

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



Dear Parents,

It's been a very full week, including our first Mass this morning with Father Smith, our first assembly tomorrow, and our Gr. 7 class heads off to Outdoor Ed next week!. The students (and staff!) are setting in, and the school is already humming along like it's the middle of the year; we don't waste time!

There will be a lot of information coming home from your child's teacher, as well as the office, so we appreciate your attention to details as the year gets underway. Please mark your calendars for our **Meet the Teacher** night on **Sept. 19th**, and don't forget about our **Walkathon on Sept. 29th!** This is our one big fundraiser of the year, so we ask everyone to chip in and help make it the most successful one yet!

Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.
Robert Collier



How much should my child aim to collect in pledges for Walkathon? - Our Walkathon total last year was **\$69,653.00**, and we're hoping to beat it this year! Averaged out over our 180 families, that would equal approximately **\$385 worth of pledges per family**. Students are encouraged to ask family members, relatives, family friends, and neighbours, all with parent permission and supervision. We can do this!

School Mass - Thursday Sept. 14th. 9:15 am. Gr. 5 to lead.

Assembly - Friday, Sept. 8th. 9:00 am in the gym. **Assemblies will move to every second Friday this year. See online calendar for dates.** In this first assembly of the year we will get pumped up for our Walkathon, and present our Gr. 7 students with their Leadership Hoodies.

Meet the Teacher Night - Tuesday, Sept. 19th. 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Lifetouch Picture Day - Sept. 18th.

Follow us on Instagram! - Follow us at [st.paul.school.richmond](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulschoolrichmond).

2023/2024 School Calendar Updated - This year's online calendar has been updated. If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2024. The calendar can be accessed through the school website at www.stpaulschool.com.

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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