

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



Dear Parents,

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King this Sunday, we are reminded that Jesus's love, service, and gentle leadership guide all we do as a school community. This feast invites us to place our trust in Jesus, who leads not with power, but with compassion and truth. May this celebration inspire our students to live with kindness, courage, and a spirit of service, reflecting His kingship in their daily actions.

Be sure to join us at next Friday's assembly, Nov. 28th, where we will begin the Advent season with our classroom Advent wreath blessing.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



Living,
Celebrating, &
PROCLAIMING
OUR FAITH

“When we give trust to kids, they soar. Trusting our kids to start venturing out into the world may be the most transformative thing adults can do.”

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



Looking for creative parents! - We have begun practices with the Grade 6 & 7 students for this year's Christmas performance! We are looking for parents willing to help out with making costumes and props. If you are interested, please email: ameyer@stpaulschool.ca, cguevara@stpaulschool.ca and rkirkham@stpaulschool.ca

No School – Tomorrow – Professional Day

School Mass – Thurs. Nov. 27th. Gr. 5 to lead.

Hot Lunch – Nov. 24th – Triple O's. Nov. 28th – Fukuroku

Assembly – Fri. Nov. 28th. Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. We will be blessing our classroom Advent wreaths.

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.

2025-2026 Calendar – If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2026. The calendar can be accessed through the school website at www.stpaulschool.ca. The calendar can be accessed through the school website *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.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Keeping our schools safe.

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

