

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



Dear Parents,

This past week we learned with profound sorrow of the passing of his Holiness, Pope Francis. As the spiritual shepherd of Catholics around the world, Pope Francis stood as a symbol of hope, empathy, and compassion. His influence will live on, continuing to motivate our shared mission: *“May we be sustained by the conviction that education bears within itself a seed of hope—the hope of peace and justice; the hope of beauty and goodness; the hope of social harmony”* (Pope Francis, 2020).

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Let his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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OUR FAITH

“We all have the duty to do good.” ~Pope Francis

dates to Remember

Student Led Conferences – Tomorrow. No classes. Students come, in uniform, only for their scheduled conference time.

Hot Lunch – April 28th – Yummy Pasta. April 30th – Brite Minds Catering. May 2nd – Fukuroku.

Sacrament of Confirmation – April 29th. 7:00 pm. Please pray for our Gr. 7 students as they are confirmed in Christ. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with love and devotion.

Primary Classes to Carousel Theatre – April 29th.

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Prep – April 30th. 6:45 pm.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacrament Prep – Sat. May 3rd. 5:00 pm.

School Mass – Thurs. May 1st. Gr. 4 to lead. 9:15 AM in the church.

Assembly – May 2nd. Gr. 6 & 3 to lead. 9:00 in the gym.

Badminton Schedule – Please see Seesaw.



Help Needed – Parent volunteers are needed to help with Bingo shifts in June. Coverage is needed on Thursdays (5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th) for the kitchen/dishwasher shift (4pm to 8pm). If you can help with one or more shifts, please email pec.bingo@stpaulschool.ca.

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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 xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

