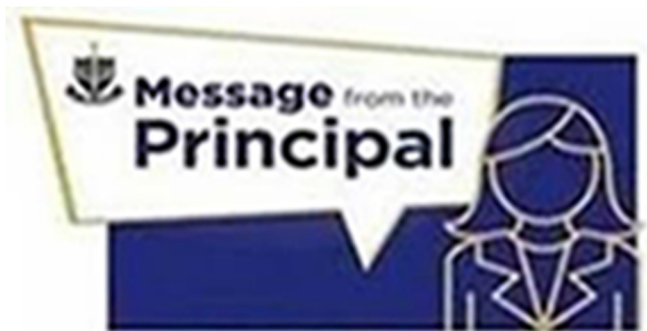


To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: St. Paul Uniform Swap Meet 2023.pdf; Uniform Swap Meet TAG-6UP.indd.pdf



Dear Parents,

It looks like it will be a beautiful weekend to celebrate Mother's Day! My family and I will be spending the afternoon with my mom, who is 87, at her favourite place - the beach. The unwavering love that my mother has provided for me, combined with her strength and resilience of her Irish spirit, has shaped me into the woman I am today, and for that I am truly grateful.

We cannot celebrate Mother's Day without also celebrating our Mother Mary. As we reflect on the example of Mary, we see a woman who embodied selflessness, faithfulness, and humility. Mary's devotion to God and her willingness to trust in His plan for her life serve as an inspiration to all mothers, reminding us that even in the most difficult of circumstances, God is with us, guiding and sustaining us.

On this coming Mother's Day, let us give thanks for the gift of mothers and mother figures in our lives and the love that they show us every day. Let us honour them not just with gifts and cards but with our words and actions, showing them the same love and care that they have shown us. Have a lovely weekend!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.

Rudyard Kipling

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](#).

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. 4 to 7 Families - We look forward to seeing you on the evening of May 16th for our viewing of the film Screenagers. The evening begins at 7:00 pm in the school, and will end between 8:30 and 9:00 pm.

Hot Lunch Serving - May 15th. Yummy Pasta.

School Assembly - **Wed. May 17th at 1:00 pm.** Join us as we say farewell to Father Felix! Gr. 5 & 1 to lead.

Uniform Swap Meet - Wed. May 17th. 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the Parish Centre. See attachment for more details.

School Mass - Thursday, May 18th. 9:15 AM in the church. Gr. 4 to lead.

No School - Friday, May 19th (Pro-D) and May 22nd (Victoria Day).

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 Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

