

**To:** all.families@stpaulschool.ca  
**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** Parent-Teacher Conferences 2024.pdf; CwL-Fall Market Pumpkin Carving Conest.pdf



Dear Parents,

We look forward to welcoming you next Thursday for Parent/Teacher conferences. These conferences are a vital part of supporting student success, and provide an opportunity for open communication between parents and teachers through sharing insights about your child's progress, strengths, and areas for growth. By working together, parents and teachers can ensure that students are receiving the guidance and support they need, both at school and at home, to thrive academically, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. These conversations help build a strong partnership that benefits your child's overall development. See you next Thursday!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin  
Principal



***Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.***

~W.B. Yeats

# dates to Remember

**Assembly** – Tomorrow. 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 6 & 3 to lead.

**School Mass** – **WEDNESDAY**, Oct. 30th. 9:15 am. Gr. 3 to lead.

**Hot Lunch** – Tomorrow - Triple O's. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – Yummy Pasta.

**Photo Retake Day** – Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Thursday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. \*No classes this day\*. Online booking starts on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9am. See the attached online booking instructions.

**No School** – Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Professional Day.

**Volleyball** – See PE announcements on Seesaw.

**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](http://www.stpaulschool.ca).

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**If your child will be away** – A reminder to please email the school ([absent@stpaulschool.ca](mailto:absent@stpaulschool.ca)) and the teacher if your child is sick. This needs to be done *each day your child is away*. *This also includes late arrivals and early pick-ups 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.



**CWL Fall Marketplace** – Saturday, Oct. 26th. 10am to 2:30pm in the parish/school gym. Please see attached Carved Pumpkin Contest.



**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](http://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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