

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,

We look forward to welcoming you to **Parent/Teacher conferences** next Friday, Oct. 24th. This time allows for parents and teachers to work together to support your child's learning, share insights, and set goals for continued growth and success. Conference times are 10 minutes long, so be sure to be on time, as extra time cannot be added due to the back-to-back appointment schedule. Be sure to select your appointment time(s) this Saturday through the online portal. (Details below.)

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



The phone-based life makes it difficult for people to be fully present with others when they are with others, and to sit silently with themselves when they are alone.

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



Does your child bring a coat to school? Some students are arriving to school without a coat. With rain and cooler temperatures now, and students going outside every day regardless of the weather, please help your child remember to bring a coat to school.

School Mass – Oct. 23rd. Gr. 2 to lead.

Assembly – Tomorrow. Gr. 6 & 3 to lead.

Hot Lunch – Tomorrow – Triple O's. Oct. 20th – Yummy Pasta.

Photo Retake Day – Wed. Oct. 22nd.

Walkathon Assembly – Wed. Oct. 22nd at 12:45 pm. Join us in the gym for the prizes and exciting reveal of our grand total!

Volleyball Schedules – See online calendar and Seesaw.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Friday, Oct. 24th. 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. ****No classes this day**** *Please see attached letter for online appointment booking instructions.*

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. *Please note dates can change, so check often.

Follow us on Instagram! - [st.paul.school.richmond](https://www.instagram.com/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.

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