

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



Dear Parents,

Next Friday our staff members will be coming together with other CISVA schools for a networking day of learning and professional development; our focus for the day will be communicating student learning. There will be upcoming changes made to progress reports, and how student learning will be communicated. These changes mean that report cards may not look the same as when you were in school, or may look different from what you received for your child in previous years. However, you can trust that the information you will receive will provide a complete picture of what your child can do, where they need to improve, and how you can support their learning. We will provide regular updates as the process goes on.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



Learning never exhausts the mind.

~Leonardo da Vinci

Here's What's Happening!

No school Mass tomorrow – Please note there will be NO school Mass tomorrow, Nov. 16th.

School Mass – Nov. 30th. Gr. 6 to lead.

Assembly – Our next school assembly will be Dec. 1st. Gr. 1 & 5 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Hot Lunch – Tomorrow – Canella. Nov. 20th – Yummy Pizza.

No School – Nov. 24th. Professional Day.

Volleyball Schedule - see PE blog.

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.

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



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 xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

*“For your
sakes Christ
became poor”*

2 Corinthians 8:9