

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



Dear Parents,

Habemus Papam! It was very exciting this morning to see the white smoke coming from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. We were just starting Mass in the church, so we were grateful that Pope Leo XIV made his appearance on the balcony once we were all back in the classrooms, watching it live. Witnessing the presentation of a new Pope is an historical event, and it was thrilling to share it alongside the students (even if it meant delaying recess by 20 minutes!). We are thankful for the gift of our new Holy Father, and ask God to bless him with strength, vision, wisdom, and courage in leadership, and a heart always rooted in Christ.

Please also keep our Gr. 2 students in your prayers as they receive First Holy Communion this Saturday. We are grateful for the support of family and school staff in preparing the children for this very special day.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



We have to seek together to be a missionary church. A church that builds bridges and dialogue.” Pope Leo XIV



Dress Down Day – Tomorrow. Jeans day in support of BC Children's Hospital. Students may come out of uniform wearing jeans. Minimum \$2 donation to participate.

Hot Lunch – May 9th – Triple O's. May 12th – Yummy Pasta. May 14th – Brite Minds Catering.

School Mass – **WEDNESDAY**, May 14th. Gr. 7 to lead. 9:15 AM in the church.

Track Meet – St. Paul/St. Joe's – Thursday, May 15th. Minoru Track.

No School – Friday, May 16th (professional day) and Monday, May 19th (Victoria Day)

Track and Field Schedule – Please see Seesaw.

Assembly – May 30th. Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. 9:00 in the gym.



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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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.

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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.

