

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,

Coming up next week, our Gr. 2 and Gr. 7 students will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, respectively. These Sacraments of Initiation are important milestones in their spiritual journey, and we are incredibly proud of them for reaching these points. Special thanks goes to their teachers, Ms. Wu and Mr. Kirkham, for the care and guidance they have provided the students in preparation for these special celebrations. We pray that the students' hearts are filled with love and grace, and that they continue to be shining lights in our community. Congratulations to all our students, and we wish them a blessed and fulfilling spiritual life ahead.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



O, Sunshine! The most precious gold to be found on earth.
~Roman Payne

UPCOMING EVENTS

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](#).

Welcome, Mr. Mills! - On Monday we welcome a new staff member to the St. Paul Education Assistant team. When you see Mr. Mills, please say hello and help welcome him to our community!

St. Paul Summer Camps! - There are still a few spots left! If you are interested in registering your child, please send an email to stpaulsummer2023@gmail.com to secure a spot. Payment is only to be sent once you have received a confirmation email of your registration. Thank you.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacrament Preparation - Saturday, April 29th. 5:00 PM.

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Preparation - Wed. May 3rd, 6:45 PM.

School Mass - Thursday, May 4th. 9:15 AM in the church. Gr. 3 to lead.

Track and Field - Check PE Blog for details.

St. Paul/St. Joseph the Worker Track Meet - Monday, May 8th at Minoru Track. Check PE blog for details.

Hot Lunch Serving - May 5th. Fukuroku.

Gr. 4 to 7 Families - Save the date! All Gr. 4 to 7 parents, please mark your calendar to attend a parent evening on **Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 PM** at the school. The evening will focus on guiding your children through struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. At least one parent from each Gr. 4 to 7 family is asked to attend. Please see email from Ms. Moorehead that was sent on April 18th for more information.

Are you taking too long in the Drop-off lane?? - The office has received complaints that students are taking longer than necessary to unload from the car in the drop off lane in the mornings. This is causing traffic to back up. **If your child requires significant assistance to exit the car, then the drop off lane is not for you. Coats should be on before getting in the car, and goodbyes should already be said before the car comes to a stop, then the child(ren) can hop out quickly and not hold traffic up.** Thank you.

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.

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