

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: St. Paul Summer 2023 Bright Beginnings.pdf; St. Paul Summer 2023 March Flyer.pdf



Dear Parents,

With Spring Break upon us, excitement is high for the break in routine, vacations soon to be enjoyed, and increased time spent as a family and friends. We are also well into the Lenten Season, and we are reminded each week of the journey of our Saviour through the Gospel readings. Being a follower of Jesus during biblical times was challenging, and the chance of losing one's life was always present. Today's challenges as a follower are not as demanding, and most families will say their biggest difficulty is finding time for Church in their busy schedules.

As parents and teachers, we must always be reminded of our Baptismal promises, and seek out the time to allow God to be present in our lives. As a community of believers, putting our faith first in our lives will result in stronger families and a better school. We, the staff, thank you for choosing to send your children to St. Paul School, and for continuing to support Catholic education in our community.

Safe travels to those who are going away, and a restful, joy-filled break to all.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."
St. Catherine of Siena



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](#).

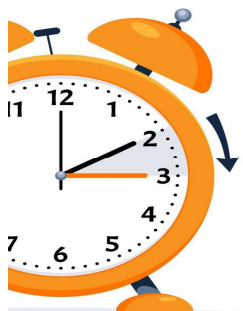
St. Paul Summer Camps! - We are pleased to announce that we will be offering summer camps again this coming summer. Please see the attached brochure for all the information. Registration begins Monday, March 27th .

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.

****NEW DATE** Class Photo Day** - **Friday, March 31st.** All students must be in full uniform, including sweater.

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

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



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Set your watch an hour ahead

March 12, 2023

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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