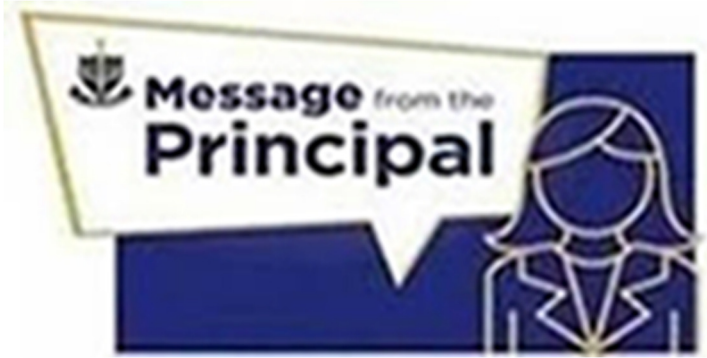


To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

One week left of school before Spring Break (not that we're counting... 😊) and the two weeks will be a welcome break from the daily hustle and bustle. Students need the break just as much as adults do! A full day of school involves a great deal of intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and physical energy for our students, and they need breaks to rest and recharge. Unstructured playtime (outdoors is even better!), fun activities with family and friends, and time to be bored (stimulates creativity and imagination!) are all important ways to spend time over the break. Through it all we can't forget that we continue our Lenten journey, and hopefully daily Mass attendance will be continued over the break as well.

Please pray for a safe and exciting trip to Whistler tomorrow for our Gr. 7 class.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Pope Francis

What's Happening

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 - 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.

Farewell Mrs. Schell! - We are sad to share the news that Mrs. Schell will be retiring at the end of March, and will be moving to Vancouver Island. We thank her for being an invaluable part of our community as an Education Assistant for the past 8 years, and wish her well in her retirement. We will miss you, Mrs. Schell!

Welcome back! - We are happy to share that Mrs. Marwaha has rejoined our Education Assistant staff. We are excited to have you back, Mrs. Marwaha!

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacramental Preparation - Saturday, Mar. 4th. 5:00 PM.

Hot Lunch Serving - Fri., Mar. 3rd -Fukuroku. Mar. 6th - Yummy Pasta. Mar. 9th - White Spot.

Gr. 7 to Whistler - Tomorrow

Class Photo Day - Friday, March 10th. All students must be in full uniform, including sweater.

Spring Break - Last day of school - March 10th. First day back to school - March 27th.

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.

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.



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