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Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: St. Paul Summer 2023 March Flyer.pdf; St. Paul Summer 2023 Bright Beginnings.pdf



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, and I hope that everyone had a lovely Spring Break. The sun has been shining this week, and it looks like Spring has arrived! Next week we enter into the final week of Lent, and the most holy of weeks in the liturgical year. It is a time where we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and reflect on how we can live as his disciples today. Holy Week is an important week of prayer and reflection, and is a time that is rich in meaning and symbols. It celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the passion and death of our Lord, his glorious resurrection, his triumph over sin and death, and his glorification by his Father; these events are the foundation of our faith.

For a brief description of the meaning of each day and how to observe it, along with suggested prayers, please see the link below.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/holy-week.html>

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead

Principal



"Be humble in the glory of what is to come." unknown



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 - The last day of morning Lenten Masses will be Wednesday, April 5th.

Class Photo Day - Tomorrow. **All students must be in full uniform, including sweater.**

Mite Boxes – Due Wednesday, April 5th. Student's mite boxes are to be brought to school on this day.

Gr. 7 Presentation of the Last Supper - Holy Thursday (April 6th). 10:45 am in the gym. Family members are welcome to attend.

No School - Good Friday (April 7th) and Easter Monday (April 10th)

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 Sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

