

**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,

What a great evening on Tuesday night for our Gr. 4 to 7 parents who attended our presentation of *“Screenagers - Growing Up in the Digital Age”*. *Screenagers* is a film about the impact of the digital age on children, and how we can help them minimize the harmful effects, while keeping a healthy balance. Judging by the lively and engaged discussions coming from each of the classrooms, parents hopefully finished the evening feeling more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time for their children. Thank you for attending and for supporting your child in what can be a very challenging and damaging experience if exposure to screens is not managed effectively in the home.

Wishing you all a wonderful extra long weekend!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead  
Principal



***Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit.***  
Zechariah 4:6



**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](mailto: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.

**No School** - Friday May 19th (Pro-D) and Monday May 22nd. (Victoria Day) Please also note there will be no school on Friday, June 2nd. (Pro-D)

**School Mass** - Thursday, May 25th. 9:15 AM in the church. Kindergarten to lead.

**Hot Lunch Serving** - May 25th - White Spot.

**Jean Up Day - Friday, May 26th** - Students may come out of uniform, **wearing jeans**, in support of BC Children's Hospital. **To be wearing jeans, students are asked to bring a minimum \$2.00 donation.**

**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](http://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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