

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



Dear Parents,

We have certainly had some beautiful sunshine these last several days, but warmer temperatures (and rain) will be upon us this weekend. I hope the rain doesn't dampen any extra-long weekend plans that families may have, always remembering the reason for this long weekend – Family Day. Family Day gives us an opportunity to spend time with loved ones, relax, and create lasting memories together, and that can be done rain or shine! God designed the family to be a foundation of love, support, and faith. Honouring and caring for one another brings blessings and fulfills God's purpose, so enjoy!

And Happy Valentine's Day!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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CELEBRATING,
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OUR FAITH

Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ~John 3:18

HAPPY Family Day

No School – Feb. 13th & 14th (Professional Days) and Feb. 17th. (Family Day holiday.)

School Mass – Thurs. Feb. 20th. 9:15 am. Gr. 3 to lead.

Hot Lunch – Feb. 21st – Fukuroku. Feb. 24th – Yummy Pasta

Dress Down Day – Wed. Feb. 26th. **Pink Shirt Day** for anti-bullying. Please bring a \$2 donation for Chalice.

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.

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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*. *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.



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.

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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