

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



Dear Parents,

The conclusion to this final week of Lent is the Sacred Easter Triduum, and it is a time devoted to special prayer and observances. As a school community we came together this past week to create meaningful learning and worship opportunities surrounding Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, and the Stations of the Cross.

A special thank you to Mr. Kirkham and our Gr. 7 students for their dramatic recreation of the Last Supper today. By providing our students with opportunities to experience these truths in meaningful ways through liturgy and symbols, the experiences become a powerful proclamation of the Gospel, and God at work in the lives of our students. The three communities of church, school and family come together to support the truth, and our students should come to know and to proclaim the truth. It is this truth and belief in the risen Lord that our faith is built upon, and we model our lives around honouring God and helping others around us to become closer and stronger in their faith.

Enjoy and celebrate our Saviour's gift to us, his only Son. Have a Blessed Easter!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



As I have loved you, so you must love one another.



Reporting an Absence – a reminder that if your child will be away, please send an email to absent@stpaulschool.ca (as well as the teacher). **Please do NOT** email the office email address.

No School – March 29th (Good Friday) and April 1st. (Easter Monday)

School Mass – April 4th. Gr. 1 to lead. 9:15 am in the church.

Hot Lunch – April 5th – Fukuroku.

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.

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2023/2024 School Calendar - 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 Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

