

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



Dear Parents,

With Spring Break around the corner, excitement is high for the break in routine, vacations soon to be enjoyed, and increased time spent as a family. We hope the students will continue their “cocoon” work over the break (ask your child what that means) and that families will continue their Lenten commitment to daily Mass, remembering that Lenten prayer and sacrifice begins at home. As a community of believers, putting our faith first in our lives will result in stronger families and a school bonded in faith. We, the staff, thank you for choosing to send your children to St. Paul School, and for continuing to support Catholic education in our community.

Safe travels to those families who are going away, and a restful, joy-filled break to all. See you on **Monday, March 31st!**

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.

~St. Catherine of Sienna



Term Two Learning Update – Coming home tomorrow.

Class Photo Day – Wed. April 2nd.

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Prep – Wed. April 2nd. 6:45 pm.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacrament Prep – Sat. April 5th. 5:00 pm.

Hot Lunch – Fri, March 14th – Eat Up. Mon. March 31st – Triple O's. March 4th – Fukuroku

Gr. 7 Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, April 5th. 8:45 am to 2:00 pm.

Assembly – There will be no Friday morning assemblies during Lent. Our next assembly will be **May 2nd**.

Daily Lenten Masses – 8:15 am every weekday, beginning again on March 31st.



St. Paul Spirit Wear Sale! – Looking to update your St. Paul swag?? Join us in the library on the following dates/times to check out our Spirit Wear:

April 7th: 9:00 to 9:30, and then again from 3:00 to 3:30 pm.

April 8th: 9:00 to 9:30, and then again from 3:00 to 3:30 pm.

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*. *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.

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 x^wməθk^wəyem (Musqueam), and S^kwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

