

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



Dear Parents,

With only 6 weeks left of school, we begin our planning for the 2025/26 school year. With each new year often comes staff movement for various reasons, and this year we are sad to see two of our staff members who will be leaving us in June. Both Ms. Hanafin and Ms. Orlagh will be returning to Ireland. We thank them for their brief but impactful time with us, and wish them well as they head home.

There will also be internal movement, with Mrs. Kelly teaching Kindergarten, and Ms. Wu moving to Gr. 5 in a part time capacity. We also welcome two new teachers to our staff! Mr. Rowan Wagner will teach Gr. 6, and Mrs. Alvina Wan will join Ms. Wu in Gr. 5.

We look forward to an exciting year! (Just have to finish this one...) ☺

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



Our purpose is to enlarge the tent, and let everyone know they are welcome inside the church. ~Pope Leo XIV



Hot Lunch – May 20th – Brite Minds Catering. May 23rd – Fukuroku

Uniform Swap Meet – May 21st. 2:00 to 3:00 in the Parish Centre.

School Mass – Thursday, May 22nd. Gr. 2 to lead. 9:15 AM in the church.

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

Track and Field Schedule – Please see Seesaw.

CISVA Track Meet at Swangard – Day 1 – May 28th. Day 2 – June 4th.

Assembly – May 30th. Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. 9:00 in the gym. Our Intermediate Choir will perform.



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

