

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



Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our Gr. 7 students for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Tuesday night. It was a beautiful evening of sunshine, bright spirits, family support, celebration, and the ever-present love of the Holy Spirit. A special thank you for our Gr. 5 families, led by Christina Chiu and Karen Poon, for the warm reception in the gym after the Mass, and the opportunity for our families to come together in celebration.

Please keep our Gr. 2 students in your prayers as they make their final preparations for First Holy Communion coming up next Saturday, May 10th.

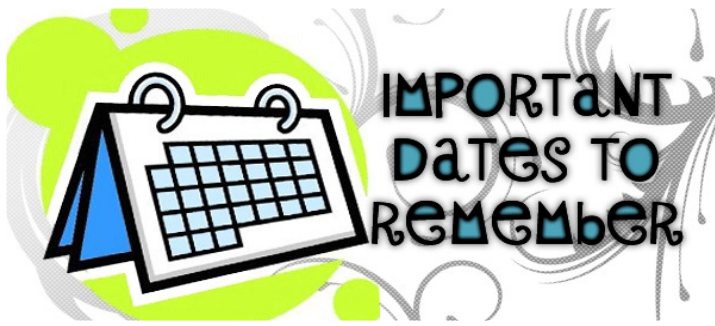
Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



Living,
CELEBRATING,
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Living Rosary for victims of Lapu Lapu Day Festival – Parents are welcome to join us next Tuesday for a special school-wide Living Rosary assembly in support of the Filipino community and the victims of the festival tragedy. Tuesday, May 6th at 9:00 am in the gym.

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

Hot Lunch – May 2nd – Fukuroku. May 5th – Yummy Pizza. May 9th – Triple O's.

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

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Prep – May 7th. 6:45 pm.

School Mass – Thurs. May 8th. Kindergarten to lead. 9:15 AM in the church.

Jean Up – Friday, May 9th. Students may come out of uniform, wearing jeans, with a **minimum** donation of \$2.00. Your donations go to the BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

Track and Field 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.

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