

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: St. Paul School Annual Walkathon Information Sheet.pdf; Walkathon 2025 Pledge Sheet.pdf



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope your summer was restful and filled with joy. As we return, we are reminded that St. Paul School is more than just a place of learning, it is a faith-filled community where we grow together, support one another, and walk with Christ each day. I'm excited for all the new experiences, friendships, and moments of learning that this year will bring. Let's step into this year with open hearts, ready to move forward **Proclaiming our Faith** on our journey together.

Please join me in welcoming our new teachers – Mrs. Alvina Wan in Gr. 5, and Ms. Kayleigh Farragher in Gr. 6. I am confident they will come to love the St. Paul community as much as we all do!

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday. Enjoy the long weekend!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



Living,
Celebrating, &
PROCLAIMING
OUR FAITH

Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire. ~St. Catherine of Siena

School Starts Next Week!

Important Forms! - Your oldest/only child will bring home four important forms on the first day of school. With the exception of the Walkathon form, please complete and return the other three forms back to your child's teacher by **Friday, Sept. 8th**. Thank you.

First Day of School – Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, 2025. ****8:45 am start and Noon dismissal.**

Meet the Teacher Night – Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. 6:30 pm in the gym.

First School Mass – Thursday, Sept. 4th. Staff to lead.

First Assembly – Friday, Sept. 5th. Gr. 7 students will be presented with their Leadership hoodies, and we will have our Walkathon kick off!

Traffic Crossing Guard Meeting – Sept. 2nd at 9:00 am.

Lunch Supervisors Meeting – Sept. 3rd. 11:30 am

Library Supervisors Meeting – Sept. 4th. 3:00 pm

Homeroom Parent Meeting – Sept. 5th. 9:45 am

Gr. 7 Outdoor Education – Sept. 9th to 12th

Photo Day - Sept. 16th



Walkathon – Sept. 26th. 12:15 dismissal. Our annual walkathon is our one and only big fundraiser for the year, empowering the students to help raise funds for their school through sponsorship while having the benefit of exercise and fun as they walk with their friends, teachers and parents!
Hard copies of the notice and pledge sheets will be sent home with each child once school begins, however we encourage you to start early using the attached forms.

Calendar Updated! – 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. *Please note dates can change, so check often.

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.

School Arrivals – 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.



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

