

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



Dear Parents,

The wonderful showing of students attending morning Mass this past week tells me that St. Paul's is a community whose spirituality is of vital importance, and whose parents pride themselves in making their family faith life a priority.

Lent is a time to open our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper. Reflection on the sacrifice our Lord made for us, complete with fasting, penitence and almsgiving, allows us to contemplate our own heart and point us to the hope of the Resurrection. As the weeks go by, together with Father Smith and Father Sajy, we will make our Lenten journey towards that joyous celebration on Easter Sunday.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin  
Principal



Living,  
Celebrating, &  
**PROCLAIMING**  
**OUR FAITH**

*“Unstructured free play facilitates making friends, learning empathy, learning emotional regulation, and learning interpersonal skills.”*

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



**No School** – Tomorrow. Professional day.

**Happy News!** – Ms. Griffin is excited to share that she will be getting married on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Parish. The Mass will be at 2:00 pm and members of our school community are welcome to attend and share in this joyful celebration.

**Congratulations, Teodosio Family!** We are excited to share the news that Mrs. and Mr. Teodosio are proud new parents to a lovely baby boy, Liam. Big sisters, Catie and Lucy couldn't be more excited in welcoming their new baby brother! Another wonderful blessing to their growing family!

**Hot Lunch** – Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Yummy Pasta. Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> – PCK. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> – Fukuroku.

**Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Preparation** – Wed. Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>. 6:45 pm.

**Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacrament Preparation** – Saturday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 pm

**Daily Lenten Mass** – Continues until April 1<sup>st</sup>. 8:15 AM in the church.

**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 updated with 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.

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

