

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
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Dear Parents,

As we welcome the beginning of June, instead of continuing to look forward to the “rest of the year”, we can begin reflecting back on the year that has been. While the final stretch lies ahead, I encourage everyone to think back over the year and appreciate the achievements and personal growth of all members of our community. Maybe it was a child's deepened sense of independence and responsibility? Maybe it was teacher professional growth in adapting to diverse learning needs? Or a parent who strengthened communication skills with members of their family, fostering open and honest conversations? The importance of mindful reflection enables gratitude in areas of our lives that may otherwise go unnoticed, and when we take the time for personal growth, it can provide a starting point to focus on continued development over a lifetime.

(3.5 weeks left...)

Yours in faith,

Maureen Moorehead
Principal



June is the time for being in the world in new ways, for throwing off the cold and the dark spots of life.

Joan D. Chittister



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.

No School - Tomorrow. Professional Day.

Kindergarten Orientation - June 5th. 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Parish Centre. For parents of students who are enrolled in Kindergarten next year.

Top Marks Uniform Fitting - Wednesday, June 7th. Parish Centre. 2:00 to 8:00 pm.

Assembly - Wednesday, June 14th. 1:15 pm. Gr. 6 & 3 to lead.

School Mass - Thursday, June 8th. 9:15 AM in the church. Gr. 5 to lead.

Hot Lunch Serving - Friday, June 9th. Fukuroku.

Join our fun community-building event! - Grab your dirtiest car and come



Does your car need a wash? - Join our community car wash on **Saturday, June 17th**. Come and participate in this fun community event, spend time with friends and family, and leave with a shiny, clean car! See the attached flyer for details. If interested, please sign up for a time.

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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