

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: CWL - Fall Marketplace.pdf



Dear Parents,

I hope you can join us next Wednesday afternoon for our Walkathon assembly. We will be awarding class and individual prizes, watching the Walkathon video, and of course the big reveal of this year's grand total! Did we reach our goal?? Come and find out!

A reminder that there are no classes tomorrow (Parent/Teacher Interviews), as well as Friday, Oct. 27th. (Professional Day.)

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper.

W.B. Yeats



Parent/Teacher Conferences - Tomorrow. No regular classes. Please **be on time** for your appointment(s). Sessions are 10 minutes long, and with most appointments back to back, you will not have extra time if you are late.

Walkathon Assembly! - Wed. Oct. 25th. 1:00 pm. Join us as we award our various Walkathon prizes, watch the Walkathon video, and unveil our grand total!! Did we reach our goal??

School Mass - Thursday Oct. 26th. 9:15 am. Gr. 1 to lead.

Assembly - Friday, Nov. 3rd. Gr. 2 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

No School - Friday, Oct. 27th. Professional Day.

Halloween Dress Down Day - Oct. 31st. Students are welcome to come to school in a Halloween costume. If they prefer not to wear a costume, they can wear orange and/or black.

If your child will wear a costume, we ask the following:

- **We are a Catholic community**, therefore costumes must be modest, respectful of others, and free of offensive language.
- **We are focused on student safety and peace of mind**, therefore: no weapons or replica weapons of any kind (guns, swords, knives, chains, etc.); no blood or slime; no witches, ghosts, goblins, zombies, or scary monsters.
- **We are a learning community**, therefore students must be able to sit at their desk comfortably and consider the space of others (no big hats or wide wings, etc.); fully participate in all class activities (including PE and recess times); and see and hear clearly.

Feeding Futures School Snack Program - if you missed the information regarding our school snack program, please see the email that was sent on Oct. 10th from Ms. Griffin.

Volleyball Schedule - see PE blog.

Please use the Crosswalk - If you park on the church side of the front parking lot, please ensure you cross at the **designated crosswalk** to make your way to the covered area. Between the drop off lane and parishioners leaving after Mass lets out, it can be a very busy traffic area.

Follow us on Instagram! - st.paul.school.richmond.

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.



Fall Marketplace – Saturday, Oct. 21st: 10am to 2:20pm. An invitation from St. Paul CWL. Please see attached poster for more details.



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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