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**To:** all.families@stpaulschool.ca

Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)

**Subject:** Thursday Letter



## Dear Parents,

Only two weeks left, and still so much yet to happen! Gr. 7 Farewell, Passing of the Light Mass, Parent Appreciation breakfast, Fun Day, Primary Picnic, Rockapalooza, a Dress Down Day, and final reports being written... Whew! While summer break hovers in the distance, we have one final push to wrap up another fantastic year at St. Paul's. Let's have some fun!

Yours in faith, Maureen Griffin Principal



Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase. ~Martin Luther King Jr.



**Hot Lunch** – June 13<sup>th</sup> – Fukuroku. June 16<sup>th</sup> – Triple O's. June 18<sup>th</sup> – Brite Minds.

<u>Final School Mass</u> – Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Gr. 7 & 6 to lead. 9:15 AM in the church. This is the year end Mass where the Gr. 7 students pass on the "light of leadership" to the Gr. 6 students.



Fun Day/Parent Appreciation Breakfast – Friday, June 20th. 12:30 pm dismissal.

<u>Fun Day Volunteers Please</u> ~ We could not do Fun Day without our amazing volunteers. If you would like to help by leading an activity station on Fun Day, please email Mrs. Kelly at <a href="nkelly@stpaulschool.ca">nkelly@stpaulschool.ca</a> by 3:00pm on Tuesday June 17. Alumni students are also welcome to come and help. If you know alumni who would be interested, please ask them to email Mrs. Kelly by Tuesday as well. Thank-you!

<u>Join us for Rockapalooza!</u> – St. Paul's Rock Band will be cranking out the hits with a concert on Wed. June 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 pm in the gym. Featuring songs of today and yesterday, it's sure to be a rockin' good time! All are welcome.

<u>All Library Books Due</u> ~ Please note that all school library books are due on Monday June 16. Lost library books will be subject to a replacement fee that will be sent out to parents via email later next week if the books have not been returned. Thank-you!

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RCAV Lapu Lapu Festival Support night — June 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Regional Secondary, Vancouver. This is an evening for supporting parents in the wake of the tragedy following the Lapu Lapu Day Festival. We will explore faith-centered responses to trauma, helping your family as you journey together in recovery over the summer months. Speakers include Father Bryan Duggan and Trixie Cruz, school counsellor at Vancouver College. Hosted by the Mental Health Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Link to registration and information: <a href="https://beholdvancouver.org/events/talking-with-your-children-about-tragic-events">https://beholdvancouver.org/events/talking-with-your-children-about-tragic-events</a>

<u>Calendar Updated!</u> – The 2025/2026 school calendar is now updated with preliminary dates for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc. 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.

<u>School Arrivals</u> – 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.





## Parish Picnic - help needed! - Sunday, July 17 from 1pm to 5pm.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters, to supervise inflatables, and to make cotton candy. If you are interested in helping out for an hour or two, please sign up here or by scanning the QR code.



<u>When Parents Have Concerns</u> – 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.

<u>Birthday Celebrations</u> – If you wish to have your child share a special treat with the class on his/her birthday, you are welcome to send <u>a small allergen-free treat</u> 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 Skwxwi7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

