervision, and students will sit together at the front of the church.

**No School** - Today and tomorrow (Professional Days) and Monday (Family Day holiday).

**Dress Down Day** - Tuesday, Feb. 21st. PINK Day for Anti Bullying. Students may come out of uniform wearing pink.

**Ash Wednesday School Mass** – Feb. 22nd. 9:15 am. Staff to lead. (\*\*There will be no more Thursday school Masses until after Lent.\*\*)

**School Assembly** – \*\*There will be no more assemblies until after Lent.\*\*

**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](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 x̣ṃəḏḳʷəỵəm (Musqueam), and Ṣḳẉx̣ẉú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.*

