

**To:** 'all.families@stpaulschool.ca'  
**Cc:** 'staff@stpaulschool.ca'; 'Parish St. Paul (Richmond)'  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** Parent Teacher Conferences 2025-2026.pdf



Dear Parents,

October is a special month in our Catholic faith as we honour **our Mother Mary** and celebrate the **Month of the Rosary**. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer that helps us reflect on the life of Jesus through the loving eyes of Mary. It invites us into quiet reflection, gratitude, and trust in God's presence in our daily lives.

In last week's assembly, Gr. 7 and Kindergarten led us through a decade of the rosary together. I encourage families to take time this month to pray together as well. Even one decade a night can be a meaningful way to grow in faith as a family.

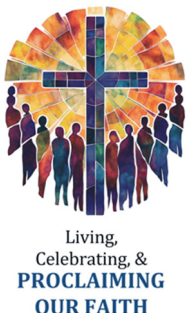
If praying the Rosary as a family feels new, consider starting small:

- Begin with a single decade (one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be).
- Invite your child to lead a prayer or share an intention.
- Keep a Rosary in a visible place at home as a reminder of Mary's loving presence.

May this month be a time of peace, prayer, and connection with God, with Mary, and with one another.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin  
Principal



***We are embodied creatures; children should learn how to manage their bodies in the physical world before they start spending time in the virtual world.***

~ Jonathan Haidt, The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.



# October Happenings

**Garry Point Fun Run** – Tomorrow! For Gr. 2 to 7 Cross Country team members.

**No School** – Monday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving.

**Walkathon Money due** – Tuesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. **Final deadline.**

**School Mass** – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. Gr. 4 to lead.

**Assembly** – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Gr. 6 & 3 to lead.

**Hot Lunch** – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Triple O's.

**Volleyball Schedules** – See online calendar and Seesaw.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Friday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. **\*\*No classes this day\*\*** Booking instructions went home last Tuesday. See attachment.

**Taking photos/video during school Masses** - We love when parents and grandparents join us for school Masses, however, to keep the focus on the sacredness of the Mass, **we kindly ask parents and grandparents not to take photos or video.** This allows everyone to remain fully present in the reverence of the Mass. It also helps protect the privacy of other students whose families may not wish for them to be photographed.

**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](http://www.stpaulschool.ca). \*Please note dates can change, so check often.

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**If your child will be away** – A reminder to please email the school ([absent@stpaulschool.ca](mailto: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.

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