

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Soccer Challenge.pdf; Soccer Challenge Entry Form.pdf



Dear Parents,

Volleyball and Cross Country are up and running, and school is in full swing. We recognize the effort it takes to get a child to a 7:30 am practice, or to arrange for a 4:00 pm pick up after school, and we thank you for your commitment to your child's extracurricular activities. Athletics provides an opportunity for a healthy lifestyle, the social dynamic of being part of a team, and learning the finer rules of sportsmanship; these all provide invaluable life lessons. I am also grateful for our staff who fulfill these coaching roles in addition to their classroom responsibilities, and who do so with positive energy and enthusiasm. Looking forward to an active year. Go Crusaders!

Yours in faith,
Maureen Griffin
Principal



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The strength of the team is in each member... the strength of each member is the team.

~Phil Jackson



How much should my child aim to collect in pledges for Walkathon? - Our Walkathon total last year was \$87,706, and we're hoping to beat it this year! Averaged out over our 169 families, that would equal approximately **\$500 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. 26th. 9:15 am. Gr.4 to lead.

Assembly – Tomorrow. 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 5 & 1 to lead.

Photo Day – Monday, Sept. 23rd.

Volleyball – See PE announcements on Seesaw.

Orange Shirt Day – Sept. 26th. In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, students may come out of uniform wearing an orange shirt. Students are asked to bring a \$2 donation for the Orange Shirt Society.

Walkathon – Friday, Sept. 27th. **12:15 pm dismissal.**

SPIRIT Night for Gr. 6 & 7 – St. Paul Parish will be hosting the first meeting of the year for the SPIRIT Ministry (pre-teen) on Friday, Sept. 27th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre. Come and join the fun!

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge - On Sunday, September 29th at 2pm in the St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. For registration and more information, please contact **Tony Banting - 778-387-5191, or Kevin Mendonca - 604 808 1187**. See attached entry form.

2024/2025 School Calendar -. If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2025. The calendar can be accessed through the school website at www.stpaulschool.ca.

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

If your child will be away – A reminder to please email the school (absent@stpaulschool.ca) 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.

School Arrivals – Please note that **classes begin at 8:45 AM**. Please 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.



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 xʷməθkʷəy̅əm (Musqueam), and Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

